

Welcome to the Brighton High School Band!

Brighton High School Band is a very competitive band program that proudly serves as a very visible part of Brighton High School and the Brighton community. Our student artists are some of the best in West Tennessee and work very hard to make a name for themselves and Brighton High School. Each year our marching program can be seen and heard competing throughout the Mid-South but we also have other programs and opportunities for our student artists:

- Brighton High School Winter Guard
- Brighton High School Concert Band
- Brighton High School Percussion Ensemble
- Brighton High School Mixed-Age Instrumental Solo
- Brighton High School Jazz Band
- All-West Tennessee Honor Band
- All-State Tennessee Honor Band

Through a positive culture that teaches structure, self-discipline, & team work, we push our students to grow in every aspect and discover what they are truly capable of. This is a performance based program that teaches so much more than music. Those students that commit to the process will learn so many life lessons that they can carry with them throughout the rest of their lives. We are very proud of all of our students and strive to discover opportunities that will enrich their lives and personal growth beyond their high school career.

We are thrilled that you have made the decision to provide your child with the opportunities offered by music education and the arts. You will not regret this investment in your child's future.

•To register your child for the 2020-2021 school year, please fill out the attached registration forms & turn them in to your band director AS SOON AS POSSIBLE. We are designing our fall show NOW & need to know if YOU want a spot!

•If you have any questions please contact me via email: jfindley@tipton-county.com

•Please make sure you visit our website at www.brightonband.com

•Our FABULOUS Booster club can be found on facebook - Brighton Band Boosters

•**PLEASE** sign up for Mr. Findley's "Remind" to receive important band announcements with dates & times via text.



2020 - 2021 9th grade parents & students: text this message- @a9kbbk to this number- 81010

IF you are a returning member & YOU ARE ALREADY SIGNED UP..... you DO NOT have to sign-up again. I will be changing your class title/grade in remind so there is nothing to be done on your behalf.

2020 - 2021 10th grade parents & students: text this message- @4c8k22f to this number- 81010

2020 - 2021 11th grade parents & students: text this message- @4ffa73 to this number- 81010

2020 - 2021 12th grade parents & students: text this message- @de2cfh to this number- 81010

Jonathan Findley
Director, Brighton High School Band

GO BAND!

2020 - 2021 BRIGHTON HIGH SCHOOL BAND HANDBOOK

MEMBERSHIP: All Incoming/New members outside of the Brighton Middle & High School Band programs must audition for placement within the Brighton High School Band. Brighton Middle school band members must be in good standing within the 8th grade band program 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, progress made during summer camp and/or audition scores. During summer camp, some members may be moved in and out of this alternate line based on marching performance, attendance, exhibited efforts and/or musical contributions. A large majority of the alternate line is comprised of freshmen band members due to their inexperience and the high level of performance required for competition level performances. All members who are placed in the alternate line are still required to attend rehearsals, performances, & competitions AND are considered fully active members of the BHS Band. 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 for the benefit of the ensemble.

FIRST SEMESTER GRADING: Grades are based on 3 factors

1. Weekly participation – 10%:

This grade includes:

-**Behavior** during classes, warm-ups, rehearsals, travel, and performances.

-**Preparedness** and readiness for classes, warm-ups, rehearsals, and performances.

(Show up at the right place, at the right time, with the right equipment & right attitude.... ready to perform!)

2. Attendance to Rehearsals – 50%:

Attendance to all after-school rehearsals are required in order to maintain the highest performance quality possible. If you are at HALF of the rehearsal (even for tutoring or detention) you will receive HALF credit for that rehearsal (a 50 in the grade book).

Our weekly rehearsal schedule is:

Tuesdays – 2:50 – 5:00 p.m.

Wednesdays – 2:50 – 5:00 p.m.

Thursdays – 2:50 – 5:00 p.m.

An unexcused absence from all or part of 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.

3. Attendance to Performances – 40%:

Performing is what we do. Attendance to and full participation in performances are of the utmost importance. Performance is what we are about and what we DO. When you're not here, the ensemble's performance suffers. **ABSENCE DUE TO WORK OR FAMILY VACATION IS NOT DEEMED AS EXCUSED.**

*Pass-Offs: Although not part of the grading rubric, from time to time pass-offs are assigned to evaluate each members contribution to the ensemble in order to ensure 100% musical participation. Musicians will be required to pass-off pre-chosen musical passages, while Guard members will pass-off routine and dance selections. Members not performing at 100% may be replaced if there is an alternate who is performing better and is deemed more capable of contributing to the ensemble's overall sound and visual element.

SECOND SEMESTER GRADING: Grades are based on 3 factors

1. Weekly Participation – 30%: Throughout the 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.

2. Practice Journal – 30%: Throughout the 2nd semester, student musicians will be given practice logs to utilize and journal their daily practice. In order to receive an "A" on his/her weekly practice log, each student must complete & log in 180 minutes of practice each week. This practice journal must be signed by that student's parent or guardian and turned in to Mr. Findley each Monday, at the beginning of the band period.

3. Attendance to/participation in Performances – 40% Performances are usually announced at least 3 weeks prior to the performance date.

RULES: All school & board of education 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 phenomenal parents work very hard, in coordination with YOU, 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 your boosters, they're here to help you and your band program.

SCHOOL INSTRUMENTS: If you are playing a school owned 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 within two weeks of the date of damage. You are responsible for the care of this instrument while it is loaned out to you. Any uncompleted repairs will be completed and billed to your account after the two week repair period has passed.

PHYSICALS: To protect our student's well being and ensure that every student on the field is physically ready to 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 the first day of band camp their **first** year in band. Please have your family physician conduct a physical exam and confirm your child's ability to participate in marching band. *We do have hard copies of physical forms in our offices. If you would like to print your own form, you can find a downloadable version at:*

<https://cms-files.tssaa.org/documents/tssaa/Physical-Form-updated-11.2019.pdf>

Please have your physical completed by your family physician and turn this completed form in to the band office on or before your child's first day of band camp.

SUMMER BAND CAMP:

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

If you want to be in the show, you must be at camp. It's that simple. Here are our camp dates broken down by sections:

ALL PERCUSSION: Basic Training - June 15th - 19th Times TBA
Percussion Camp - July 13th - 17th 6:30 a.m. - 3:30 p.m.
Full Band Camp - July 20th - July 31st 6:30 a.m. - 3:30 p.m.

ALL GUARD: Guard Camp - July 13th - 17th 6:30 a.m. - 3:30 p.m.
Full Band Camp - July 20th - July 31st 6:30 a.m. - 3:30 p.m.

FRESHMEN & SQUAD LEADERS: Fundamentals Camp - July 13th - 17th (freshmen 6:30 -11:30 a.m)
(squad leaders 6:30 a.m. - 3:00 p.m)

ALL BAND MEMBERS NEW & RETURNING: Full Band Camp - July 20th - July 31st 6:30 a.m. - 3:30 p.m.
(Monday Thru Friday)

MEET THE BAND - Friday, July 31st 6:30 p.m. @ BHS Stadium

This is our **FIRST** performance of the show for the public. Before the show, parents can visit our spirit tent to order show shirts, extra band shirts, spirit items & band swag to show their band pride!

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BAND FEES:

Fees are necessary to acquire materials such as music literature, copyrights, customs arrangements, custom drill, custom choreography, large instruments, wind instructors, percussion instructors, guard instructors, entry fees, transportation, show materials, uniform updates, uniform maintenance, field materials, field maintenance costs and instructional supplies, All of which are used to build and prepare our competitive band.

Fee waiver is not applicable to Band since band is an extracurricular activity.

Due to rising costs in materials needed to keep this band going we are raising fees. You will also notice that guard fees and percussion fees are higher than wind fees: these higher fees are due to the costs of additional instructors for these sections throughout the school year.

Wind players: \$400.00

Percussionists: \$500.00

Guard Members: \$500.00

-A \$150.00 deposit toward your child's band fee is due in the band office no later than the last day of school May 22nd, 2020.

-Your child's remaining balance is due no later than your child's first day of camp.

Please make sure that you get your \$150.00 deposit in by May 22nd, 2020 to secure your child's spot in the BHS Marching Band. You can mail payments toward the rest of your child's balance throughout the summer.

After May 22nd, Please mail all payments to: Brighton Band Boosters
P.O. Box 608
Brighton, TN. 38011

Make ALL payments payable to "Brighton Band Boosters"

Please make sure your child's name is in the memo line of your check before mailing.

(if you are paying with cash, please come by the band office during school hours to receive a written receipt for payment)

Required One Time Purchases:

Musicians: These are items that you need to acquire over the summer on you own:

- At least one pair of LONG black sock
- Lyre (clamp that holds a flip folder to your instrument).

On Wednesday, July 29th, we will be fitting and ordering MTX band shoes for those band members that do not have a pair or need replacement shoes. These shoes are \$40.00 per pair. Please have your money ready to place your order on July 29th.

Guard:

- One pair of Guard shoes (\$40.00 these will be fitted for & ordered through the band on Friday, July 17th),
- One time purchase of practice equipment \$135.00 which needs to be paid before the first day of guard camp which is July 13th. (These are practice materials that students will use at home throughout their 4 year high school career and keep upon graduation from BHS)

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 plus competing at a high level. These performances are NOT optional but required for a grade.

At the time of composing this handbook, BHS Football schedule is not yet determined and competition organizers are still setting dates. Please keep the following dates open! We will update this schedule via "Remind" as dates are released.

August	14th - Friday Night Football - Home 21st - Friday Night Football 28th - Friday Night Football
September	4th - Friday Night Football 11th - Friday Night Football 18th - Friday Night Football 19th - Saturday Band Competition 25th - Friday Night Football 26th - Saturday Band Competition
October	2nd - Friday Night Football 3rd - Collierville Tournament of Champions 9th - Friday Night Football 10th - Saturday Band Competition <i>(Fall Break - October 12th - 16th)</i> 23rd - Friday Night Football 24th - Saturday Practice OR Band Competition 30th - Friday Night Football 31st - Bandmaster's Championship
November -	6th - Possible Football Play-off Game

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REMEMBER TO TAKE A PICTURE OF THIS SCHEDULE BEFORE YOU TURN THESE FORMS BACK IN!

PARENTAL CONSENT & EMERGENCY INFORMATION FORM (This form must be signed for participation in all activities, rehearsals, & performances that will take place throughout the school year.)

Trip or Activity Planned: 2020 - 2021 Band Camp, Football Games at home and away from school premises, Marching Competitions, Ensemble Performances, Fall/Spring Trips, Conventions, Clinics, Orientation Events, & Celebratory Trips.

Purpose of Trip or Activity: Practice, Performing marching shows, auditorium-type performances, public services performances, orientation trips, celebratory/recruiting/award trips, parade performances, & gymnasium-type competitions.

Method of Transportation: Either Tipton County Schools buses, charter or contract buses

Teachers Responsible: Jonathan Findley, Band Director of the Brighton High School Band

Changes/Cancellations:

I understand that school trips may be changed and/or cancelled when deemed necessary by the principal, superintendent, board of education or band director. Reimbursement cannot be guaranteed when such cancellations occur. Parents/Guardians will be notified as soon as events allow.

Expectations and Instructions:

I understand the following is expected of the student: 1) to follow instructions given by the teacher(s) and/or chaperone(s), 2) not to leave or separate from the group without appropriate authorization from a teacher or chaperone, and 3) to comply with all TCBOE/BHS policies and rules of conduct. In the event my child violates any of the above expectations or instructions, I understand school officials reserve the right to remove the student from the trip (at parent/guardian expense) and the student will be subject to school disciplinary actions.

Parental/Guardian Authorization:

I request that the above-named student be allowed to participate in Brighton Band's planned trips for the 2020-2021 school year. I understand the change/cancellation information, expectations and instructions, and confirm the student has health insurance coverage. I specifically consent to the student's participation in the planned trips contained within the attached band handbook. I release and agree to hold harmless the Brighton Band Boosters, Brighton High School, TCBOE, and its agents from any responsibility and/or liability in the event of an accident. I also consent/release to the Brighton High School Band and Brighton Band Boosters any use of the above-named student's photo as needed. Photos will not be published/posted to social media along with student's name.

Parent/Guardian Signature _____ Date _____

Parent Email _____

Parent/Guardian Medical Emergency Authorization:

In the event of a medical emergency while my child is participating in a school trip or activity, I authorize TCBOE officials to release the following information to the healthcare provider. I understand school officials will use the contact information provided below to contact me in the event of such an emergency. If any emergency medical procedures or treatment are required during the trip, I consent to the trip supervisor(s) arranging for and consenting to the procedures or treatment at the supervisor's discretion. I understand that I will be contacted by the supervisor(s) before any medical procedure is performed when this delay of treatment is deemed reasonable by a medical professional. I will pay the cost of any such medical procedures or treatment not fully covered by my insurance provider. I release and agree to hold harmless Brighton Band Boosters, Brighton High School, TCBOE, and its agents from any responsibility and/or liability in the event any medical procedure and/or treatment is required for my child during a school trip or activity.

Parent/Guardian Signature _____ Date _____

EMERGENCY & MEDICAL INFORMATION

Student's Name: _____ Date of Birth: _____

Mailing Address: _____

City: _____ State: TN. Zip Code: _____

Emergency Contact Information (primary & secondary contact #'s are needed):

Primary Name _____

Phone: Day _____ Night _____ Cell: _____

Secondary Name _____

Phone: Day _____ Night _____ Cell: _____

Name _____

Additional Phone: Day _____ Night _____ Cell: _____

Emergency Medical Information (complete as applicable)

Family Physician & Phone # _____ (____) _____ - _____

Date of last tetanus booster ____/____/____

Known Allergies: _____

Food Allergies: _____

Regular medications, if any + dosage _____

Special Health Needs/Conditions _____

Name of Primary Insured _____

Primary Insured's Employer _____

Group Number _____ Member Number _____

**** Please attach a copy of your insurance card. All band members must have a recent physical form on file.

Parent/Guardian Signature _____ Date _____

2020-2021 Brighton High School Band Registration Form

Band Members Name: _____
Last Name First Name Middle Initial

Band Member's Tentative Fall Instrument: _____

Band Member's Tentative Grade for 2020-2021: 9th 10th 11th 12th
circle one

Band Member's Cell Phone #: _____
(this is required for emergency purposes & will not be shared with band members or boosters)

Band Member's Email Address: _____
(this will be used for director announcements & will not be shared with band members or boosters)

Band Member's Mailing Address: _____
street/apt.

_____ city/town zip code

Band Member's Sizes (adult): Elastic waisted gym shorts:
x-small small medium large x-large xx-large
circle one

Band t-shirt:
x-small small medium large x-large xx-large
circle one

Parent/Guardian's Name(s): _____
Last Name First Name(s)

Parent/Guardian's Phone Number(s): _____
Please specify parent/guardian name for each phone number

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Parent/Guardian's Email Address: _____
Email addresses will not be shared with booster organization without your approval. see below
Email addresses & phone numbers will be used by Mr. Findley for communication of your child's
progress, discipline, educational concerns, emergencies, etc.

Information Release: please indicate any information we are allowed to release to the band booster organization
for recruitment in parent activities/support teams, meeting information, notifications, etc.

please check all that apply:
 parent phone numbers parent emails none