



2016-17

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
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 may be initiated any time before a competition or event at which point 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.

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 at 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 tardy 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 still be required to attend the performance.

- 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 still be required to attend the performance.
- Students who have 2 or more unexcused absences will be suspended from the next performance. However, these students will still be required to attend the performance.

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 2016-17 school year.

_____ Student 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 6 months

_____ 200 All-State or All-Northwest Participation

_____ 200 100% attendance (no tardies)

_____ 200 each for Jazz Band Enrollment/Musical Participation

_____ 200 for second Band Ensemble 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

_____ 200 Band related service project

_____ 100 Attend all Pep Band Games

_____ 100 All-State or All-Northwest Audition

_____ 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 Music Camp/DCI Camp (beginning end of previous school year)

_____ 100 Section Leader or Drum Major

_____ 100 Compose a piece of music

_____ 100 Attend 3 Outside Music Concerts (non-pop/rock)

2016-17 CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Below is a preliminary list of some events that the Kuna High School Band Program will be participating in for the 2016-17 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

July 6	Full Band Meeting- required (more info available on this day)
July 7-9	Drum Corps International Show at Kuna High School (required)
Aug 5	Freshmen Basics, Percussion Camp, Colorguard Camp, Parade Prep
Aug 6	Parade Practice 10 AM- 1 PM
Aug 8-12, 15-16	Kuna Days Parade 9 AM Call Time at Kuna Middle School
Aug 16	Band Camp Time TBA
Aug 18	Preview Performance
Sept 9	Night Rehearsals Begin (Tu/Th Weekly- Time TBA)
Sept 16	Home Football
Sept 24	Home Football
Sept 30	Caldwell Marching Show
Oct 1	Homecoming Parade and Home Football
Oct 8	Kuna Marching Show
Oct 14	Other Marching Show
Oct 15	Home Football
Oct 21	Vallivue Marching Show
Oct 22	Home Football
Oct 23	DIII Marching Show @ Boise State University
Oct 25	Night Rehearsals End
Nov 1	Jazz Concert
Nov 14	End of Season Banquet at KHS Commons
Nov 17-19	Jazz I District Music Tour
Dec 1-2	Idaho All-State
Dec 13, 15	DIII Jazz Festival (Jazz I and Jazz II)
	Dress Rehearsal and Christmas Concert

These are most of the events for the fall season. More events and specifics are available online.

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

Kuna 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.

Kuna 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.

Kuna 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.

Kuna 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 encouraged for Juniors and Seniors.

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.

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. The Fair Share Payment for 2016-17 has been lowered to 225 dollars. A breakdown of what the fee is used for is included in this handbook. Students with extenuating circumstances will not be withheld from band. Student grades are not predicated on payment of fees.

Mr. Krall does not accept any money. Fees are to be paid to members of the KGPCO. This payment is due in three payments of 75 dollars on the following dates: July 6th, August 12th and September 23rd. Checks can be written to the KGPCO or paid online at this address:

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 are encouraged to purchase their own instruments. Students interested in using school instruments for the duration of the school year are encouraged to contribute to the upkeep of the instrument by way of a yearly fee of 30 dollars paid to the high school office or by taking the instrument to a music store themselves. 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 2016-17 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 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 and are funded through KHS stipends and fundraised money.

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. This can include, but is not limited to, language, horseplay and excessive displays of public affection. 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. 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 (\$15).

WINTER SEASON

In order to encourage students' growth on a yearly basis, the Kuna High School Band Program looks to maintain a winter group of percussion, colorguard and/or winds as often as possible. 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 these extra programs, additional fees may be required for participation in these programs. More information on these programs will be available in December.

From the Band Booster Organization:



Is your family new to marching band?

Feeling a little confused? Not sure what is going on?

Marching Band can seem really overwhelming at first but it truly is one of the greatest activities for any kid! We have it all broken down for you to try to make things a bit easier to understand.

Seriously...band camp?

Band camp is a necessary and very important part of the season - if not THE most important. This is where the students come and learn marching technique and their drill. They learn to work as a team and have a lot of fun doing it. Keep your eyes on the calendar for the dates and times.

Who are the Boosters?

The Kuna Gold Parent & Community Organization is a non-profit 501(c)(3) registered organization that supports the KHS music program. We are band parents and former band parents with the passion to help a great group of kids succeed. We assist Mr. Krall and work under his direction

You compete?

Competitions are where the band really gets to show their best on the field. Most competitions are held here in the valley but occasionally we will travel out of the area or out of state. Competitions begin the last weekend in September and run through the end of October or first of November. Competitions take up the majority of the day. Watch the calendar for exact dates, times and locations.

Can I order a shirt too?

YES! We love to support our kids! Watch the FB page and TeamSnap for ordering information at the beginning of the season!

Can I volunteer?

Parent help is not only welcome, it's greatly needed! There are many ways to help. We always need help with uniforms, help building props, help moving equipment, help feeding the kids.... The list is truly endless! Check it out! We also use Signup Genius when we need help for specific events and/or items. These needs are communicated via TeamSnap.

Practice is how long?

Practice is necessary for the band to polish and perfect their show. It is usually held 2-3 times a week in the evening. Practices are at a set time. Occasionally there will be an extra Saturday practice if Mr. Krall deems it necessary. Practices are open the public and will give you a great appreciation for how much time and effort go into a successful show.

What about trips?

Band trips are different from competitions. They are educational and recreational in nature and usually happen every other year.

What if I still have a ? ?

If you have a question or issue, please feel free to email Mr. Krall or Teri, the KGPCO Booster President.



2016 KGPCO Fair Share Payment

The KHS music program receives core funding from the district general budget but funding for the payment of accessory staff, show purchases, props, instruments/instrument repairs, uniforms and repairs are covered by fundraising. The Fair Share Payment provides the Kuna Gold with the financial support needed to continue on our path to becoming an award-winning program. We have made every effort to keep the amount at a reasonable and affordable level.

2016 Liberté Show Shirt & Kuna Band Shirt	\$20
* The show shirt is required for all band and color guard students as part of the uniform. The students will also receive a Kuna Band Shirt for other events.	
Marching (or guard) Shoes	\$25
*Most band shoes last no more than one season and are typically replaced yearly.	
Performance Gloves, 2 pairs	\$10
* 1 practice pair & 1 performance pair OR gloves for color guard members.	
Uniform Maintenance	\$60
* This covers uniform maintenance, tailoring, cleaning, depreciation of the uniforms and purchase of current color guard uniforms.	
Supplies	\$35
* This covers prop materials, flags, tape, hardware, lumber, paint, etc.	
Accessory Staff	\$75
* This covers Mr. Krall's staff members. These are the musicians/guard staff that will work with your student and their section to make our show successful.	
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The Fair Share Payment should be paid to the Kuna Gold Parent & Community Organization (KGPCO) by mailing a check to P.O. Box 242, Kuna ID 83634 or by visiting KunaBands.com. You may make the \$225 payment in full or pay incrementally by the following schedule:

- * \$75 - Due July 6th
- * \$75 - Due August 12th
- * \$75 - Due September 23rd

***Please make
payments to the
KGPCO directly.***

No student will be turned away due to inability to pay. If you need assistance or need to create a customized payment plan, please email KunaGoldParentPresident@hotmail.com

DISCLOSURE

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

I _____ have read the 2016-17 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 or check other information available online at 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. Turning in this document ensure you a position in the band. Please understand that withdrawing before the completion of the fall semester incurs additional fees in show design, music and other aspects.

Student Primary Instrument: _____

Student Secondary Instrument: _____

Student Signature: _____

Student Email: _____

Student Phone #: _____ Text? (Y/N)_____

Parent Signature: _____

Parent Email: _____

Parent Phone #: _____ Text? (Y/N)_____

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. This form also authorizes a student to travel with the band.

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_____