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Anderson High School Trojan Band & Guard Handbook



"The Pride of Northwest Austin"

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Austin ISD Fine Arts & Trojan Band Mission Statements

The Austin ISD Fine Arts Department believes that a Fine Arts education is essential for the development of the whole child. The arts provide students with unique experiences that allow them to explore their passions, maximize their creativity and critical thinking skills, and learn valuable lessons about self-motivation, dedication, teamwork and communication.

The mission of the Anderson Band program is to cultivate in each student a lifelong love of music while continually raising our standards of excellence through common goals, unified efforts, mutual respect, and a tradition of success.

Calendar

To avoid scheduling conflicts, the complete annual performance schedule is available on our band website andersontrojanband.com. The schedule is subject to change and students & parents will be notified as soon as possible if there are any changes.

General Participation Statement

Performance of music is the standard by which learning and proficiency are measured. Therefore, all band students are required to participate in every performance unless otherwise authorized by their director. These performances include concerts, football games, contests, parades, and individual competitions required for membership in a given ensemble.

Students must enroll concurrently in Concert and Marching Band classes. Members of the color guard must enroll concurrently in Color Guard and Marching Band classes. Exceptions will only be made for class conflicts caused by the need to fulfill graduation requirements or participation in a conflicting school activity and must be approved by a band director in advance.

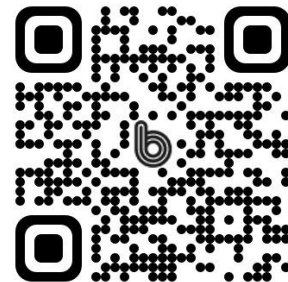
Communication

Clear communication helps us avoid conflict. We communicate in multiple ways to ensure that everyone is up to date, and there are no surprises.

- Mr. Nedley sends out the Trojan Band Blast on **BAND App** every Sunday. This will cover all scheduled events for the upcoming week. All students should be enrolled in the **Anderson Trojan Band** group, and all parents/guardians should be enrolled in the **Trojan Band Parents** group.
- Students are informed of all upcoming events and performance in class. Directors make daily announcements and distribute handouts when necessary. Students are responsible for taking that information home and sharing with their parents/guardians.
- If a student or parent needs to communicate with any of the directors they should contact them through direct message on the **BAND App** this will be the quickest way to receive a response from the directors.
- The **BAND app** is also a frequently used means of communication, mostly for time-sensitive updates such as weather delays, travel notices, and any other pertinent information.



Trojan Band (Main)



Trojan Band Parents

Facility Use Expectations

It is a privilege for students to use the band hall outside of their class time. If for any reason students are not following the expectations listed, the band hall may be closed for all students.

All expectations listed are non-negotiables;

- Students will not be allowed in the band hall, percussion room, uniform room, band offices, music library, or practice rooms without a band director or private lesson instructor on campus. The only people allowed to open up the band hall for students are the band directors.
- Food, candy, gums, drinks other than water, are strictly prohibited from the band hall and surrounding rooms.
- Students must knock, wait to be invited in, and properly greet the directors if they need to enter the band offices. Band offices are off limits on game days, competitions, and concert days, no exceptions.
- Students are responsible for their own property, respect other people's property by not touching, borrowing, or using another person's belongings. This includes backpacks, purses, and any instruments/equipment. If it is not yours, do not touch it.
- Director offices, the music library, and uniform rooms are off limits unless given permission from a band director. The copy machine should only be used by directors and band librarians.
- Practice rooms, and ensemble rooms are to be used for practice and rehearsal only. The Percussion Room is to be used by percussion students only, unless a band director is holding a sectional in that space. DO NOT EAT, STUDY, OR LOITER IN THESE SPACES.
- Do not remove chairs from any room without permission from a director.
- Do not deface, write on, or vandalize any equipment in the fine arts wing.
- All equipment and cases must be in use at your chair, on the field during rehearsals, or in your locker. Never leave cases on the ground in front of your locker in the band hall or in the instrument room during rehearsal. Failure to do so will result in the equipment being confiscated.
- Students who are not enrolled in band may not enter the band hall area. If there is a student who is not enrolled in band in the band hall area please notify a band director immediately.
- All cell phones should be put away so as to not distract students while in the band hall. Cell phones will be confiscated if seen in the band hall.

School Owned Instruments

The School District provides a limited number of instruments for student use. Thus, all school owned equipment must be handled with optimum care. The following is a list of general procedures for school owned instruments:

- There is a one-time (per year, per instrument) \$25 instrument usage fee to help cover the cost of routine care and maintenance.
- All students who need a school owned instrument will be issued one. However, students who fail to care for school issued instruments properly may lose the privilege to use these instruments.
- The School District does not provide insurance for individually- or school-owned equipment. If there is a concern regarding insurance, it is recommended that the instrument be listed under the homeowners insurance, otherwise the renting family will be held responsible. This responsibility includes providing insurance against theft, damage due to fire, abuse, and accidents.
- Students and parents must sign an instrument usage form before the student can use the instrument.
- Each instrument will be issued in good playing condition. Students are expected to maintain their issued instruments accordingly.
- All equipment and materials must be kept in their proper storage location when not in use.
- NEVER ALLOW ANOTHER PERSON TO PLAY YOUR INSTRUMENT. YOU ARE RESPONSIBLE FOR ANY DAMAGE!

Special Note:

School owned instruments are not to be treated as "free" instruments. Basic supplies must still be purchased and repairs must still be made just like personally owned instruments. Please strive to treat these instruments as if they were your own. Most school owned instruments exceed a \$2,000.00 value. *Since the expense of purchasing, leasing, or renting is deferred, students using school owned instruments are strongly encouraged to participate in the private lesson program.*

Lockers

Each student will be assigned a locker in the band hall. These lockers are provided to secure and store instruments, music, and books. Keep equipment in your assigned locker and keep your locker clean and neat. Items that attract insects or that contain excess moisture such as food, clothes, water bottles containing water, etc. are strictly prohibited from being stored in the band lockers. Do not attach items such as stickers, tape, tacks, screws, or anything else to your locker without permission from a director. Do not tamper with the labels. AISD faculty, staff, and administration are not responsible for lost or damaged property taken from lockers left unsecured at any time. Students who ignore these rules will risk losing their lockers permanently.

Cell Phone Policy

Students are required to have a charged mobile phone at all Marching Band rehearsals. Every student (excl. front ensemble students) will need to have the UDBapp Pro App installed on their device. This is how we send out new coordinates for students as we learn our competitive marching band show.

During the school day (9:05-4:35) students will not be permitted to be on their mobile phones. Tuners and metronomes are provided by the band, phones should be put away and will be confiscated if seen during the school day.

Rehearsal Supplies

The following list is the required supplies students will need every day in class/rehearsals:

- 1"-2" binder to hold: method book, warm-ups, music, handouts, etc.
- Pencil
- Instrument
- Phone (for marching rehearsals only)
- Flip Folder & Lyre with required music
- Water Bottle (½ gallon jug assigned)
- Metronome/Tuner and Tuner Clip

Uniform Expectations

All students will receive a marching band uniform to wear at Football Games, Competitions, and Community Performances. The 2026 Marching Band consists of the following uniform parts:

- Black Marching Shoes
- Long Black Crew Socks (not provided)
- Black Pants (Bibbers)
- Echoes of Eternity Performance Top

The Color Guard has their own show specific uniform for each marching band season. All expectations for uniform care and behavior while in uniform apply to the Color Guard as well.

Once checked out by the student, the uniform becomes the responsibility of that student, if a uniform part is lost or damaged, the student is responsible for the replacement costs.. When not being worn, the uniform should be hung on a hanger and stored on the hanging racks in the band hall or at home. At no time should a uniform be left in a car, the student's locker, or anywhere else. It is the student's responsibility to clean and take care of their uniform. Students will need to take their uniforms home after competitions/football games to be washed at home, instructions and dates for this will be communicated through ABBA (Anderson Band Boosters).

In the case of extreme temperatures students will be asked to wear a Summer Band Uniform for some performances and football games in August & September. The Summer Band Uniform parts are:

- Blue Dri-Fit Trojan Band Henley (provided)
- Black Chino Style Shorts (not cargo shorts, should not extend past the knee)
- Ankle Cut Socks (black, white, or gray)
- Athletic/Tennis Shoes

After Marching Band season is over we will transition to our concert band programming. For Concert Band performances (Winter Concert, UIL C&SR, Spring Concert, Concert Band Festivals) students are expected to wear the following:

- Black Dress Shoes
- Long Black Crew Socks
- Black Slacks/Dress Pants (NO JEANS/CHINOS)
- Black Belt
- Long Sleeved Black Dress Shirt with Collar

OR

- Black Dress Shoes
- Formal Black Dress
- Black Skirt with Formal Blouse/Top
 - Skirt/Dress MUST extend past the student's knees while sitting down.

When students are wearing the Anderson Trojan Band Uniform (Marching/Summer/Concert) they represent the entire Trojan Band program, as well as Anderson High School. Failure to follow these expectations will result in students' loss in their performance position within the band. These are the expectations students are expected to follow while wearing their uniform:

- Students will never be in partial or half uniform unless they are changing into or out of uniform.
- Students will not run while in uniform.
- Do not eat or drink anything other than water while in uniform, unless specific permission is given by the band directors.
- Students will not wear distracting jewelry (e.g dangling earrings, chains, bracelets, etc.)
- No foul language will be tolerated while in uniform.
- Students will follow the hair and make-up requirements set by the band directors.

Fees & Financial Obligations

Thanks to our successful fundraising efforts, Anderson has one of the lowest fair share amounts for a band of our size. Fair Share covers necessary expenses including; Band Show/Rehearsal Shirt, Competition Fees, Uniforms, Transportation, Competition Meals, Replacing Equipment, etc. Fair Share is required for ALL band & color guard students. Fair Share is due by the first day of band camp, August 27, 2026.

If you need financial assistance or want to set up a payment plan, please contact Mr. Nedley.

Payments can be made via cash, check (payable to Anderson Band), or School Cash Online.

Fair Share:

- \$550 per student

Equipment Rental (per semester):

- \$25 per instrument for woodwinds and brass
- \$50 for guard equipment (includes flags and rifle)
- \$50 for percussion (includes sticks and mallets)

Students may not be eligible to participate in band social events without fulfilling or arranging to fulfill financial obligations. *Please communicate with Mr. Nedley directly on any matter that involves financial obligations and deadlines.*

If you have outstanding fair share you will be added to the school obligation list at the end of the year. You will not receive a letter jacket or be allowed to travel on band trips if there are any outstanding band fees for the current year or previous years.

It is the policy of the Anderson High School Band that no student should be denied the privilege of band membership due to financial hardship. Arrangements may be made with the director for those students and parents who can verify the need. Please contact the Director of Bands directly to make arrangements.

Conduct

As a member of the Anderson Band, individuals represent the band program, the school, the community, and each of our families. The appearance and behavior of each band member should reflect pride in the fine reputation of this organization and the tradition of excellence that is the Anderson Band.

Band members must first abide by all rules and regulations set out for Anderson High School and Austin ISD. These rules, together with all laws set out by the state and federal governments supersede any rules and regulations set out by this program. Violations of district, county, state and federal rules and laws will be handled beginning with an Assistant Principal.

Austin ISD has a zero-tolerance policy for tobacco, alcohol, controlled substances, weapons of any kind, gang-related activities, and violation of state and federal laws. In keeping with district policies,

the Anderson Band also maintains a zero-tolerance policy for any and all of these activities. This program takes great pride in the quality of students involved. For our students, we demand that the environment in which they spend a great deal of their time must be one that is safe and that it provides an opportunity for personal and musical growth.

The Anderson Band expects that all of its students will exhibit those behaviors that are most conducive to a pleasant and productive working environment.

These behaviors include:

- Demonstrating courtesy and respect for others
- Obeying all district, campus, and classroom rules and directives
- Attending all classes and rehearsals regularly and on time
- Preparing for and having all requisite materials for each class
- Arriving to school well groomed and appropriately dressed
- Respecting the rights and privileges of other students, directors and staff
- Respecting the property and equipment of fellow students, the band hall, the campus, and the district
- Following all instructions from all faculty and staff members
- Entering the band hall area quietly and respectfully during on-going rehearsals, sectionals and lessons
- Maintaining a quiet rehearsal environment to maximize productivity

Misconduct includes, but is not limited to, the following violations:

- Using profanity, vulgar language, or obscene gestures on- or off-campus during band activities
- Violating any district, campus, or classroom rules
- Being tardy, failing to attend, or leaving school grounds or school-sponsored events without permission
- Inappropriate or unauthorized use of computers in the band hall area
- Inappropriate or unauthorized use of cell phones in the band hall area
- Theft
- Damaging or vandalizing property owned by others
- Failing to comply with directives issued by the directors
- Disrupting the rehearsal or performance environment

Students who have witnessed misconduct or have knowledge of acts of misconduct are required to report the infraction to directors immediately or they may suffer the same consequences as the person performing the misconduct. Failure to come forward with this information is the same as acting as an accomplice.

Misconduct may result in, but are not limited to, one or more of these penalties:

- Contact with parents
- Grade reduction
- Assigned written work or service to the program
- Denial of participation
- Denial of privileges

- Discipline referral to an Assistant Principal
- Temporary removal from class
- Removal from leadership position (if applicable)
- Removal from the Anderson Band program

Digital Citizenship

Maintaining a higher standard of conduct will also include ensuring that band member websites are appropriate. The internet is a worldwide, publicly accessible form of communication. Any communication such as Facebook, Twitter (also known as X, Snapchat, Instagram, TikTok, photo sharing, emailing, or texting, etc., appearing on the internet can be and is likely public domain, even if it is marked private. Members are responsible for their personal websites and postings as well as posting from or on other students' websites. The areas of appropriateness will include but are not limited to profane, foul, or disrespectful language (abbreviated or alluding to), pictures, suggestive poses, clothing, references to alcohol, drugs, and/or tobacco, and postings (either verbal or photos) that could be interpreted as being negative or threatening towards other teaching staff or band members, or that demonstrate poor sportsmanship or a disrespectful attitude towards other bands. Any such incident will result in review by the principal (or designee) and may lead to probation or dismissal from the band.

Band members that violate the above internet guidelines shall be subject to the following:

- Upon confirmation of a first violation, the member will be asked to remove any offensive items from the website(s) and will be asked to give an apology and plan of action to deter this behavior to the principal, directors, and band members. Parents/guardians will be contacted and made aware of the offensive behavior.
- Upon confirmation of a second offense, the above consequences will apply. In addition, the student will be suspended from all Band activities for a period of 3 days to 3 weeks.
- Upon confirmation of a third offense, the member will be removed from the Anderson Band Program.

Expectations for Travel

Band members spend a fair amount of time on buses. Therefore, the behavior of all participants should be such that it ensures that everyone will have a safe, comfortable, and enjoyable trip.

1. Students must travel to events and return from events on the bus. Any student wishing to travel otherwise must notify a director in writing and receive approval at least 24 hours before the event start time.

2. Students must have all necessary forms completed and returned in order to travel on any trip with the band.

3. Students must follow the bus behavior guidelines listed below:

- There should be no shouting or singing that may distract the driver.
- Music is to be played through headphones only.
- Stay seated at all times. Do not move about the bus while the bus is in motion.
- Do not distract the driver. If the driver asks that something to change, change it.
- Always be attentive, quiet, and seated when a director or chaperone is calling roll or giving instructions.
- Appropriate language only.
- NO GUM on the bus, ever.
- Place all trash in trash bags.
- Always leave the buses cleaner than the way you found them.
- Keep everything inside the bus, body parts and otherwise.
- Public display of affection (PDA) has no place either on buses or during any band or school-related function. The freedom to travel with a specific individual is a privilege, not a right. Inappropriate behavior may lead to the loss of that privilege.

Performance Behavior and Guidelines

Unload the trailer quickly in an organized fashion. Take instruments out of the trailer, move AWAY from the trailer to assemble instruments, then return cases to the trailer or area designated by the directors and band parents.

During performances or contest, parents and friends not currently enrolled in band are prohibited from the band area without permission from a director. This includes the stands in football stadiums, reserved band seats in any auditorium, and any warm-up or performance area. (This must be enforced by band members.) Band members need no distraction from their focus on the job at hand. Members should not accept food, drink, candy, etc. from parents or friends in the stands or in performance situations.

Be polite and respectful to all members and staff of other bands. When appropriate, you will have an opportunity to visit and be friendly with students from other organizations.

In the pre-performance area, there is no opportunity for socializing. When approaching or leaving

the gate, marching to and from the stadium, going into the stands area or warm-up area, members should avoid visual or verbal contact.

Members should remain silent and attentive when other groups are performing. Avoid visual or verbal criticism of any sort in public.

When a band finishes a performance, enthusiastic applause and acknowledgement is always appropriate, no matter the level of performance.

Behave like a world champion, with dignity, bearing class, professionalism, focus and pride. People around you will know who you are by the way you behave before, during, and after a performance.

Grading Policy

Each student in band begins with a 100 at the beginning of each six-week grading period. Failure to meet expected, communicated, and posted guidelines throughout the grading period will constitute points subtracted from the beginning grade.

It is important to remember the participation statement of the Anderson Band and the requirement of each student to participate in each performance of the band. Failure to meet the performance schedule will result in a significant grade reduction.

Individual classes (Wind Ensemble, Jazz Band, etc) will have specific grading policies, which will be outlined at the beginning of each semester by the respective director. Students are encouraged to take responsibility for understanding how they are graded and the status of their grade at any given point in time. Please make an appointment with a director to speak in person or simply email her/him to get specific information about grades.

While grading parameters may change from six-weeks to six weeks, the types and weight of assignments will be as follows:

Daily Assignments and Attendance 50%

Grades in this category will be based on lower magnitude/higher frequency assignments such as short written work completed in class, class participation/preparation, and attendance.

Performances 50%

This portion of the band grade will be earned through successful participation in public performances. It is extremely important to note that **PERFORMANCES CANNOT BE MADE UP**, not simply for policy's sake, but primarily because the performance experience cannot be replicated via a make-up assignment. This is the reason for the emphasis on student participation in every performance.

Attendance Policy

In order to have and maintain a high quality band program, attendance from all members is essential. The following guidelines outline the attendance procedures and policies for band classes. ALL ATTENDANCE conflicts need to be submitted via email to Mr. Nedley as early as possible and verbally communicated to a director and section leader/captain.

Roll Check

Roll check will be done promptly at the start of rehearsals. Students not in the appropriate place at the designated time will be marked tardy at the discretion of the director.

Tardiness

Students who have one or more tardies may be subject to the following consequences:

1. Grade reduction
 2. Loss of marching privilege for one or more football games
 3. Lunch detention or after school detention
 4. Referral to Assistant Principal
- * Consequences will be issued at the discretion of the band directors.

Excused Absence

The band policy will parallel the campus excused absence policy. Students who are continually ill may need to provide a doctor's note releasing them from participation in order to insure the well-being of the child and to reduce band director concerns. If in doubt, an absence should be checked with a director. Illness, death in the family, and family emergencies are the only excused absences.

Unexcused Absence

Students who have one or more unexcused absences may be subject to the following consequences:

1. Grade reduction
2. Loss of marching privilege for one or more football games
3. Lunch detention or after school detention
4. Referral to Assistant Principal
5. Removal from the marching band and loss of physical education credit

Eligibility

The Anderson Trojan Band follows the eligibility (No Pass No Play) guidance created by the Texas Education Agency and the University Interscholastic League.

More information can be found at this link: [2025-26 TEA/UIIL](#)

Chaperones

Parent chaperones are a crucial part of this band program. These parents volunteer their time to travel with the band and ensure that everyone gets to their destination safely. While every effort is made to have a director on each bus, there may also be parents on each bus. Chaperones are to be treated with the same respect and authority as a director.

Chaperones know what constitutes appropriate behavior. They are there to help students have a safe and enjoyable trip. Respect for and compliance with the chaperones will ensure that directors do not have to become involved.

Students are responsible for keeping the bus clean. A director or chaperones will pass trash bags out before arrival. A student will be selected to inspect each seat after arrival.

Special Note:

As a member of the band, you are a representative of your school. Always be on your best behavior. If you are in doubt about an action, DO NOT DO IT ! Your conduct must be such that at no time could it be considered a bad reflection on the school, the band, your home, yourself, or the community.

Summer Band Camp

Summer Band Camp will begin the last week of July. Attendance is expected for all students. The dates are announced as much as a year in advance for returning band members, and at least 3-4 months for new students in order to give families an opportunity to plan vacations.

Camp begins promptly at a designated time every day (this means the student is in place, ready to go at the appropriate time, not just arriving) and finishes in the afternoon. Teacher in-service dates may sometimes require some evening rehearsals. Great care is taken to prevent heat-related problems. Students are required to bring a personal water jug, eat properly, and be aware of their condition as we are outside. A detailed handout is sent to each student in early July outlining specific dates and times, what to bring, wear, eat, etc., but some general rules follow.

- Hats, sunglasses, & sunscreen are required outside during summer. Save your skin!
- Wear light-colored, loose-fitting, cotton clothes. Do not wear dark clothes. c) Wear socks and athletic shoes. No sandals, no bare feet, and no high-tops or ill-fitting shoes.
- Bring a good lunch, high in carbohydrates and fruit, low in fat.
- A water bottle is required for outdoor rehearsals. Do not let others use it. Keep it only for yourself. Go easy on caffeine and sodium, as they are dehydrating and will only cause more heat difficulties.

During summer band camp, students will work on marching fundamentals, marching drill, and music for the fall field production. They will also learn playing fundamentals, practice stand tunes for football games, and still manage to have some fun! We will have numerous social events during summer band. During the camp, we work very hard, as there is a lot to get done before school starts, but there is also a time for fun, and we will work very hard at that as well!

Color Guard

The Trojan Band is proud to have the Color Guard as an integral part of the band program. The Color Guard provides the dance and equipment choreography for the marching show and is an important part of the final production. During the fall marching season, there is no distinction between band and dance guard students. Color Guard is simply another section of the band, and meets during a class period every day.

Color Guard General Information:

Dressing out is required during rehearsal and is part of the daily grade. Dress out clothes consist of:

- T-shirt, shorts, appropriate athletic or dance shoes, sweat shirt and/or sweat pants (when cold), and additional items (director's discretion)

Tote Bags

The following items are to be kept in the tote bags. Additional items may be included at the discretion of the director.

- Hair spray, hair clips, bobby pins
- Make-up (in zip-loc bag)
- Tissues, feminine products, deodorant
- Electrical tape
- Wind suit (when applicable)
- Uniform parts (i.e. gloves)
- Towel (in zip-loc bag)

Football Game Procedures

The football game is viewed as a performance of the band program. Such performances include all aspects of the game from arrival to departure.

1. Students will arrive at the set report time. Students will load equipment and be prepared to travel at the designated load time.
2. Students will load the buses with all equipment needed for the performance. The section leaders will inspect all students boarding buses before departure. Students not meeting uniform, music, or loading guidelines may be sent home or not allowed to participate with the group. Students will receive an unexcused absence for such occurrences.
3. Upon arrival at the performance area, students will wear all uniform components and prepare equipment for unloading. Students will unload buses when instructed to do so by a director.
4. Students will sit in the assigned section. Students will remain in that section at all times.
5. Drinks may be provided by the band parent organization. Students will refrain from accepting food or drinks from parents, relatives or friends.
6. For restroom breaks, students must check in/out with a director. Students must travel in pairs (buddy system!). No restroom breaks will be allowed in the 2nd quarter as we will be preparing for our halftime performance.
7. Students will be given water after the halftime performance. No other food or drinks are

acceptable during the game.

8. Students will be expected to listen for and watch the directors and drum majors during the game. Students are expected to be prepared to perform at all times.

9. Students will only perform as a group or with approved small ensembles. No "noodling" allowed.

10. At the appropriate time, the band will be dismissed from the stands for the halftime performance. At this time, the band moves quickly, quietly, and efficiently to the designated area. Students will need to be focused on the directors' and drum majors' instructions.

11. At the conclusion of the halftime performance, students will return to the stands to cheer on the football team throughout the remainder of the game.

12. During the 3rd quarter, we will participate in the good sportsmanship procedures of officer meetings and introductions. The band president will create a schedule of which student leaders participate in this event. This will take place when there is another band at the game.

13. Prior to the end of the game, the loading crew will begin loading all front ensemble and guard equipment.

14. At the conclusion of the game, students will load buses quickly and efficiently. Upon return to the band hall, students will ensure that all uniforms, instruments, personal items, etc. are placed in the proper storage areas.

Marching Band Performances

The primary performances of the marching band will be at the football games. The marching band will also perform at various competitive marching festivals, U.I.L. Marching Contests as well parades.

Report Time: this will be the designated time at which all members should be at the high school or set location. Students should be in full uniform for the designated performance before the report time.

Load Time: this will be the designated time at which all members should be on the appropriate bus with all equipment loaded. (ALL EQUIPMENT WILL BE CHECKED BY THE SECTION LEADERS. STUDENTS WITHOUT APPROPRIATE EQUIPMENT WILL BE SENT HOME AND AN UNEXCUSED ABSENCE RECORDED.)

Return Time: this will be the time of return to the band hall. It is very important that your parents or guardians are located at the High School when we arrive so that all students and directors may leave the campus within a reasonable amount of time. Do not wait until we arrive at the school to call your parents.

Instrument Loading / Unloading

Students playing smaller instruments will transport their instruments on the bus. All others will keep their equipment on the equipment truck. Students will be responsible for seeing that their instrument or empty case is in the proper location. Students will also be responsible to see that their instrument is picked up and stored correctly upon the unloading of the instrument truck. Students who display difficulty in following the loading and unloading procedures may lose the privilege of utilizing the instrument truck and may be charged a maintenance fee or be required to share their seat on the bus with their instrument.

Concert Bands

Wind Ensemble, Symphonic Band, Concert Band

Enrollment in each group is done by audition. The size of the ensemble is determined by prescribed wind ensemble instrumentation with one player on a part for most instruments. Membership in these groups has stringent requirements and considerable expectations. Students in the Concert Bands must be double blocked unless they are in a Varsity-level sport or have special permission from a director. These students will:

- ❑ Most students can expect to practice at least 20 minutes per day outside of class or rehearsal time.
- ❑ Arrive on time to every rehearsal ready to be part of the bigger group. This includes learning individual parts and listening to recordings provided by the director.

Band students are strongly encouraged to enroll in private lessons.

Performance / Rehearsal Requirements for the Concert Ensembles

The concert program is the heart of any successful band program. During this time, the focus is on the musical enrichment of the students on a variety of styles of music. This creates a platform for music making to occur through the fundamental development of tone, technique, reading, and listening skills. Although concert season and marching season form two distinct parts of our year, both work hand in hand to develop a holistic approach to music education.

Each of the concert ensembles perform at various times throughout the school year. Students are expected to participate in all performances of their assigned ensemble. Failure to participate in either rehearsals or performances will result in student removal from the organization at the discretion of the band directors. (See general attendance policies.)

Concerts are considered to have three parts: warm-up, performance and listening. The concert begins for the student at the warm-up. Punctuality is essential. A concert concludes when the last group performs and directors have given permission for students to be dismissed. A general report time will be given for all students.

- ❑ All concerts are a group effort, thus, attendance is required.
 - ❑ All concerts are an extension of the classroom and will be graded accordingly. ❑
- Students should be punctual and prepared for each performance.
- ❑ In the event a performance causes a student to miss another class, the student is responsible to make up all missed work.
 - ❑ The appropriate dress for all concerts will be the dress uniform. (See Uniforms.) ❑
- Students are expected to stay the entire concert.

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT AND AGREEMENT FORM

Student's Name _____

This handbook has been designed to provide you with the rules and requirements for participation in the 2025-2026 Anderson High School Trojan Band. Its purpose is to give parents and students a clear and concise understanding of the workings of our band program and to provide a guide that covers most aspects of the function and requirements of participation.

We, the undersigned:

1. Have read and thoroughly understand and agree to comply with the contents of this handbook.
2. Agree to obtain a new copy if lost or destroyed.
3. Understand that this manual is to serve as a reference for student participation and will be checked periodically as a required part of the band curriculum for this course.
4. Understand that this document must be returned within one week of receiving this handbook.
5. Understand that no student will be allowed to participate in any band function that has not returned this document.

Student's Signature _____

Date _____

Parent/Guardian's Signature _____

Date _____