

BRADEN RIVER HIGH SCHOOL BANDS

HANDBOOK 2021 – 2022

~ policies and procedures ~

Concert Band

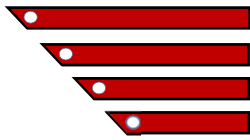
Jazz Band

Marching Band of Pirates

Percussion Class

Guitar Class

Leadership **M**usicianship **I**ntegrity



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Band Handbook and Procedures 2021 – 22

The following guidelines are set forth to lend order to the daily operations of the bands. Procedures, such as these, are necessary to ensure that everyone's band experience is positive. Your attention to these guidelines is greatly appreciated and will contribute to your pride in our organization.

Our instrumental music staff feels very strongly that any successful band program must operate from a foundation of mutual respect between students and instructors. We recognize the significance and worth of each student as an individual as well as a member of this organization. We will expect the same recognition in return. We must remember that we are all here for the same reason; to achieve the kind of excellence each day that will establish our band program as a model for the other band programs in the State of Florida.

With continued concerns over Covid-19, all following policies/procedures will be adjusted in accordance with guidance from Braden River High School and/or Manatee County Schools.

Parents and Students

After you have read and discussed the information included, please complete the online acknowledgement document provided through Schoology. Please keep this information so you may refer to it as needed. If you have any questions or concerns regarding class expectations or your child's progress, please contact us through the band office or by email. Thank you for your continued interest and support in your child's music education and we are looking forward to another exciting year!

Mr. Cliff Dawson
Director of Bands
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COMMUNICATION

Communication is extremely important in a program as active as ours. Please feel free to contact us at the information above if you have questions or need to discuss anything regarding your child's participation in the BRHS Band program. Please look over our calendar for all rehearsals and performances pertaining to your student's ensemble(s). It is our goal to distribute information as quickly and effectively as possible. If requested, we will provide paper copies of handouts and schedules, otherwise they will be posted on your students class Schoology page, www.brhsbands.org – www.facebook.com/BradenRiverHSBands/ - sent out through Remind101, and others!

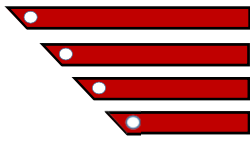
Charms

The Braden River Band Boosters utilize CharmsOffice to keep track of each students' financials, contact information, schedule volunteering, and send out mass communications. Please visit charmsoffice.com to create an account using the code BRHSBands. Further instructions can be found in the band room.

Remind101 – all students and parents should be signed up in their respective class for daily announcements, reminders, and assignments. Students and Parents can message Director to get additional info on events and ask questions. **Simply TEXT 81010 with the message @classcode to get signed up!**

BRHS Bands in Social Media
Facebook @ BradenRiverHSBands
Instagram @ BradenRiverHSBands
Twitter @ BandsBRHS

Remind101 Class Codes:
Period 1 – Percussion Class @BRHS-PERC
Period 2 – Wind Ensemble @BRHS-Wind
Period 3 – Woodwind Class @BRHS-WC
Period 4 – Band @BRHS-BRASS
Period 5 – Band @BRHS-JC
Period 7 – Jazz @BRHS-GTR
Marching Band Parents @MBOPPARENT
Marching Band Students @BRHSMBOP



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CLASS/ENSEMBLE EXPECTATIONS

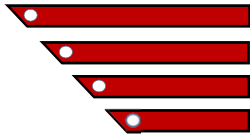
While in class students must comply with the following expectations:

- **Tardy** - Students must be in the band room when the tardy bell rings. Check the board for rehearsal details. Students must be in their designated rehearsal area with all necessary equipment 5 minutes after the bell or will receive a Daily Participation grade deduction.
- **Gum, candy, food, or drinks ARE NOT** permitted in the band room at any time. (water in a spill-proof container is permissible if the privilege is not abused)
- **Restroom Policy**
 - Students must ask for permission to go to the restroom.
 - Only one student can be out of the room at one time.
 - If a student is found to be abusing their restroom privileges, for example – taking an excessive amount of time, messing around, roaming the halls, being out of area, etc., they will be written up and sent to the school Dean.
 - Students with a documented medical condition do not have to ask to use the restroom.
- **Classroom Respect for All Individuals**- Appropriate classroom behavior is always expected in accordance with the guidelines set forth in the Braden River Student Handbook. Inappropriate behavior will not be tolerated, and any problems will result in immediate parent contact and/or conference. Future problems may result in removal from the band program.
- **Proper Rehearsal Techniques** are always expected – students who do not follow procedures will start the progression of consequences as outlined below.
 - Listen carefully and follow instructions.
 - Sit/stand with proper posture (attitude vs. ability)
 - Have your music organized (check the board).
 - Have a pencil, music, instruments, and accessories at all rehearsals (IMP Check)
 - Be courteous to others.
 - Do not play/talk when the director is giving instructions.
- **Equipment** – Do not touch/play any instrument other than your own. This includes touching or playing percussion instruments. Students are responsible for the band room to be kept neat and clean. Stands should be pushed down, chairs straightened, and trash disposed of. Woodwinds-rotate four reeds. Brass – oil valves daily (not in rehearsal)
- **Instrument Locker** – Do not store valuables in your instrument locker or share your combination. Do not set your lock to the last number of your combination so you can “snap it open” when you are in a hurry. You should always make every effort to safeguard your belongings. All students are required to use a school issued combination lock. Non-compliant locks will be removed at the expense of the owner.
- **Electronic Devices** – should be off and not visible during the school day.
- **Music** – students will be given their own personal copy of all concert selections and warmups they are expected to play in class (except for method books – these need to be purchased). Students are expected to keep their music in a 3ring binder or folder. If a student is consistently losing their music, they can be assigned additional responsibilities in the band room – example: putting up chairs and stands at the end of class.
- **Covid-19** – Students will not be sharing any instruments during the 2021-22 school year.

If a student fails to follow these procedures, here is the progression of consequences:

1. Verbal Warning
2. Phone call home to parent/guardian
3. Referral and Parent/Teacher Conference (Marching Band will replace referral with additional call home)
4. Referral and Parent/Teacher Conference – BRHS Admin may remove from the Marching Band of Pirates
5. BRHS Admin may remove from BRHS Band Program

SEVERE INFRACTIONS: Behavior will be documented and BRHS Admin may remove student immediately from class with parent/guardian notified. Students who show a pattern of being unable to follow the rules or procedures set forth in this document may be removed from the Braden River Band Program by BRHS Admin immediately and/or may not be allowed to sign up for the following academic year/season.



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ATTENDANCE POLICY

Students who miss (or know in advance they will miss) a required rehearsal or performance must complete and submit the “Leave of Absence” form electronically to Mr. Dawson.

Attendance at all performances and extra rehearsals is required. School excused absences such as personal illness, a death in the family, or an emergency as determined by the director(s) are the only exceptions to this rule. In order to be excused from a performance due to any other outstanding conflict, your director must be notified via the “Leave of Absence” form on the Band Director class page or the BRHSBANDS.ORG website **one month in advance** of the performance. **Missing a performance due to an unexcused absence will result in a loss of grade and may jeopardize the student’s standing in the performing group.** If a student receives an excused absence from a performance, he/she will need to complete the alternative assignment. **You must provide transportation to a rehearsal or concert at BRHS, not having a ride is not an excuse.**

Students who miss a scheduled rehearsal or concert are required to complete the alternative assignment. Failure to do so will result in a grade deduction and possible removal from the ensemble.

WORK IS NOT AN EXCUSEABLE ABSENCE FROM A REHEARSAL OR PERFORMANCE.

Students participating in a school sponsored athletic activity must submit a schedule to a director at the beginning of the semester. Their director and coaches will excuse students involved in athletics that have cleared their schedule with a director from rehearsals that have been prearranged. They will not be required to make up time missed provided they maintain an acceptable level of performance with the ensemble.

Alternative Assignments:

Missed Required Rehearsal (excused/unexcused) – perform all concert selections for a Band Director within three days of the missed rehearsal for a grade.

Missed Concert (Excused) – Perform selections for Band Director within three days of missed concert for grade.

Missed Concert (Unexcused) – Perform selections for Band Director within three days of missed concert for grade.
Highest potential grade for an unexcused absence from a concert is a C / 75%.

Excessive absences from rehearsals and/or unexcused absences from performances will result in the forfeiture of points earned towards a student’s grade and band awards.

GRADING POLICIES

The following categories will determine the student’s grade for each nine-week grading period:

20% Daily Participation

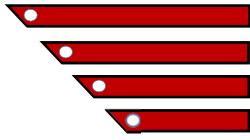
20% Fundamentals: Scales

20% Skills: Music Preparation

40% Performances/Exams/Quarter Projects

Daily Participation is based on each student’s participation in class each day and will be determined based on having all materials daily (IMP Ready – Instrument/Music/Pencil), actively participating in ensemble rehearsal and class discussions, and being in your seat ready to go within 5 minutes of the bell. In class work will be done periodically throughout each grading period. This is NOT homework and will be turned in at the end of class. If you are absent it is your responsibility to find out if you missed any in class work. Quizzes may be given periodically during a grading period. These tests will cover a variety of concepts discussed in class such as rhythm, key signatures, musical terminology, music theory, and listening skills.

Fundamentals/Skills: students will be asked regularly to perform for the director by either a recorded or live demonstration. Students will be expected to play excerpts from any of their music including current warm-up/technique exercises. Each student will be required to pass off each assignment for credit; students will be given one chance each day for as many days as they wish. Evaluation is based on tone quality, technique, articulation, part accuracy, and/or memorization. This category includes practice charts. *The deadline to submit Fundamentals/Skills assessments for students with accommodations will be the end of each quarter.*



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Performance is the reason why we do what we do! **Attendance for Performances and/or After School Rehearsals** is crucial to the success of our program! We have a variety of performances and rehearsals, which require the student's presence; rehearsals outside of class, community performances, performances at Braden River High School, and State Assessments. Each student is responsible for all performance commitments within the band program. When a student is absent, it affects the students, his/her section, and the entire band. It is the student's responsibility to communicate potential conflicts with a director prior to the absence. In the case of illness/death in the family, please have a parent call or email Mr. Dawson prior to the missed rehearsal/performance. Unexcused (non-verified) absences will have an impact on a student's grade as well as participation at performances. Excessive unexcused absences will result in a student's dismissal from our organization.

Schoology and FOCUS are the districts web-based apps for grades and assignments. We will use both resources to submit assignments and post grades. It is important for students and parents to work together to use these resources and stay up to date on their grades and assignments. Schoology DOES NOT have a parent portal, so students will have to give their login information to their parents to check on their assignments and playing tests. Official grades will ONLY be posted on FOCUS.

MATERIALS

Students are expected to bring the following materials to class each day without exception:

- Instrument or Sticks/Mallets
- Binder (black 3 ring with sheet protectors)
- Pencil
- Tuner
- Instrument equipment: reeds, oil, reed guard, mouthpiece, etc.
- Musician Facemask (if applicable)
- Instrument Bell Cover (if applicable)

Percussion students are required to purchase their own personal set of mallets and mallet bag:

- 1 mallet bag (size/brand does not matter if everything fits)
- 2 pairs of marimba mallets – Innovative Percussion 275
- 1 pair of snare sticks – Innovative Percussion - LD
- 1 pair of timpani mallets – Innovative Percussion - GT3 or CT3

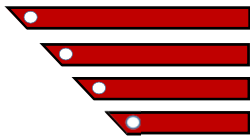
Percussion equipment can be purchased through the BRHS Bands or through various percussion websites - <https://www.steveweissmusic.com> and <http://www.lonestarpercussion.com>

Items may be ordered through the band office, directly from J.A.S. Music Co., or Keyboards and More. A representative from J.A.S. will visit on Fridays to take repairs and deliver items. A representative from Keyboards and More will visit on Wednesdays to take repairs and deliver items. KC Music Solutions is also now available for supplies and repairs.

J.A.S. Music Co.
1799 Devonshire Dr. N.
St. Petersburg, FL 33710
Cell: (727)-452-9442
Email: L4Sellers@aol.com

Keyboards and More
3611 1st St. Unit 520,
Bradenton, FL 34208
Phone: (941) 746-1414
Email: sales@keyboardsandmore.com

KC Music Solutions, LLC
P. O. Box 871,
Ellenton, FL 34222
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Instrument/Music Storage- All music equipment and property are to be well maintained, respected, and kept in its proper storage area. Your individual instrument(s) must be properly stored in a case and latched when not in use. Lockers must be locked at all times. Lost or stolen locks must be replaced by purchasing a new lock from the band department at the **cost of \$10.** Instrument cases should be marked with a name tag.

Performance Attire and Responsibility – each student is required to purchase their own concert attire. Order forms will be distributed at the beginning of the year and will include more detailed information. Uniforms will no longer be borrowed from the school. If a student already has concert attire from the previous school year that still fits, they will not be required to purchase a new set of concert attire.

Marching Band Uniform Rules:

1. Never eat in your uniform – only drink water.
2. You are responsible for any damage to your uniform while it is in use.
3. Do not modify, alter, or change your assigned uniform without prior consent of the Director(s).

TRAVEL POLICIES

Transportation will be provided by the BRHS Band Boosters. All members must travel with the band. When traveling on buses, students are responsible for loading/unloading equipment on and off the appropriate vehicle. **Students are only permitted to ride home with a parent when written notification has been given to the Director prior to the event.** Director cannot release students from riding home on the buses without prior written permission. All Braden River High School policies are to be followed while traveling. Any student that fails comply with the following will be subject to disciplinary action upon returning to school, and possible removal from the group.

Remember, you are not only representing the band program, you are representing Braden River High School, and Manatee County Schools.

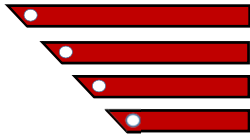
You must have a Travel Permission slip and Medical Form on file with the Band Office to travel with the band.

BEHAVIOR ON BUSES

- Students should never leave anything of value on the buses.
- Chaperones should spread out throughout the bus.
- Students must ride the bus which they were assigned. DO NOT change buses!
- One Student Leader or Chaperone will be assigned to check attendance on each bus. Attendance will be checked before the bus moves and at each stop when anyone gets off.
- The bus driver and chaperones must be treated with respect. Many drivers have different standards, but whatever they say goes!
- Everything must remain inside the bus. Nothing must protrude outside the windows or be thrown out the windows.
- Normal conversation is appropriate but shouting and screaming is not. All portable media must be played through headphones.
- Chaperones may reassign seats as they deem necessary. Director may also reassign students to different buses if they feel it is necessary.
- Public display of affection is not permitted on any bus at any time.
- Upon arrival, everyone is to remain seated until instructions have been given by a Director.

LAB FEE

All students in the BRHS concert band, jazz band, or percussion class will be required to pay a \$50 lab fee for the 21-22 school year. Students can either pay the \$50 or participate in our fundraisers throughout the year to cover the cost. Students pay per ensemble – a student in concert band and jazz band would be responsible for \$100. This fee primarily covers the cost of student's participation in state sponsored Music Performance Assessments which requires travel each year, and newly purchased music that fits their level.



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2021-2022 Performance and Rehearsal Dates

First Semester – Fall 2021 – Concert Band, Jazz Band, MBOP

Weekly Rehearsal Schedule (once school begins)

Monday	Winds & Color Guard Sectionals	2:45 – 4:15pm
Tuesday	Full Band & Guard	4:00 – 7:00pm
Wednesday	Percussion Sectional	2:45 – 4:15pm
Thursday	Full Band & Guard	4:00 – 7:00pm

stretch begins 30min before each rehearsal

August

2-6	Mon-Fri	No Scheduled Rehearsals	
10	Tues	Students 1 st Day Back	
20	Fri	Away Football Game (not traveling)	TBD
27	Fri	No Football Game	TBD

September

3	Fri	Away Football Game – MBOP Performance / Pep Band – Riverview Sarasota	TBD
10	Fri	Home Football Game – MBOP Performance / Pep Band – Lakewood Ranch	TBD
17	Fri	Home Football Game – MBOP Performance / Pep Band – Southeast	TBD
18	Sat	March-A-Thon Fundraiser @ BRHS (MBOP Rehearsal)	9:00am – 5:00pm
24	Fri	Home Football Game – MBOP Performance / Pep Band – Bishop Moore – Homecoming	TBD
25	Sat	FBA District 11 All-State Auditions – Lemon Bay HS	
30	Thurs	Parent Preview – BRHS Stadium	7:00PM

October

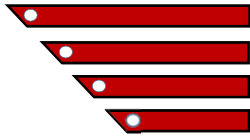
1	Fri	Away Football Game (not traveling)	
2	Sat	FMBC Regional – Seminole HS	TBD
6	Wed	Picture Day! <i>students wear full uniform for our formal 2021 picture</i>	TBD
8	Fri	Away Football Game (not traveling)	
9	Sat	MBOP Rehearsal Weekend – BRHS	1:00PM – 8:00PM
15	Fri	Away Football Game (not traveling)	
18	Mon	Jazz Band Concert – BRHS Auditorium	6:30PM
22	Fri	Home Football Game – MBOP Performance / Pep Band – Sumner – Senior Night	TBD
23	Sat	FMBC Regional – Braden River Home Show	TBD
29	Fri	Away Football Game (not traveling)	
30	Sat	FBA District 11 MPA – Manatee HS	TBD

November

5	Fri	Away Football Game – MBOP Performance / Pep Band – Sarasota	TBD
6	Sat	FMBC Regional – Lakewood Ranch HS	TBD
11	Thurs	Veteran’s Day Parade – Bradenton	TBD
12	Fri	Potential Football Playoff Pep Band / MBOP Performance	TBD
13	Sat	FMBC Regional – Riverview HS Riverview	TBD
18	Thurs	Community Night – 7:30 MBOP Performance – BRHS Stadium	4:00 – 8:00pm
19	Fri	MBOP Travels to Daytona, FL – overnight stay	after school
20	Sat	MBOP Rehearsal and Possible Travel Day	ALL DAY
21	Sun	FMBC Semi-Finals and Final – Ocala, FL	ALL DAY

December

1	Wed	Concert Band Dress Rehearsal – BRHS Auditorium	3:00PM – 5:00PM
2	Thurs	Concert Band Concert – BRHS Auditorium	6:30PM



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January

22 Sat Jazz Band Festival – BRHS Auditorium ALL DAY

February

7 Mon Concert Band Rehearsal 3:00PM – 5:00PM
11-12 Fri-Sat FBA District 11 Solo and Ensemble – BRHS Campus ALL DAY
14 Mon Concert Band Rehearsal 3:00PM – 5:00PM
15-17 Tues-Thurs FBA District 11 Jazz Band MPA – Lemon Bay HS Evening
23 Wed Concert Band Dress Rehearsal – BRHS Auditorium 3:00PM – 5:00PM
24 Thurs Concert Band Concert – BRHS Auditorium 6:30PM
28 Mon Concert Band Rehearsal 3:00PM – 5:00PM

March

3-5 Thurs-Sat FBA District 11 Concert Band MPA – Riverview HS, Sarasota Evening

April

4 Mon Concert Band Rehearsal 3:00PM – 5:00PM
11 Mon Concert Band Rehearsal 3:00PM – 5:00PM
8 Thurs Jazz Band Concert – BRHS Auditorium 6:30PM
27 Wed Concert Band Dress Rehearsal – BRHS Auditorium 3:00PM – 5:00PM
28 Thurs Concert Band Concert – BRHS Auditorium 6:30PM

May

9 Mon Band and Guard Awards Banquet – BRHS Cafeteria 7:00PM