

VICTORIA EAST HIGH SCHOOL



**BAND
HANDBOOK**

2018 – 2019

Dear Parents,

We would like to thank you for your support of the Victoria East High School Band Program. We feel very strongly about the importance of music in your child's education. Music is a universal tool that directly relates to many other subjects in school. Through practice and performance, music is a great tool to develop muscle coordination, hand-eye coordination, listening skills, self-discipline and many other qualities. Our mission is to develop life long skills for every student including maturity, commitment, self discipline, leadership, confidence, and group initiative to be successful in their endeavors. Music and its study can be life changing.

One of the most important tools in a student's success is you, the parent. We need your help to encourage your child to set some time aside to practice at home on a regular basis. Even if you know nothing about music, ask your child to explain what they are doing, and if they need to come back to us for more help, be sure to encourage them to do so. Each student should be encouraged to have a regular practice schedule, and it should be no less than 1 hour of independent practice each day. We will do everything possible to help your child feel successful, but some checking on their progress will certainly help us maintain a high degree of success. If you have any questions about what your child should be doing at home, or how they are doing at school, please feel free to call at 788-2820, ext 38173 or email any of us.

Please read this handbook with your child, then fill out the last page of the handbook and return that page to Mr. Miller.

Sincerely,

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INSTRUMENTS, BOOKS, SUPPLIES, BAND HALL USE

1. Students using any instrument from the school will need to read, sign and follow the VEHS Instrument Rental Policy, including percussion and color guard. There is a \$55 VISD Instrument Rental Fee. Students are responsible for any damage to band textbooks, music, or school equipment caused by negligence, such as torn pages, bent keys, bent valves, dents, tears, or any other misuse, and will be expected to pay for the cost of all repairs.
2. Students must keep the following items available: Instruments, Binder w/sheet protectors, Music, Pencil, Drill Charts, Dot Book, Handouts, etc...
3. All students are required to purchase the required mouthpieces, rifles, the proper reeds, supplies to care for their instrument, flip folders, flip folder pages, binders and sheet protectors, lyres, mallets and sticks, water jug, band shirts, and band shoes. Credit will not be given for reeds except in extreme emergencies before a performance, and those should be paid the next day.
4. Keep all music folders/binders and flip folders in a place that will not destroy or damage the music and/or horns. Keep all sticks, cases, and instruments in the proper place for storage. Keep all unnecessary clothes and all trash out of the band hall.
5. No food, drinks, gum, or candy in the band hall. Respect all equipment. Do not lean or write on the music stands, chairs, instrument cases, or any other equipment.
6. School phones, computers and copy machines are off limits to students. There is limited use to a phone with permission from a director.
7. Keep the entire band hall clean and in order.

GRADING

Students will receive grades throughout the year for the following but not limited to: class attendance, required concert attendance, musicianship, individual instrument performance/playoffs, concert and competition performances, music evaluation, written work, and inspections. Daily work and test work will be weighted equally 50% each, with performance grades counting double. IT IS THE STUDENT'S RESPONSIBILITY to make every effort to make up all required work as stated in the VISD Student Handbook.

BEHAVIOR EXPECTATIONS/RESPONSIBILITY

The members of the Victoria East High School Band must maintain the highest standards of character and excellence in and out of school. The Victoria East High School Band expects all students to follow the VISD Code of Conduct and this handbook without exception. Band students are expected to be respectful to each other and to the staff, including, parents, other academic teachers, custodians, and students from other schools. Directors reserve the right to discipline any band student, as they see fit, who violates the Victoria East High School Band Policies and/or the VISD Student Code of Conduct, above and beyond that of other VISD teachers or administrators.

Other actions that may result in probation or dismissal:

1. Failure to maintain the required academic and citizenship averages may result in probation; failing two consecutive grading periods may result in dismissal.
2. Excessive absences from practices or performances.
3. Conduct unbecoming in language or actions including Social Media.

According to District Policy, all students are required to have the VISD physical/school forms on file with the directors/school, and all students are subject to drug testing. All students must adhere to the deadlines of forms and fees to participate in activities, and disciplinary actions will be imposed for any continued deadline abuse.

TITAN TICKET: HALLWAY PASS

Student:

- Must have ID badge at all times with Titan Ticket on back
- Will not be allowed to leave class without an ID badge
- Will be issued a total of 24 hallway passes each 9 weeks for all 7 classes combined
- Will not be allowed to leave class first 10 minutes
- Will not be allowed to leave class last 10 minutes
- Should utilize passing periods efficiently

REHEARSAL & CLASSROOM PROCEDURES/EXPECTATIONS/ABSENCES

1. Be respectful to the directors and each other at all times. Use only appropriate and respectful language, no profanity. Remain positive and congenial. Any members exhibiting poor attitudes or disrespect towards the program, procedures, expectations, staff, or any other member may be placed on probation or removed. (Do unto others, as you would have them do unto you)
2. When rehearsal begins be in place ready to begin. (15 minutes ahead is on time)
3. Give 100% attention to the directors during the entire rehearsal with no talking of any kind. No other schoolwork is allowed during rehearsal.
4. Comply with the rehearsal dress code: no chewing gum, no jewelry, wear appropriate clothing.
5. Members must bring their own water jug to all rehearsals. Cokes, energy drinks etc... are not allowed at any rehearsal. Sport drinks may be consumed at home, not during rehearsal.
6. Cell phones may not be on any member's person during rehearsal; they may remain off or silent in the member's bag in the band hall. Periodically cell phones will be allowed for classroom use only.
7. Raise your hand to ask questions, and do it often. The only bad question is an unasked question.

All members are expected to respect and adhere to the chain of command and follow instructions as handed down by those above them in the chain of command. No member is to abuse their power within the chain of command.

Chain of Command:

1. Directors
2. Guard/Band Staff
3. Drum Majors
4. Captains/Section Leaders

TARDY POLICY

Classroom tardy policy follows the District Guidelines. Our procedure for band events is to arrive 15 minutes before the appointed time for any band function. A tardy is recorded when a student is not in place ready to begin at the appointed time for a rehearsal or performance. Notification from a parent or teacher is required ahead of time for an excused tardy. Unexcused tardies are accumulated by semester.

1st Tardy – Consequences determined by director (Ex. laps, pushups, detention, etc...)

2nd Tardy – Consequences determined by director (Ex. Removal from show/performance group, parent conference, referral, etc...)

REHEARSAL ABSENCES

Unexcused absences are not permitted from any rehearsal and disciplinary action will be taken. Personal contact by a parent/guardian should be made BEFORE any absence, and it is the band director's discretion to excuse any absence. Every rehearsal is a performance, and we expect ALL students to attend and participate in ALL rehearsals.

1st unexcused absence – Probation and/or removal from the performance group/not permitted to attend performances. Parent conference required.

2nd unexcused absence – Removal from participation/program. Parent conference required.

PERFORMANCE EXPECTATIONS PROCEDURES ABSENCES

BUS TRIPS

Bus trips are an important part of being in the band. It is important to follow all procedures and rules to make the bus trips safe and orderly. All students are to ride the bus that is assigned to them. The directors are in charge and students are to be respectful at all times to each other, chaperones and drivers. All students are to remain seated while the bus is enroute. Drinks and snacks are a privilege, and any abuse or misuse will result in total loss of privileges. Keep the bus clean. ANY STUDENT NOT RIDING HOME ON THE BUS MUST PROVIDE DOCUMENTATION FROM A PARENT OR GUARDIAN AND PERSONALLY TALK TO A DIRECTOR BEFORE LEAVING THE GAME OR PERFORMANCE, AND MUST TAKE ALL UNIFORMS AND INSTRUMENTS WITH THEM. In accordance with district policy, any trip where a DVD is available, there will be NO Rated R movies allowed on the bus, and PG-13 movies will be monitored carefully for offensive language and content. Any movie deemed offensive by a director/chaperone will be stopped.

INSPECTIONS

Inspections on instruments, supplies, uniforms will be held during the year and are graded. All students are expected to have the required equipment for all band functions. Each reed player needs a minimum of three reeds at all times and the needed cleaning supplies. Brass players should have the needed cleaning supplies, oil and grease. Black socks and shoes will be worn at all uniformed events and students will not leave the inspection area without being dressed appropriately. Section Leaders/Drum Majors will be handling most uniform inspections and will be disciplined for any section member not in compliance and students who don't pass inspections may be sent home with disciplinary action to follow.

FOOTBALL GAMES

The band will perform at every football game home or away. Be at the predetermined place 15 minutes before required to prepare your uniform and instrument for warm up and departure.

Have all of your uniform parts, black socks, black shoes, flip folder, lyre and music.

Remember that you are a representative of the school at all performances. Conduct yourself with dignity. Only band members and chaperones are allowed in the band area of the bleachers. No food or drinks are allowed in the band area of the bleachers UNLESS passed out by the band. You are not to leave the area without permission. We will play together as a group. (No indiscriminate playing) All uniform parts will be worn at all times unless otherwise told. There will be assigned seating by rows vertically and horizontally, and you are to remain seated in your section of the band at all times. Watch the directors and drum majors at all times, and be ready to pull up music and play. Watch for sudden cut-offs and dynamic changes as not to interfere with the game. Treat guests and the other bands with respect and enthusiasm.

We will be arriving home most times at the predetermined time, so be sure to check the schedule and announcements to have your parents pick you up within 15 minutes of arrival. Frequent violators of the 15 minute pickup policy will be disciplined as determined by the band directors. (ie. removal from participation in band functions and on any subsequent band trips) PLEASE PLAN AHEAD

ILLNESS OR INJURY

Due to the athletic nature of Marching Band, there is a great demand placed on each member to be able to march and perform a complete show. All members will participate fully during rehearsals to ensure proper physical conditioning in order to facilitate a strong personal performance and to prevent injury. As with any physical activity, injuries may affect some members. Illness may also affect a member's ability to rehearse and perform. If a student becomes ill/injured, he/she should tell a director immediately so the proper evaluation/treatment can be done to care for the illness/injury. A director/trainer will determine if the student should sit out. In the case of a serious illness/injury that inhibits participation, a doctor's note must always be obtained to determine continued participation. If a member becomes too sick or injured to practice or perform for an extended time, they may remain as a shadow member until they can be added back into the show.

UNIFORM CONDUCT

Conduct in uniform is crucial to developing a strong sense of pride and uniformity in what we do. When we are in uniform, we are representing not only ourselves, but also East Titan High School and the Titan Band. The following is a list of behaviors that are NOT acceptable while you are in uniform:

1. Eating or Drinking (Water is allowed)
2. Chewing gum
3. Jewelry of any kind
4. Immature behaviors (screaming, yelling, arguing, etc.)
5. Public displays of affection with boyfriends/girlfriends including: holding hands, hugging, kissing...

ABSENCES

Unexcused absences are NOT permitted from ANY performance. Almost all performance dates for the year will be available and passed out to all the students in August. Please make plans accordingly for attendance. Personal contact by a parent/guardian should be made before any absence, and it is the director's discretion to excuse any absence. The Victoria East High School Band is viewed as much, or more, than any other one unit in the school throughout the year. Through concerts, parades, football games and other performances, the band is a source of entertainment, excitement, culture, encouragement, education, history, and inspiration. We cannot stress enough how important it is to be at every performance! Through your commitment as a part of the program, we expect ALL students to attend and participate in ALL performances. ANY unexcused absence will constitute removal from the program. **All students are required to attend all performances of VEHS band/color guard programs.**

VICTORIA INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT **RESPONSIBLE USE TECHNOLOGY AGREEMENT FOR STUDENTS**

I will be polite and use appropriate language in my email messages, multi-user role-playing and/or virtual learning environments (e.g. Second Life), online postings, and other digital communications with others. I will refrain from using profanity, vulgarities or any other inappropriate language as determined by school administrators. I will use email and other means of communications (e.g. blogs, wikis, podcasting, chat, instant-messaging, discussion boards, virtual learning environments, etc.) responsibly. I will not use computers, handheld computers, digital audio players, cell phones, personal digital devices or the Internet to send or post hate or harassing mail, pornography, make discriminatory or derogatory remarks about others or engage in bullying, harassment, or other antisocial behaviors either at school or at home.

I understand that I represent the school district in all my online activities. I understand that what I do on social networking websites such as Facebook, Twitter, Snapchat should not reflect negatively on my fellow students, teachers, or on the District. I understand that I will be held responsible for how I represent myself and my school, department or District on the Internet. I understand that masquerading, spoofing, or pretending to be someone else is forbidden. This includes, but is not limited to, sending out email, creating accounts, or posting messages or other online content (e.g. text, images, audio or video) in someone else's name as a joke. I will use technology resources responsibly. I will not retrieve, save, or display hate-based, offensive or sexually explicit material. I am responsible for not pursuing material that could be considered offensive. I understand that I am to notify an adult immediately if by accident I encounter materials which violate appropriate use.

UNIFORMS

YOU are responsible for your uniform: hangers, buttons, sash, gauntlets, hat, hat box, bag, bag label, coat, pants, shoes, gloves, black socks, and any other part I left out. Uniforms are expensive pieces of equipment. The proper care and wearing of the uniform is checked by directors, drum majors, section leaders, uniform crew, and contest judges. No jewelry will be worn while in uniform.

Students will be financially responsible for getting the uniforms hemmed and cleaned throughout the year. At minimum, it needs to be cleaned before Marching Contest, at the End of the Year, and if Weather Conditions require more. At mid-marching season students will be responsible for turning in a receipt from the cleaners for documentation, by the required deadline. If not there will be a \$20 penalty added to the students fee account. At the uniform turn in deadline, all uniforms should be turned in with the plastic bag and receipt from the cleaners. If not, another \$20 penalty will be added to the student's fee account. While in the student's care, all uniforms are to be hung neatly and kept free from dirt and trash at all times. Please follow the proper procedures for hanging uniforms. Shoes may be stored in the outside pockets of the uniform bag. If there is a problem with your uniform, bring the uniform to Mr. Miller so arrangements can be made to correct the problem.

MARCHING BAND

Marching band is scheduled in the Fall Semester to coincide with football season, and is an extension of our Spring Bands. In essence, it is a concert on the field. It is a prerequisite to the 2nd semester concert season and Jazz Band.

It is a unique tool to teach many of the musical concepts of the indoor bands, with an emphasis on individual and group responsibility, coordination, complex rhythms and movement, organized thinking, mental discipline, physical discipline, leadership opportunities, and group cohesiveness.

The band will be competing in UIL Marching Contest and other competitive contests to perform and expose our students to other high quality marching programs in the state. All eligible students will participate in the marching performances at Friday night football games. All eligible advanced students will perform at the marching competitions. Eligibility is based on attendance, attitude, performance criteria and capabilities, and grades based on the UIL No Pass, No Play Rule. If at any time a student becomes ineligible it will be up to the Director if and when the student is placed back in the performance group.

Marching Band rehearsal times are published in accordance with the UIL 8 hour rule and represent actual rehearsal time. Students should arrive before rehearsal (15 Minutes) to dress and move equipment so rehearsals begin on time. Students also must plan accordingly (15 Minutes) after rehearsal to allow for announcements, equipment transport and storage. Some students (Drum Majors, Section Leaders, Tubas, Percussion, etc...) may need 30-45 minutes before and after the published rehearsal time. According to District Policy, all students are required to have the VISD physical form on file with the directors/school to participate.

COLOR GUARD

Color Guard is a part of the High School Band and participates in the fall semester marching season and spring semester Winter Guard. They may be required to purchase extra equipment and extra fundraisers may be required. A separate publication will outline the possibility of a Winter Guard Season and Guard Officer positions.

WIND ENSEMBLE

The wind ensemble is made up of the most advanced wind and percussion players who have a total commitment to the performance of the finest wind literature and the band program. The final numbers of each section in the wind ensemble shall be determined by class period enrollment, performance criteria, and music requirements. All Wind Ensemble members will be provided black dresses/tuxedos for all performances and are expected to keep them dry cleaned. All students in the Wind Ensemble must pass a playing audition, must tryout for District/Region Band and Area Band, must do a Class 1 Solo and Ensemble approved by a director, must take private lessons, must be up to date with band fees and fundraising goals for trips, and must not be ineligible according to the UIL No Pass/No Play Rule.

SYMPHONIC WINDS

The Symphonic Winds is made up of advanced wind and percussion players who have a total commitment to the performance of the finest wind literature and the band program. The final numbers of each section in the Symphonic Winds shall be determined by performance criteria and music requirements. All Symphonic Wind members will be required to purchase all Black attire for Performances. All students in the Symphonic Winds shall audition for the band, must tryout for District/Region Band unless approved by director, must do a Class 1 or 2 Solo with the option of an Ensemble approved by the director, must be up to date with band fees and fundraising goals for trips, and must take private lessons.

CONCERT BAND

The Concert Band, if available, will be made up of intermediate wind and percussion players who have a total commitment to the performance of the finest wind literature and the band program.

The final numbers of each section in Concert Band shall be determined by performance criteria and music requirements. All Concert Band members will be required to purchase all Black attire for Performances. All students in Concert Band shall audition for the band, must tryout for District/Region Band unless approved by director, must do a Solo with the option of an Ensemble approved by the director, must be up to date with band fees and fundraising goals for trips, and must take private lessons.

JAZZ BAND

The Jazz Band is made up of the most advanced wind and percussion players who have a total commitment to the performance of the finest jazz literature and the band program. All Jazz Band members will be provided black dresses/tuxedos for all performances and are expected to keep them dry cleaned. The final numbers of each section in the Jazz Band shall be determined by performance criteria and music requirements and students must be eligible according to the UIL No Pass/No Play Rule. All students signed up for Jazz Band must be enrolled in another band class during each semester; exceptions only with director approval. This group requires additional performances throughout the year for festivals and competitions.

PERCUSSION ENSEMBLE

Percussion ensemble is an exciting performance group or groups intended to further expand a percussionist's interests and capabilities. Percussion ensembles are required for all percussion students and will be coordinated by the percussion director. Additional rehearsals and performances are required.

TMEA DISTRICT/REGION BAND

District/Region Band is another tool to develop and improve the skills of the band student. All students will participate in the tryout process. Students must attend their music rehearsals/lessons. All students will be evaluated on their music by a director/private lesson teacher before the competition to be eligible to perform for the judges. Any student removed by a director from the process (ex. grades, unprepared, etc...) will perform the required selections for a director for a test grade. All students who make a Region Band must attend the rehearsals and concerts. Advancement eligibility to the Area/State level is required and will be determined by a director.

UIL SOLO & ENSEMBLE

Solo & Ensemble is a tool to improve and develop the skills of all band students, and all students will participate in a Solo & Ensemble performance. All students in the top band will do a Class 1 Solo and a Class 1 Ensemble. All other students will do a Solo and/or Ensemble. All students are responsible for paying the solo piano accompaniment fee of \$25 for their Solo by January 11, 2019. Any student removed by a director from the Solo & Ensemble competition (ex. grades, unprepared, etc...) will still be responsible for paying the accompaniment fee and will perform the required selections for a director for a test grade.

BAND OFFICERS & LEADERSHIP

The Victoria East High School Band Officers will devote time, and work as a team to help the band directors achieve the goals set forth for the improvement and success of the band. Meetings will be conducted to make plans for all band activities, and all officers are required to attend all meetings.

They will serve to help by resolving any problems that may occur, plan social activities, and carry out plans and duties set forth by the band directors.

A student may run for only one office. An officer/candidate must be eligible at all times according to the UIL No Pass/No Play Rule.

PRESIDENT

Responsibilities: The President will serve as the student leader for all grade levels. The President will help preside over meetings, may give pep talks to the band before performances, will attend the required summer leadership camp, and perform any other duties delegated by the band directors during the summer and school year. This office is selected by student vote.

Qualifications: The President must be an 11th or 12th grader during the office term.

VICE PRESIDENT

Responsibilities: The Vice President will fill all the responsibilities of the President if the President is unable to perform the duties specified, will attend the required summer leadership camp, and perform any other duties delegated by the band directors during the summer and school year. This office is selected by student vote.

Qualifications: The Vice President must be a 10, 11, or 12th grader during the office term.

SECRETARY

The secretary shall attend all meetings to keep notes and minutes and then organize them into a readable, reproducible form. The secretary will fill all the responsibilities of the Vice President if the Vice President is unable to perform the duties specified, will attend the required summer leadership camp, and perform any other duties delegated by the band directors during the summer and school year. This office is selected by student vote.

Qualifications: The Secretary must be a 10, 11, or 12th grader during the office term.

HISTORIAN

The historian will keep picture records and make a scrapbook for the year, and will help with PR and be responsible for bulletin board upkeep. The historian will attend the required summer leadership camp, and perform any other duties delegated by the band directors during the summer and school year. This office is selected by student vote.

Qualifications: The Historian must be a 10, 11, or 12th grader during the office term.

CHAPLAIN

The chaplain(s) will lead the band in prayer and help maintain a healthy attitude. The chaplain will attend the required summer leadership camp, and will perform any other duties delegated by the band directors during the summer and school year. This office is selected by student vote.

Qualifications: The Chaplain must be a 10, 11, or 12th grader during the office term. They must also feel comfortable leading prayers.

DRUM MAJORS

The Drum Majors will lead the band at any event required, will demonstrate and teach band members all required fundamentals. Drum Majors will attend the required summer leadership camps, and perform any other duties delegated by the band directors during the summer and school year.

Qualifications: The number of Drum Majors will be determined by need and qualifications of the students trying out. The Drum Majors must be a 11th or 12th grader during the office term. They will follow the tryout process required by the directors.

SECTION LEADERS

The Section Leaders will help fulfill Drum Major duties at any event required and will demonstrate and teach band members all required fundamentals. Section Leaders will attend the required summer leadership camp, and perform any other duties delegated by the band directors during the summer and school year.

Qualifications: The number of Section Leaders will be determined by need and qualifications of the students trying out. The Section Leaders must be a 10, 11, or 12th grader during the office term. They will follow the tryout process required by the directors.

CAPTAINS/Brass/Woodwind/Percussion

The Section Captains will help fulfill Drum Major duties at any event required, will oversee their section and section leaders, and will demonstrate and teach band members all required fundamentals. Section Captains will attend the required summer leadership camp, and perform any other duties delegated by the band directors during the summer and school year.

Qualifications: The Section Captains must be a 11th or 12th grader during the office term. They will follow the tryout process required by the directors.

LIBRARIAN/ASSISTANTS

The librarian will maintain the libraries on both campuses to the standards set up by the directors, including filing, sorting, copying. The librarian will be responsible for the assistants and their work. They will attend the required summer leadership camp, and will perform any other duties delegated by the band directors during the summer and school year. This office is appointed by directors.

Qualifications: The Librarians must be a 11th or 12th grader during their office term and must be current with their financial obligations. The Assistants must be a 10, 11, or 12th grader during the office term.

UNIFORM CREW CAPTAIN

The Uniform Crew Captain will be responsible for all uniforms at any band function. He/she will help the directors select the rest of the crew and will be responsible for organizing the crew for the required duties needed. The Uniform Crew Captain will attend the required summer leadership camp, and perform any other duties delegated by the band directors during the summer and school year. This office is appointed by directors.

Qualifications: The Uniform Crew Captain must be an 11th or 12th grader during the office term.

COLOR GUARD JACKETS

Color Guard jacket fittings are scheduled by VISD and usually occur in April and September with a delivery date of approximately 4-5 months. Students may be awarded only one letter jacket from VISD during their enrollment in high school. To receive a color guard jacket you must meet one of the following criteria:

Criteria 1

- You must be enrolled in the program the entire year, AND
- You must earn a position on the weapon line, AND
- Perform a director approved solo at a performance, AND
- You must be eligible during ALL grading periods including the 1st 6 Weeks Grade for that year, AND
- You must not have any unexcused absences from a rehearsal or performance for that year.

Criteria 2

- You must be classified as a junior, AND
- You must be enrolled in the program the entire year, AND
- You must earn a position on the weapon line, AND/OR
- Perform a director approved solo at a performance, AND
- You must be eligible during ALL grading periods including the 1st 6 Weeks Grade for that year, AND
- You must not have any unexcused absences from a rehearsal or performance for that year.

BAND JACKETS

Band jacket fittings are scheduled by VISD and usually occur in April and September with a delivery date of approximately 4-5 months. Students may be awarded only one letter jacket from VISD during their enrollment in high school. To receive a jacket, you must meet one of the following criteria:

Criteria 1

- You must be enrolled in the band program the entire year, AND
- You must earn a chair in one of the Region Bands or UIL State Solo Contest AND
- You must earn a 1st division on a Class 1 or Class 2 Solo, AND
- You must be eligible during ALL grading periods including the 1st 6 Weeks Grade for that year, AND
- You must not have any unexcused absences from a rehearsal or performance for that year.

Criteria 2

- You must be classified as a junior, AND
- You must be enrolled in the band program the entire year, AND
- You must earn a chair in one of the Region Bands, OR
- You must earn or have earned a 1st Division on a Class 1 or Class 2 Solo, OR
- You must earn or have earned a 1st Division on a Class 1 Ensemble, AND
- You must be eligible during ALL grading periods including the 1st 6 Weeks Grade for that year, AND
- You must not have any unexcused absences from a rehearsal or performance for the year.

FUNDRAISING

This year the band will be fundraising to help your child in their musical education, provide equipment, transportation costs, lessons, clinicians, marching drill and arrangements, help supplement a possible trip, and many other areas and needs. Without fundraising we would not be able to continue to improve the band program, and help all children reach their fullest potential. BAND fundraisers are separate from BAND BOOSTER fundraisers. The following items briefly outline the two types of fundraisers, and your child's goals in fundraising. A student who does not fulfill their fundraising goals may not participate in BAND trips and as a consequence, may not be eligible for competition groups.

Each child may use BAND fundraising to cover the projected costs of their individual needs and also are encouraged to equally participate in group fundraising to achieve the band goals. BAND fundraiser's money is NOT transferrable to the BAND BOOSTERS.

BAND BOOSTER fundraisers are largely group activities which benefit the entire band and these funds are also used to pay for any in-state or out of state trips. (see BAND BOOSTERS for goals and details.

PRIVATE INSTRUCTION

Private instruction is the number #1 tool used by schools across the country to improve individual student performance and appreciation for the art of music. Our primary focus is to help every child in our program benefit from as much individual attention that we can give them by hiring the most qualified teachers possible for every instrument. All lesson teachers must be hired through the Band Program. The payment for these lessons will be handled through the band program through individual payments and the donation from the VEHS Band Boosters.

Because of the performance capabilities needed, any student interested in earning a position in the Wind Ensemble must take private instruction weekly as available. (All band students are encouraged to take private instruction.) All of the band directors at VEHS and professional musicians from the area, including Victoria College, UT @ Austin, Texas A&M Kingsville, Del Mar College, the Corpus Christi Symphony, and the Victoria Symphony have been contacted and may be working with the band students. Because of the large student population, individual instruction may not be available and group lessons will be substituted.

BAND TRIP

Available funding and competitions, student participation, and administrative approval will determine the possibility of a band trip. The general plan is to take an out of state band trip every other year and a possible senior trip on the off years. The booster club will do everything they can to help the students raise the necessary funds. The following eligibility requirements will be necessary for a student to participate.

- All financial obligations must be met to the band and booster club
- Students must be eligible to participate on the band trip
- A deadline for eligibility and financial responsibility will be included in the trip contract
- Students should have no unexcused absences
- A student's conduct must not be in question from discipline referrals from any class or director.

A chaperone list for the band trip will be generated by the booster club, with band director input, based on parent involvement in the band's activities throughout the year.

This form is required to participate and this page must be returned to the directors, signed and dated by August 24, 2018.

I have read the Band Handbook and Activity Calendar with my child, and I understand my responsibility, and my child's responsibility to the Victoria East High School Band Program. I give permission for my child to attend and travel to all band functions.

STUDENT NAME (PLEASE PRINT)

STUDENT SIGNATURE

DATE

PARENT/GUARDIAN SIGNATURE

DATE