

2018-2019 Skyview Marching Hawks Handbook

Welcome to the Skyview Band Program! This handbook is meant to address questions you or your student might have in regards to doing band (and marching band) at Skyview. If you have any further questions, please feel free to email Mrs. Krall at akrall@nsd131.org.

- **Schedule:** In this packet is our marching band schedule. All these dates and events are **MANDATORY** for **ALL** members of the band, color guard, and percussion. Failure to attend **ANY** of these events will result in grades being lowered, not being allowed to perform, and possibly removal from the group. In order for our band to be successful all students must be at all of these events. If you know of any scheduling conflicts, please email Mrs. Krall. (Due to the fact that Mrs. Krall is human and can't remember every students schedule, you must email her, that way she has a way to double check on absences).
- **Fees:** Each participating member of the band will pay a fee to participate. These fees help offset the costs of running a marching band. All fees are due by the final day of band camp: August 17, 2018. (If you need more time or if you need to make payments, please email Mrs. Krall so arrangements can be made.)
 - Band/Percussion Fee: \$100
 - Color guard fee: \$250- New members. \$200- Returning members.
- **Expectations:** In order for our band to reach its full potential your student will be expected to do the following things:
 - Be on time to all events
 - Follow the Skyview Student Handbook at all times
http://skyviewhigh.nsd131.org/Parents_Students/student_handbook
 - Be prepared with all required materials including:
 - Instrument in working condition (reeds, mouthpieces, drum sticks)
 - Music
 - Dot sheets
 - Flag
 - Athletic shoes that do not fall off your feet. Marching barefoot is not permitted.
 - Appropriate clothing for the activity and the weather
 - Cellphones/electronic devices are not to be used at any band function unless the band director/staff member gives the student permission. (Typically using a phone to take pictures is fine)
 - Gum: If you have an instrument in your hands, you will not have gum in your mouth.
 - Grades: Students are to maintain passing grades in all their classes to remain academically eligible to perform
 - Bullying/hazing will not be tolerated.

- Equipment: You are not permitted to touch any instrument or equipment that is not yours unless given specific direction by the owner of the instrument or a staff member
- Football Games:
 - Students will wear their 'Marching Hawks' Band shirt under their uniform
 - Students will stay for the duration of the football game. Sometimes the end time of the game is earlier or later due to the nature of football, it is required to stay until the band director dismisses the band at the end of the game.
 - Students will stand in their assigned section while playing in the stands for pep band. Non-band members are not allowed to be in the band section of the stands.
- Competitions:
 - Competition call times and performance times will be announced as soon as Mrs. Krall gets them (typically 2 weeks before the competition). It is safe to assume on those competition days that they will be all day events. The Caldwell and Kuna Competitions typically go from about 9am-5pm. Vallivue and D3 typically go from 11am-10pm.
 - Students are expected to wear their "Marching Hawks" band shirt or their "Black Swan" show shirt.
- Uniforms: Band and color guard uniforms are expensive. They must be treated with respect and taken care of. Each student will be fitted for their uniform and checked out all the pieces to complete their uniform. The uniform will stay at school in the uniform closets. Band members will be taught to hang their uniforms up correctly, so they stay looking nice. Uniform checks will be conducted at director discretion to ensure the uniforms are being adequately taken care of. No food or drink of any kind should be consumed while wearing the band uniform. If uniform parts or pieces are lost or ruined, a replacement fee will be assessed to the student.
 - Replacement Jacket: \$200, Replacement Bibbers (pants): \$100, Replacement Shako (Hat): \$75, Replacement Gauntlets: \$30.
 - Band shoes: There are shoes available for students, however, all members are strongly encouraged to purchase their own marching shoes. Shoes will cost \$35, and money is due by August 17, 2018.
- Band Shirt: All members of the SHS band/guard will receive a 'Marching Hawk' band shirt. This shirt must be kept in good condition and acts as an informal uniform at times when we are not in full uniform. This shirt is paid for through the band fee. Replacement Shirts can be purchased for \$8.50.
- Spirit Packs: We do offer an optional 'Skyview Band Spirit Pack'. These items are completely optional, but lots of fun for the students to show their Skyview Band Spirit. Attached is an order form. Checks can be made out to "Skyview Band".
- School instruments: If your student is using a school instrument of any kind (including percussion) they must treat their instrument with care. Any excessive damages due to neglect or misuse will be billed to the student.

- Percussion: If you play **any** percussion instrument, you are expected to be to band early enough to help move all our equipment to our rehearsal space. You are also expected to stay and help put all the equipment away. In general, if you are a percussionist, plan on being at least 10 minutes early to everything and staying 10 minutes after to get things put away.
- Lettering: Band is a varsity activity and as such students can earn a varsity letter for participating. Listed below are the requirements students must meet to be eligible for a varsity letter in band.
 - The student must complete the entire season and attend all the events listed on the band schedule. (Including band camp)
 - The student must meet Skyview's Athletic and Activities Academic Eligibility Policy which reads: "*Students must maintain a minimum unweighted 2.0 GPA and pass all classes during each grading period.*"
 - The student must attend **all** practices **on time** unless excused by the coach for illness or an emergency beyond the student's control. Any unexcused absence can disqualify the student from receiving a letter. Excessive tardies can disqualify the student from receiving a letter.
 - Student must have paid all band/guard fees and returned all equipment loaned to him/her or SHS in all years of participation. (Uniform, instrument, etc.)
 - The student must display a positive attitude toward the activity and willingly fulfill the participation agreement they and their parents signed in the band handbook.
 - The director has the prerogative to issue or withhold a letter for extenuating circumstances such as early season injuries, value to the team without having played enough, team or district violations, etc. Directors must provide documentation of these circumstances to the athletic director and administrator. In all cases, students must complete the season as a member of the band to letter.
- Parent Support/Band boosters: SHS band has an active band booster organization. What we do would not be possible without the support of our boosters. It is strongly encouraged for all band/guard parents to be involved. Involvement can be as much or little as you would like. If you would like to receive parent information emails, please contact our booster secretary Kathy Chandler: kchandlers.7@gmail.com
- Communication: The band has a Website that is kept mostly up to date: skyviewbands.com. We also have a Facebook page that can be found by searching 'Skyview Official Band Page'. As always, any further questions can be sent to Mrs. Krall via Email: akrall@nsd131.org

Skyview Marching Hawks Participation Agreement/Information

This signed form must be turned in for the student to participate in marching band at SHS.

- I have read and agree to follow the rules and expectations outlined in the Skyview Marching Hawks Handbook.
- If I'm a color guard member, I have also read and agree to follow the SHS color guard handbook.
- I will come to band with a positive attitude and a willingness to work hard to reach my full potential daily.
- I agree to pay the band/color guard fee on time or communicate with Mrs. Krall about a payment plan.
- I agree to attend all events on the schedule and to communicate with Mrs. Krall if I have a conflict with any of those dates.
- I will be prepared for band activities and not be tardy.
- I understand that I will be representing Skyview High School and the band program whenever I am with the band or wearing band related clothing, and I will act accordingly including using **appropriate language**.
- I understand that failure to do the above listed items could result in my grade being lowered, not being allowed to perform, or possible removal from the group.

Student Name:

Student Signature:

Parent Name:

Parent Signature:

Logistics

Student Name:

Student Cell Phone Number (if they have one):

Student Marching Band Instrument:

Parent Name(s):

Parent Phone Number(s):

Student Mailing Address:

Parent Email:

Student Shirt Size:

Student Shoe Size: Are you going to order marching shoes? Yes/No

Student Birthday:

Student Food Allergy Information:

Please return this signed handbook page and logistic sheet to Mrs. Krall or Mr. Garner ASAP