



2015-16

## KUNA HIGH SCHOOL BAND HANDBOOK

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### MISSION STATEMENT

The goal of the Kuna High School Band Program is to provide students with a well-balanced music education centered around band performance.

Students will learn about responsibility, time-management, relationships, musical expression, discipline, dedication, music theory and gain skills relative to their instrument.

Students will be able to experience a variety of music and music ensembles.

This education will help prepare students for postsecondary education opportunities and vocations related to music or otherwise.

PLEASE FEEL FREE TO CONTACT MR. KRALL ANYTIME AT [skrall@kunaschools.org](mailto:skrall@kunaschools.org) OR STOP BY THE BAND ROOM!

### ACADEMICS

The Kuna High School Band Program follows IHSAA guidelines for academics. As per IHSAA rules and regulations, students participating in IHSAA-sanctioned events (DIII Band Festival, DIII Jazz Festival, DIII Marching Band Competition, DIII Solo and Ensemble Festival and State Solo and Ensemble Festival), must maintain a 2.0 GPA and have no more than one 'F'.

Grade checks will be initiated up to 2 weeks before a competition or event during which time a student may increase their grades until 2 days before the event, when final grade checks will occur. Students who are not eligible will not be allowed to perform and their band grade will be affected accordingly. These students, however, will be required to attend the performance for a lower grade.

### ATTENDANCE

Students involved in the Kuna High School Band Program must maintain strong attendance to enjoy all the benefits of the band program. Outside of class time, students are expected to participate in different events, such as concerts, fundraisers, rehearsals and activities. Due to the educational purpose of such events, attendance will be taken and a grade will be associated with each event.

Punctuality is crucial in the music world. Performers, regardless of talent, who fail to be on-time likely forfeit their ability to continue with success. Event hosts will not invite groups back to perform if the group is spotty with their attendance and punctuality. Being tardy is unacceptable as a member of the Kuna Bands.

During the fall marching band season, the following expectations are provided for attendance and punctuality:

- Students who are tardy to a rehearsal/event are asked to check-in with the proper individuals. If a student fails to do so, their grade will be counted as an absence.
- Students who are tardy twice will receive a verbal warning.
- Students who are tardy more than four times will be suspended from performance. These students, however, will be required to attend the performance for a lower grade.

- Excuses for missing a rehearsal/event are to be approved by the director AT LEAST 2 weeks before the event.
- The only accepted unexcused absence or tardiness for a rehearsal/event is a provided doctor's note or a parent note for the death of a family member.
- Students who fail to attend a rehearsal immediately preceding a performance will be suspended from the performance. These students, however, will be required to attend the performance for a lower grade.
- Students who have 2 or more unexcused absences will be suspended from the next performance. However, these students will be required to attend the performance for a lower grade.

The premise behind these rules is to hold students accountable for their attendance and punctuality. If students are regularly at rehearsal in a timely manner and keep updated on the current schedule then there should be no grading issues. Emergencies do happen, but following the guidelines in this section will lead to more effective communication, understanding and higher achievement.

### **BAND LETTER**

Below you will find the requirements in order to letter in band for the 2015-16 school year.

Requirements:

- Students must be enrolled and participate in band for the entire year (colorguard students must be enrolled in some sort of music class 2nd semester or be a part of Winterguard).
- Students must have grades no lower than an 'A' in any music class.
- Students must have a GPA of 2.5 or higher and have no F's in order to demonstrate their ability to be a well-balanced student musician.
- Students must have no delinquent fines or fees.
- Students must have an appropriate attitude in band.
- Students must have director approval.

Of the following, record at least 1000 points:

- 300 Private Lessons for at least 8 months
- 200 All-State or All-Northwest Participation
- 200 100% attendance (no tardies)
- 200 Jazz Band Enrollment
- 200 DIII Solo and Ensemble Participation
- 200 Winterguard or Winter Percussion Full Participation
- 200 Play All 12 Major Scales (memorized)
- 200 Honor Band Participation
- 100 State Solo and Ensemble I Rating
- 100 DIII Solo and Ensemble I Rating
- 100 Choir or Orchestra Enrollment
- 100 Theory Class Enrollment (At Least 'B' Semester Grade)
- 100 College Instrumental Audition
- 100 Attend a Summer Music Camp
- 100 Section Leader or Drum Major
- 100 Attend 3 Outside Band Concerts

## 2015-16 CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Below is a preliminary list of events that the Kuna High School Band Program will be participating in for the 2015-16 season. Due to the nature of scheduling events, there will be some shifting in the schedule. Please notify Mr. Krall of any conflicts ASAP via email. Updates to this calendar of events (with times) will be posted online at [www.kunabands.com/calendar.html](http://www.kunabands.com/calendar.html)

June 15-19	Drumline/Colorguard/Leadership Camp
July 1	Air Force Band Clinic and Performance at KPAC
July 6	Everyone together- info and setup for fall season.
July 7	DCI Show
July 21	Freshmen Basics
July 22	Everyone Basics
Aug 5-8	Band Camp Time TBA
Aug 10-14	Band Camp Time TBA
Aug 14	Parent Preview Performance Start at 8pm call time 5pm
Sept 4	Home Football
Sept 18	Home Football
Sept 26	Caldwell Marching Show
Oct 3	Kuna Marching Show
Oct 9	Home Football
Oct 10	Vallivue Marching Show
Oct 16	Home Football
Oct 17	DIII Marching Show
Oct 24 or 31	Other Marching Show
Dec 3, 4	DIII Jazz Festival (Jazz I and Jazz II)
Dec 15, 17	Dress Rehearsal and Christmas Concert
TBA	4 Home Basketball Games (Jan/Feb) Based on Spring Roster
Jan 5	Start Pep Band Music
Jan	Start Winter Percussion (12 weeks) Potentially Rehearse Tues/Fri
Jan	Start Winter Guard (12 weeks) Potentially Rehearse Mon/Thurs
Feb 16/18	Mass Band Concert (week before registration for freshmen)
Feb 22?	Freshmen Registration
Feb/Mar	School Musical
March	Registration for 16-17
March 2?	DIII Solo and Ensemble Festival
March	3 Winter Percussion Performances (NWAPA/IMPA)
March	3 Winter Guard Performances (NWAPA or other)
March 31/April 1	Gene Harris Jazz Festival
April 5, 7	Dress Rehearsal and Pre Festival Concert
April 14/15?	DIII Band Festival
May 6?	State Solo and Ensemble Festival
May 10/12 or 17/19	Dress Rehearsal and Spring Concert
May 20?	Graduation



## CLASS DESCRIPTIONS

The Kuna High School Band Program tailors music education to the needs of individuals and groups based on the Idaho State Music Content Standards:

[www.sde.idaho.gov/site/content\\_standards/HumanitiesStandards/Music/9-12%20Music.pdf](http://www.sde.idaho.gov/site/content_standards/HumanitiesStandards/Music/9-12%20Music.pdf)

Below you will find a description of each band class offered at Kuna High School:

### Concert Band

- This class is a full year class. Exiting at certain semesters is not allowed.
- This class requires rehearsal time and performances outside of school hours.
- Students must be in good academic standing to continue in this class.

This is the standard band performance ensemble at Kuna High School. This course includes Marching Band in the fall (required) and concert band literature in the winter and spring. Band camp is mandatory and is tentatively scheduled for August. Previous performance in band is preferred, though not required. Please see Mr. Krall if you have never played in a band class before.

### Wind Ensemble

- This class is a full year class. Exiting at certain semesters is not allowed.
- This class requires rehearsal time and performances outside of school hours.
- Students must be in good academic standing to continue in this class.
- Entry into this class is by director approval.

This is the upper level band performance ensemble at Kuna High School. This course includes Marching Band in the fall (required) and concert band literature in the winter and spring. Band camp is mandatory and is tentatively scheduled for August. It is open to students of any grade, though students **MUST AUDITION** in order to be placed in this advanced ensemble.

### Jazz II

- This class is a full year class. Exiting at certain semesters is not allowed.
- This class requires minimal rehearsal time and performances outside of school hours.
- Students must be in good academic standing to continue in this class.

This is the standard jazz performance ensemble at Kuna High School. Previous performance in band is preferred, though not required. Please see Mr. Krall if you have never played in a band class before. Students **MUST** also be a part of Concert Band, Wind Ensemble or Percussion Class in order to participate in this ensemble. Please see Mr. Krall if you are interested in playing guitar, bass or piano.

### Jazz I

- This class is a full year class. Exiting at certain semesters is not allowed.
- This class requires minimal rehearsal time and performances outside of school hours.
- Students must be in good academic standing to continue in this class.
- Entry into this class is by director approval.

This is the upper level jazz band class at Kuna High School. It is open to students of any grade, though students **MUST AUDITION** in order to be placed in this advanced ensemble. Students **MUST** also be a part of Concert Band, Wind Ensemble or Percussion Class in order to participate in this ensemble. Please see Mr. Krall if you are interested in playing guitar, bass or piano.

### Percussion Class

- This class is a full year class. Exiting at certain semesters is not allowed.
- This class requires rehearsal time and performances outside of school hours.
- Students must be in good academic standing to continue in this class.

Students who play percussion instruments and want to participate in either the Concert Band or Wind Ensemble should take this class. This course includes Marching Band in the fall (required) and concert band literature in the winter and spring. Band camp is mandatory and is tentatively scheduled for August. Previous performance in band is preferred, though not required. Please see Mr. Krall if you have never played in a band class before. Colorguard members who want to be in Marching Band **MUST** register for this class for the **FALL SEMESTER ONLY**.

### Music Theory (Fall)

- Students should have a background in reading music.

This course is designed for students with some music background. The purpose of this class is to provide an opportunity for students to expand their musical knowledge and prepare for college music classes. Topics covered include: music notation, chord analysis, 4-part writing, rhythmic notation, basic piano skills, ear training, music history and music composition.

### Small Ensemble/Solo Class (Spring)

- This class requires students to participate in the Idaho State Solo and Ensemble Festival.
- This class requires minimal rehearsal time and performances outside of school hours.

This course is designed to help prepare students for solo and ensemble festivals which occur in the spring. Coursework includes preparing a state solo for festival and building other skills related to students' instruments. This class will also devote time to small ensembles, with students learning how to play music and work together in small groups.

### **EMERGENCY FORM**

Attached to this handbook is an emergency medical information form supplied by the school district. Please fill it out and return it to Mr. Krall.

### **FEES**

The costs to run a high-quality band program are significant. Fees are created to help offset *SOME* of the costs associated with band, but students and parents are kept in mind as these fees are determined. For the 2015-16 season (fall and spring), 250 dollars is the amount of the Fair Share Payment. This payment takes care of the following: marching band shoes, gloves, t-shirt, uniform maintenance, staff payment and music. Students with extenuating circumstances will not be withheld from band.

Mr. Krall does not accept any money. Fees are to be paid to members of the KGPCO. This payment is due by **DECEMBER 15, 2015**. Checks can be written to the KGPCO or paid online at this address:

[www.kunagoldparents.com/fair-share-payment.html](http://www.kunagoldparents.com/fair-share-payment.html)

## **GRADING**

Grades for each class within the Kuna High School Band Program are based on achievement, homework, participation, attendance and classwork. Grades are based around a points system where more crucial aspects of the course receive more points. Late work is subject to lose half the value of the original assignment. Students with special needs will be assisted in every way possible.

## **INSTRUMENT USAGE**

Kuna High School is fortunate to have instruments for students to use. Students interested in using school instruments for the duration of the school year are to pay a yearly fee of 30 dollars to the high school office. Students using school percussion equipment are also required to pay the same fee. These funds will offset SOME of the costs associated with the upkeep and cleaning of instruments.

## **KUNA HIGH SCHOOL**

The Kuna High School Band Program fully supports KHS policies as per the 2015-16 Student Handbook.

## **ONLINE CONDUCT**

Members and representatives of the Kuna High School Band Program are asked to remember that their conduct on and off the field reflects upon the organization. Additionally, please be responsible in how you represent yourself and the organization through online interactions and social media.

Please do not request “friendship” or “follow” staff members. They will not accept your request.

It is natural that students and families will want to document their experiences through photos, videos and recordings. This is encouraged and is a wonderful way to look back on past experiences. However, these forms of media must remain offline or in our closed Facebook group only.

Due to the highly competitive nature of music activities, only media that best represents the program will be allowed onto the internet after the conclusion of the competitive season. Please do not post any videos recordings or photos of any rehearsals without director approval. Photos and videos may be posted to the Kuna Gold Band Guard Facebook or the Kuna Gold Parent Facebook page since these pages are closed to the general public.

## **PRIVATE LESSONS**

Individual private music lessons are not required in order to participate in the Kuna High School Band Program, though it is **STRONGLY** encouraged. Private lessons will help students gain the skills and knowledge in order to be even more successful in the program. Consult [www.kunabands.com](http://www.kunabands.com) for a list and more information on private lessons.

## **STAFF MEMBERS**

It is one of the goals of the Kuna High School Band Program to employ a high-quality staff. Their purpose is to provide quality instruction in their realms of expertise. Students are to give all staff members their full respect and attention. Staff members are an extension of the director of Kuna High School.

## **STUDENT CONDUCT**

The Kuna High School Band Program has a tradition and reputation of being respectful, classy and professional. The more professionally members of the Kuna High School Band Program act, the more this program will continue to achieve.

As members of the Kuna High School Band Program, students are required to maintain appropriate conduct during class, rehearsals and at other events. Students constantly represent Kuna High School, their peers and staff members. This provides a great opportunity to show others the outstanding nature of the Kuna High School Band Program.

Student conduct that is detrimental to the program will be addressed by the director. While traveling, students are financially and legally responsible for any and all damages that occur to hotel rooms, facilities, equipment, etc.,. Students engaged in illegal activities are immediately removed from the Kuna High School Band Program. If such activity occurs on a trip, the student will be sent home at their own expense and will no longer be the responsibility of the Kuna High School Band Program.

## **STUDENT LEADERSHIP**

Student leadership is a valuable part of a successful band program. Student leaders are selected by staff members based on eligibility, character, action and attitude. For the 2015-16 season there will be 2 drum majors, 3 woodwind leaders, 3 brass leaders, 2 colorguard leaders and 2 percussion leaders. These student leaders are to lead and inspire other students to maximize their own potential. Specific roles and responsibilities will be assigned personally from the director.

## **UNIFORMS**

Uniforms are property of the Kuna High School Band Program and proper care of these uniforms are critical to maintaining a great appearance. Several band parents have put in a lot of effort to ensure that we have the best uniforms possible. Please help them out by adhering to the following points:

- Personal cleanliness is critical- please shower, keep clean hair and maintain good hygiene (deodorant!).
- Undergarments- clothing is to be worn under the uniform at all times.
- Care and upkeep- uniforms are to be treated with the utmost care. Please store uniforms properly (folded, ventilated, etc.).
- Garment bags and hangers- do not store anything in your garment bag outside of a clean pair of black socks.
- Rain- if your uniform gets wet please allow for it to dry.
- Eating and drinking- other than water, there is to be no eating or drinking in uniform.



- Ironing- never iron any part of the uniform.
- Plumes- plumes are to be handled by adults only. Do not store plumes in your shako box.
- Socks- long black socks are to be worn with the uniform.
- Marching shoes- you are responsible for keeping shoes in performance condition.
- Gloves- you will receive two pairs of gloves. If you need more gloves, you may purchase them.

Improper care and disrespect of uniforms could damage our uniforms. Damaged uniforms will incur the following charges: jackets(\$90), bibbers(\$45), gauntlets(\$7), plumes(\$30), shako(\$38), shako box(\$15), garment bags(\$14) and hangers(\$3).

If uniforms are found to be excessively dirty or with excessive odor during or after the season, they will be dry cleaned at the student's expense (around 15 dollars).

### **WINTER SEASON**

In order to encourage students' growth on a yearly basis, the Kuna High School Band Program looks to maintain a winter percussion group and a winter colorguard group. Staff members will head these programs, not the KHS band director. A reasonable rehearsal schedule will be created for these groups and attendance and punctuality are required for full participation. Due to the costs associated with such programs, additional fees may be required for participation in these programs. More information on these programs will be available in December.



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## DISCLOSURE

Please fill out and return the following page along with the emergency medical information form:

I \_\_\_\_\_ have read the 2015-16 Kuna High School Band Program Handbook and agree to abide by the rules therein. If I have questions, I know I can ask Mr. Krall, send him an email at [skrall@kunaschools.org](mailto:skrall@kunaschools.org) or check other information available online at [www.kunabands.com](http://www.kunabands.com).

We often use TeamSnap in order to relay information quickly to students and parents. Would you like to receive band notifications to your email through TeamSnap from Mr. Krall?

Yes or No

With this disclosure we would also like to get an estimate on numbers for the fall season so that we can start writing marching band drill formations. By signing this disclosure students and parents accept responsibility of a 20 dollar drill rewriting fee if the student withdraws from band before the completion of the 2015 marching band season.

Student Primary Instrument: \_\_\_\_\_

Student Secondary Instrument: \_\_\_\_\_

Student Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Student Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Student Phone #: \_\_\_\_\_

Parent Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Parent Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Parent Phone #: \_\_\_\_\_

## KUNA SCHOOLS EMERGENCY MEDICAL INFORMATION

**PURPOSE:** To enable parents and guardians to authorize the provision of emergency treatment for student-athletes who become ill or injured while under school authority, when parents or guardians cannot be reasonably reached.

NAME(last)\_\_\_\_\_ (first)\_\_\_\_\_ (mi)\_\_\_\_\_

DATE\_\_\_\_\_ M or F AGE\_\_\_\_\_ GRADE\_\_\_\_\_

ADDRESS\_\_\_\_\_ CITY\_\_\_\_\_ ZIP\_\_\_\_\_

PHONE\_\_\_\_\_

SSN\_\_\_\_\_ DOB \_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_

FATHER'S NAME\_\_\_\_\_ PHONE\_\_\_\_\_

FATHER'S EMPLOYER\_\_\_\_\_ PHONE\_\_\_\_\_

MOTHER'S NAME\_\_\_\_\_ PHONE\_\_\_\_\_

MOTHER'S EMPLOYER\_\_\_\_\_ PHONE\_\_\_\_\_

Name and phone of person other than parent/guardian who is authorized to approve emergency medical treatment:

NAME\_\_\_\_\_ PHONE\_\_\_\_\_

FAMILY DOCTOR\_\_\_\_\_ PHONE\_\_\_\_\_

FAMILY DENTIST\_\_\_\_\_ PHONE\_\_\_\_\_

HEALTH INSURANCE CO.\_\_\_\_\_

POLICY#\_\_\_\_\_ PHONE\_\_\_\_\_

In the event reasonable attempts to contact me/us at above locations, or other persons named above, full authorization is given for (1) the administration of any treatment deemed to be necessary by a licensed trainer, or medical practitioner, and (2) the transfer of son/daughter or ward to any licensed trainer, or medical practitioner; and (3) the transfer of son/daughter or ward to any licensed hospital or emergency clinic reasonably accessible. It is understood that this authorization is given in advance of any specific diagnosis, treatment or hospital care being required, but is given to provide authority and power on the part of school authorities and aforesaid agents(s) to give reasonable care. Facts are given below concerning the student's medical history which a medical practitioner should know.

BLOOD TYPE\_\_\_\_\_ ALLERGIES\_\_\_\_\_

ALLERGY SPECIFIC MEDICATION(S)\_\_\_\_\_

GLASSES OR CONTACTS: YES NO FALSE TEETH OR BRIDGEWORK: YES NO

LAST TETANUS BOOSTER\_\_\_\_\_

ANY PREVIOUS SIGNIFICANT MEDICAL PROBLEMS \_\_\_\_\_

DATE\_\_\_\_\_ SIGNATURE OF PARENT/GUARDIAN\_\_\_\_\_