

Barton Middle School Band Handbook 2021-2022

“Music gives a soul to the universe, wings to the mind, flight to the imagination, and life to everything.”

“In Band, an individual’s commitment leads to success in Musical Excellence.”

“Synergy is more than just compromise or cooperation. Compromise is $1+1=1\frac{1}{2}$. Cooperation is $1+1=2$. Synergy is $1+1=3$ or more. It’s creative cooperation, with an emphasis on the word creative.”

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The definition of an AWESOME Musician is to be in the right place at the right time with the right equipment and the right attitude!

Overview

Welcome to the Barton Band Program! We are excited that you have chosen to take this step in life! We all enjoy music everyday and being in band will give you a new outlet to enjoy music in a different way! In this handbook you will find information and guidelines for both students and parents. We want to ensure that students have the best possible experience in band. The expectation is to make sure everyone works together towards excellence in music!

Being in the Barton Band Program means that you are wanting to be part of a bigger family. As in any group activity, putting forth your best effort will ensure everyone moves forward for the betterment of the program. Congratulations on being a member of the Barton MS Band Family! Let's work together to make this a great year!

Band Behavioral Expectations

All band members are to observe all policies and expectations set forth in the Barton Middle School Student Handbook at all times during class and at band events on and off campus. The following are expectations for band students in addition to the general school expectations.

Be Prepared for Band Rehearsals

Be Aware of Your Surroundings

Do the Right Thing

Work for Excellence

Only Band Students are allowed in the Band Hall. Band students are welcome in the Band Hall to put away or pick up instruments, to practice before school, during lunch, or after school, with director approval, and for assigned sectionals before or after school.

Conduct on Field Trips (UIL, End of Year Band Trip, Elementary Touring)

Hays CISD band members are held to a very high standard when they travel and represent Hays CISD. All school and band handbook expectations apply at all times. Students should follow band directors', bus drivers', and parent chaperones' instructions quickly and with a positive attitude! :-)

Band Instrument, Equipment, and Uniform Expectations

All students are required to have the following items in every band class and at every rehearsal: Instrument, Band Binder, and 10 sharpened pencils. Beginner Band Books are also used on a daily basis and we require a \$15.00 book fee for the Beginner Band members. This can be paid via RevTrak at the link below.

<https://hayscisid.revtrak.net/campuses-and-instruction/Middle-Schools-and-High-Schools/Barton-Middle/bms-band/#/v/BMS---2021-2022-Band-Book-Fee-1102>

Instrument maintenance and repair should be done outside of class and rehearsal time (ex: oiling valves, etc). If you have a repair concern you should see a band director before or after school. **For Covid precautions, an email should be sent to a director for repair concerns.

Instruments should be taken home regularly to practice as specified by the band directors; students who play larger school owned instruments may be given an instrument to use for home practice if one is available.

Students will be assigned a space to store their instruments and binders around the Band Hall. Backpacks and other necessary personal belongings will be stored in a specified common area in the Band Hall. **As a Covid precaution, personal belongings will be stored with the student in their assigned chairs, until further notice..

Students are responsible for the well being of their instruments. They are not to be shared or handled by other students.

Hays CISD owned instruments will be checked out to students for the school year and require an annual Instrument Usage Fee of \$125.00 to be paid via RevTrak, the link is below. Parents and students will also be required to fill out and submit the Instrument Usage Contract via Jot Forms. Instruments will be photographed and uploaded to this document. Any damage to Hays CISD instruments that is **not** due to normal “wear and tear” will be the responsibility of the parents of the student. If a director feels an instrument is being abused or otherwise not cared for properly it may be taken from the student pending a student/parent conference with a band director.

<https://hayscisid.revtrak.net/campuses-and-instruction/Middle-Schools-and-High-Schools/Barton-Middle/bms-band/#/v/BMS---2021-2022-Instrument-Usage-Fee-110>

6th, 7th, and 8th Graders will wear the Barton Band Shirt for 2021-2022. Band shirts cost \$15.00 and must be paid for via RevTrak. T-shirt sizes can be ordered on RevTrak. Blue Jeans will be paired with the Barton Band T-shirt when worn as a uniform.

<https://hayscisd.revtrak.net/Campuses-and-Instruction-1013/Middle-Schools-and-High-Schools/Barton-Middle/bms-band/#/v/BMS---Band-T-Shirt-Fee-1101>

Formal Uniforms for the 7th and 8th Grade Bands are under consideration at this time. Information regarding Formal Uniforms will be out soon.

Band Grading

Band Grades will consist of Performance/Test Grades and Weekly Paces Grades.

Performance/Test Grades consist of playing tests, written tests, and performances. *A make-up essay will need to be submitted within a week of any performance missed. The essay will be on another performance that the student must attend on their own. A program for that performance will be required. Student's must also give their band director at least one week notice prior to a missed performance.

Weekly Paces consist of having all supplies for class, participation, proper handling of instruments and equipment, and daily work/practice in and out of class.

The BMS Band Calendar can be found at the link below. TBA Dates and times will be put in as soon as they are finalized. Updated Calendars will be sent out and updated on the Barton MS Band website. All Bands are represented on this Calendar, Parents should be aware that not every date is for every student in Band.

https://www.bartonmsband.org/uploads/7/5/7/4/7574555/bms_band_calendar_2021-2022.pdf



ADDITIONAL IMPORTANT LINKS

Jotform - our parent contact information gathering platform (please fill out as soon as possible)

Beginners: <https://form.jotform.com/212246272267050>



7th Graders: <https://form.jotform.com/212276722062147>



8th Graders: <https://form.jotform.com/212284928174158>



Instrument Usage Form: This only applies to students who are renting school owned instruments such as Oboe, Bassoon, French Horn, Euphonium, Tuba.. Students who are borrowing school owned instruments are required to fill out this form, sign it, and pay the Instrument Usage Fee via the RevTrak link.

<https://form.jotform.com/212285051078048>



Barton Band Website:

<https://www.bartonmsband.org/>

Barton Band Facebook Page: Barton Middle School Band

<https://www.facebook.com/Barton-Middle-School-Band-899656440144245>

SmartMusic - Program for practicing music, listening, and submitting recording assignments (must be supported by Google Chrome) Detailed Instructions will be given in the Band Schoology Materials Page.

<https://auth.smartmusic.com/identity/account/login?returnUrl=https%3A%2F%2Fhome.smartmusic.com%2F>

Private Lessons: Each instrument has special needs, tendencies, and we partner with some of the finest trained professionals in their fields. There is no substitute for taking lessons with an individual who performs or specializes on a specific instrument, and we work to find the best fit for each of our band members. The page is under construction and will be published soon.

<https://www.bartonmsband.org/private-lessons.html>



Welcome to the Barton Bobcat Band!