

2015-2016 Brighton High School Band Information

MEMBERSHIP: All Incoming/New members outside of the Brighton Middle & High School Bands program must audition for placement within the Brighton High School Band. Brighton Middle school band members will be adjudicated in the spring of their 8th grade year and must have the middle school band director's recommendation to obtain membership in the BHS Band.

PLACEMENT: In order to maintain the consistency and quality needed to fulfill the high expectations of our community and school, we utilize an alternate system. Some band members will initially be placed in the alternate line based on their performance history and/or audition scores. During summer camp, some members may be moved in and out of this alternate line based on marching performance and/or musical contributions. A large majority of the alternate line is comprised of freshmen band members due to their inexperience and the level of performance required. All members who are placed in the alternate line are still required to attend rehearsals, performances, & competitions. Alternates are also required to pay band fees and meet any deadlines established. Placement within all BHS Band Programs will be determined by the director and staff and may be changed when deemed necessary.

FIRST SEMESTER GRADING: Grades are based on 4 factors

1. Weekly participation – 5%: This grade includes:
Behavior during classes, warm-ups, rehearsals, travel, and performances.
Preparedness for classes, warm-ups, rehearsals, and performances.
Show up at the right place, at the right time, with the right equipment, and the right attitude.
2. Pass-offs – 10%: From time to time pass-offs are assigned to evaluate each members contribution to the ensemble. While Guard members will pass-off routine and dance, the musicians will be evaluated using Smartmusic.
3. Attendance to Rehearsals – 35%: Attendance to all after-school rehearsals are required to maintain the highest performance quality possible. Your weekly rehearsal schedule will be:

Tuesdays – 2:50 – 5:00 p.m.

Wednesdays – 2:50 – 4:00 p.m.

Thursdays – 2:50 – 5:00 p.m.

An **unexcused** absence from rehearsal may result in loss of position within the show and placement on the alternate line. Multiple **excused** absences may result in loss of position within the show and placement on the alternate line.

4. Attendance to Performances – 50%: Performing is what we do. Attendance to and full participation in performances are of the utmost importance to maintain continuity musically and visually. Without your contribution, the ensemble suffers.

ABSENCE DUE TO WORK OR FAMILY VACATION IS NOT DEEMED AS EXCUSED

SECOND SEMESTER GRADING: Grades are based on 3 factors

1. Weekly Participation – 50%: Throughout second semester, band members earn a weekly grade based upon Participation during class, exhibition of completed practice assignments through individual performance trials, & fulfillment of assigned daily duties (setting up in a timely manner, tuning before rehearsal, taking notes during rehearsal, bringing the right materials to class)
2. Pass Offs – 15%
3. Attendance to Performances – 35%

RULES: All school/county rules and codes are held to each member within the band program. Band is an extra-curricular subject and membership is a privilege. With such a large membership, there is a lot of trust held between members and directors/staff. Use of alcohol, tobacco, drugs, and/or any other illegal or age inappropriate substances will result in immediate expulsion from the band. Fighting may also result in immediate expulsion from the band. Other disciplinary matters may result in placement to alternate line or office referral.

BOOSTERS/CHAPERONES: We have the BEST booster organization on campus. These parents work very hard to make sure we have the needed materials whether it's instruments, uniforms, music, repairs, food, water, or support. The boosters make so much happen for this band program. Boosters will be respected. Follow directions given by your chaperones. If you question their direction, come to a staff member immediately and ask for guidance. **DO NOT BE DISRESPECTFUL.** "Please" and "Thank You" go a long way with these parents.

SCHOOL INSTRUMENTS: If you are playing a school instrument, you will be required to sign a school instrument agreement. Any damage that is incurred while the instrument is loaned to you must be repaired before it is returned. Any uncompleted repairs will be completed and billed to your account at the end of the semester.

***BAND CAMP FEES:** \$250.00 You're \$100.00 deposit is due in the band office no later than **Monday, May 4th at the Band registration night 6 p.m.** The remaining balance (\$150.00) is due the morning of your child's 1st day at summer camp:

-FRESHMEN, ALL GUARD, ALL PERCUSSION, & LEADERSHIP – remaining fees due Monday, July 13th

-ALL RETURNING 10th, 11th, & 12th grade wind players – remaining fees due Monday, July 20th

Fees are necessary to acquire materials such as music literature, large instruments, adjunct instructors, entry fees, transportation, show materials, uniform updates, uniform maintenance, field materials, and instructional supplies, All of which are used to build and prepare our competitive band.

All checks should be made payable to "Brighton Band Boosters" . ***It is possible to pay early by mailing your fees to:***

Brighton Band Boosters

P.O. Box 608

Brighton, TN. 38011

Additional monetary matters: Freshmen wind players and percussionist will be required to buy MTX marching shoes \$40 New Guard will be required to buy Diva marching shoes \$35.00. Shoes will be ordered through the boosters during summer camp on July 23rd. All musicians will need a lyre. (a clamp that holds music on your instrument) We will issue you a flip folder. Fee waiver does not cover these personal items.

(Band Camp Fees are eligible to be waived for Fee Waiver students. Due to confidentiality terms we do not have a list to pull our band members names from. Fee Waiver students must be identified and confirmed by the school on a case by case basis. This means that the parents of Fee Waiver students must inform the band director that their child/ward is fee waiver. The band director will then have to confirm this one student's eligibility through the school before the band fee will be waived. Parents: **You must let me know if your child is a fee waiver student by Monday, May 4th-2015. Please email me with this information as soon as possible at jfindley@tipton-county.com)*

CAMP:

This is where a large portion of our hard work for the fall is done. With a pretty rigorous rehearsal/training schedule, camp is what brings the entire fall show into being. Camp is where our spots are assigned, drill is learned, basics of show music is learned, fundamentals are established, and design is completed.

If you want to be in the show, you must be at camp. It's that simple.

Summer Training Camp Dates:

-If you are a new member (this includes all freshmen) you must attend:

Fundamentals Camp-Monday, July 13th through Friday, July 17th 6:30 a.m. – 11:30 a.m.

-If you are a percussionist or guard member you must attend:

Percussion and Guard Camp-Monday, July 13th through Friday, July 17th 6:30 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.

ALL BAND MEMBERS (If you want to be in the show, you're here):

FULL BAND CAMP – Monday, July 20th through Friday, July 31st 6:30 a.m. – 3:00 p.m. (except Saturday's & Sunday's)

PHYSICALS: To protect our student's well being and ensure that every student on the field is physically ready execute our demanding drill & music, Brighton High School requires each band member to have a physical completed and on file in the band office before band camp. A free physical (completed by Memphis Orthopedic Group) will be offered at Brighton High School on Saturday, May 9th between 8 a.m. & 3 p.m. If you choose to have your physical completed by a physician of your choice, please submit the completed paperwork to the band office no later than Friday, May 15th-2014.

PERFORMANCE SCHEDULE:

Please understand that you are signing up for a performance based class. There is a BIG difference between middle school band and high school band. This is a performance group that is dedicated to serving our school and community. These performances are not optional. Here is a tentative performance schedule for this fall:

July 31st – Meet the BHS Band
August 21st – BHS Vs. MAHS
28th – BHS Vs. Dyer Co.
Sept. 4th – BHS Vs. Southwind
11th – BHS Vs. Covington (away)
12th – ***U.T. Martin Skyhawk Marching Invitational***
18th – BHS Vs. Kirby
19th – ***Marching Band Competition T.B.A.***
26th – ***Arlington Marching Band Competition***
Oct. 3rd – ***Gibson County Marching Band Invitational***
9th – BHS Vs. Central (*Senior Night for Band*)
10th – ***Marching Band Competition T.B.A.***
23rd – Brighton Vs. Munford
24th – ***Bandmaster's Championship***
30th – Brighton Vs. Bolton (away)
31st – ***Marching Band Competition T.B.A.***
Nov. 6th – Brighton Vs. ? play-off's round 1
7th – ***Marching Band Competition T.B.A.***
Nov. 11th – Veteran's Day Parade
Dec. ?– Brighton Christmas Parade
?– Millington Christmas Parade

The Brighton High School Band does perform at all post season/play-off games, home and away.

Other Performances (dates unknown at this time)

Meet the Cardinals –usually one week before the first game

Brighton Bands Christmas Concert

Three concerts are held during the 2nd semester

Spring Trip?

As you can see, we have a pretty demanding performance schedule. All band members are required to be a part of these performances. We look forward to your musical contributions to the Brighton High School Band.

Attached you will find two very important forms. Please fill out all these forms and try to not leave any blanks. Both the band member and parent/guardian are required to sign all documents. Please turn these forms in at the band registration night on Monday, May 4th at 6:30 p.m. ALL forms & deposits need to be turned in by May 4th in order to build our roster for next year and to know exactly how many students to write drill for. This can not be changed at the last minute as new people decide to show up. Drill will be written during the month of June so it is very important that you sign up by May 4th. If you have any questions please email me at: jfindley@tipton-county.com

Mr. Jonathan Findley
Director, Brighton High School Band

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Brighton High School Band Member Information

Name: _____ Grade (2014-15) : _____

Parents: _____

Instrument(s)- marching season _____ concert season _____

Mailing Address: _____

City: _____ Zip Code: _____

Home Phone: _____ Parent Email: _____

Band T-Shirt size: S M L XL XXL XXXL

Band Shorts size: S M L XL XXL (new members only)

Field Trip Permission Form

I do hereby give permission for my son/daughter, or ward to attend the performances trips listed in the attached 2015-2016 band information packet. I understand that he/she will be traveling by bus. I understand any misconduct will result in disciplinary action following the Tipton County Board Policy. I hereby waive all rights to hold the Tipton County Board of Education, Brighton High School or any part of its employees responsible in the event of an accident or injury occurring on these trips to the student whose signature appears below.

Parent Signature: _____ Date: _____

Student Signature: _____ Date: _____

In case of Emergency, Please call

Name: _____ Phone: _____

Name: _____ Phone: _____

Name: _____ Phone: _____

STUDENT MEDICAL CONDITIONS OR ALLERGIES WE SHOULD KNOW ABOUT? _____

Informative emails from Mr. Findley should be sent to: _____

The email address you supply here will be used only for class information or disciplinary concerns

Band Agreement

I the undersigned have read the band information packet and reviewed the materials therein with my child/ward. We fully understand the policies set up for camp attendance, fees, grading policies, and performance schedule.

Parent Signature: _____ Date: _____

Student Signature: _____ Date: _____

BHS BAND PARENT INFORMATION

Student Name: _____ Parents Names: _____

Mailing Address: _____ City: _____ Zip Code: _____

Parent Email: _____ (for booster contact purposes)

Convenient time and phone number to contact parents: _____

May the chaperone coordinator call you at home to inform you of booster matters? YES NO

Can we issue your home phone number to selected booster members for committee issues? YES NO

Would you be interested in working fundraisers? YES NO

Would you be interest in building props? YES NO

Would you be interested in helping transport equipment? YES NO

Would you be interested in serving on committees to coordinate events? YES NO

Would you be interested in creating forms and flyers? YES NO

Would you be interested in working the concession stands at games? YES NO

Would you be interested in recruiting sponsors? YES NO

Would you be interested in light sewing/altering uniforms/washing uniforms? YES NO

Please list any areas of interest that you believe you may be able to help out in: _____

Parents,

Chaperones are now required to have background checks completed and approved by the Tipton County Board of Education. If you are interested in serving as a chaperone for Brighton Bands Trips, please pick-up a background check application from the band office. Parents are required to pay the \$40.00 background check fee that will be completed by Tipton County Board of Education. Please turn in your completed application along with a \$40.00 check or money order to Mr. Findley. (*checks should be made payable to Brighton High School*) Only School Board Personnel will submit & review your background check information to deem if you are eligible to serve as a chaperone for our children. A list of eligible chaperones will be given to Mr. Findley by the School Board. Chaperones for our trips will be selected from this list provided by the School Board.

If you have any other questions please email Mr. Findley at jfindley@tipton-county.com or call 840-9420.

DATES OF IMPORTANCE:

- Monday – Friday, April 27th – May 1st** Colorguard Auditions week
- Monday, May 4th** – BHS Band Registration Night (all New & Returning band members must register by this night)
Your \$100.00 deposit is due upon registration
- Saturday, May 9th** - Free Physicals with Memphis Orthopedic Group at BHS
- Monday – Friday, July 13th – 17th** Freshmen, Guard, & Percussion Camp
- Monday – Friday, July 20th – 31st** Full Band Camp (ALL band members required to attend)
(the remainder of your band fees is due your 1st day of camp)
- Thursday, July 23rd** Shoe ordering day for New Band Members & New Guard Members
Band Shoes = \$40.00 Guard Shoes=\$35.00
- Friday, July 31st** Meet the BHS Band 7:00 p.m.

Band Family,

Attached you will find our 2015-2016 Handbook. We are anticipating and putting together a great show for the 2015 Fall Season. Our physical demands will be a little more challenging next year, along with the level of performance. Expectations will be higher than ever before. Your band staff is pretty excited about this show.

Wind players that are currently a part of the Brighton Bands program are not required to audition. All Percussion and Guard will have their auditions with their instructors.

All band members (this includes guard and percussion) new and old must have their paperwork and deposit turned in by Monday, May 4th at the band registration night. All new or freshmen members must attend the registration night meeting in order to be fitted for a uniform as well. If you absolutely can not attend the registration night, then you must get your paperwork and deposit turned in before the deadline date of Monday, May 4th. We need to build our roster and start writing drill earlier than ever before so spots will be written for the numbers registered and paid by May 4th.

Please take the time to read through the hand book and pay attention to those performance dates. There are some changes in football scheduling this year and there are a couple of away games that we will not be attending so you will notice some gaps in our Friday night games scheduling.

If you have any questions, email is the best way to communicate with me so please email me:

jfindley@tipton-county.com

We look forward to seeing you at registration night!

Jonathan Findley

Director, Brighton High School Band

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