



# OAK GROVE BANDS

## **Middle School Handbook 2021-2022**

Director of Bands – Paul Rouse  
Assistant Director, Woodwinds – Zach Hassell  
Assistant Director, Brass – James Crocker  
Assistant Director, Brass – Daniel Johnson  
Assistant Director, Percussion – DJ Louviere



July 21st, 2021

Dear Oak Grove Band Family,

Every student and parent of the Oak Grove Band program is responsible for reading this handbook and knowing the information found within. It is also available virtually. You can find this handbook on our website at [www.oakgrovebands.org](http://www.oakgrovebands.org) and their class's Google Classroom.

Additionally, on your child's Google Classroom there will be a Google Form to fill out that will register your email for our band database, CHARMS. **This must be submitted online no later than Friday, July 30th, 2021.** Please take the time to complete this with your (the parent/guardian's) email.

Thank you so much for your attention to all of this very important information. We suggest keeping it on file with you in a safe place for future reference. As a staff, we strive to keep you updated and informed on what is coming up in your child's band experience and will notify you via Google Classroom, School Status, and email regularly.

Please feel free to contact any of the directors throughout the year if you have any questions or concerns. We do ask that you direct your emails to the band director that is over your child's specific instrument class.

*\*Because we are split between two campuses, email is the best form of communication. Emails are checked multiple times a day and will be responded to by the next school day. Thanks!!*

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**HERE'S TO A CHALLENGING AND PRODUCTIVE YEAR WITH THE OAK GROVE BANDS!!**

Musically yours,

The OG Band Guys

## Google Classroom Codes

Below are the Google Classroom codes for each band class. Please use the codes to sign up for your class that you are in. All information and assignments will be posted in these Google classrooms. It is crucial that every student is signed up so the band can function properly inside and outside of the classroom.

### 7th Grade Google Classroom Codes

**Woodwinds- tspohbp**

**Brass- vvfkuwq**

**Percussion- rc3cdja**

### 8th Grade Google Classroom Codes

**Woodwinds- ux7fnev**

**Brass- jht5f5n**

**Percussion- kxl7aa4**

## Class Rules for Appropriate Behavior

*\*\*Each student and parent/guardian should familiarize themselves with the following to avoid any possible misunderstandings.\*\**

- Each student is expected to adhere to all OGMS and LCSD policies as outlined in the Parent/Student Handbook.
- Students are expected to embody the phrase “respectful, responsible, and ready to learn”.
- Students will abide by each director’s specified expectations when entering the room. The band hall is a special place all students must respect when band class is taking place.

## Classroom Procedures

- Enter the rehearsal hall in a quiet, courteous, and orderly fashion
- Students must be seated with instruments assembled and proper class materials evident on minute following the tardy bell. Students will check the board for the day’s class agenda and arrange materials as indicated
- Students will not play instruments without permission
- The band director will dismiss the students from class

## Consequences

For students displaying inappropriate behaviors:

1. Receive a verbal warning
2. Student-teacher conference
3. Parent contact via School Status or short form to administration
4. Long form to administration
5. Can be removed from the band program if necessary

## **Supplies Needed for Band**

- Have a quality instrument in playing condition every day.
- Have the provided band binder and sheet protectors with all materials
- Pencil
- Name-tag on your instrument case
- There are additional materials that may be required based on your child's instrument (i.e: reeds, valve oil, etc). Please see the separate provided sheet with the information specific to your child's instrument.

## **Band Fee**

### ***Due August 13, 2021***

There is a \$35.00 band fee, which will cover the cost of a band shirt, as well as material for instruction and day-to-day operations. **CHECKS ARE NOT ACCEPTED PER SCHOOL POLICY!** Payments must be made by cash or money order **ONLY!** When bringing payments to class, placed in a sealed envelope with the following written on the front: STUDENT NAME, GRADE, INSTRUMENT, and "BAND FEE".

## **Grading Policy**

### **Mastery Assessments**

Mastery Assessments will be conducted each Nine Weeks. These skills-based assessments are a major test grade but also act as a "Check Point" for student progress. Students must demonstrate each of the Mastery Assessment skills at grade level achievement by the end of the school year to enroll in band the following year. Students will be given opportunities each 9 weeks to make up or "pass off" any previous 9-week's skills not achieved.

### **Performances**

All Students are expected to attend all performances that are marked on the calendar as "Required Events." Each Performance is considered a major test grade, like a group project. See the OGMS Band Calendar included in this handbook for specific dates and times. More details will be sent home prior to each event.

### **Major Tests & Daily Grades**

Additionally students will be given smaller daily or weekly assignments that will count as daily or major grades depending on the assignment. These will be communicated regularly by your child's specific director.

## **Drug Testing Form**

***Due July 30, 2021***

Every student participating in an interscholastic activity is required to fill out and submit an LCSD Drug Testing Form, which is included in this handbook (the next page). Parents and students are to fill out this form and submit it to their band director on or before Friday, July 30th, 2021.

## **Oak Grove Bands MS Charms Info**

***Due July 30, 2021***

- Go to your child's Google Classroom or use the link below.
- Find the assignment labeled "Oak Grove Bands MS Charms Info".
- Fill out the form top to bottom with all correct information.
- Submit once every field is filled out.
- This information allows us to input everything into our band database, CHARMS.
- You will receive emails and updates from the band directors.

*Completion of the Oak Grove Bands MS Charms Info form indicates that parents and students have **read and understand all information** contained in the 2021-2022 OGMS Band Handbook and **are accepting the rules and expectations** of the organization. This will act as an **electronic signature** of the legal guardian for the Oak Grove Band student.*

***\*\*This online form and signature is due no later than Friday July 30th, 2021.\*\****

### **OAK GROVE BANDS MS CHARMS INFO LINK:**

<https://forms.gle/YBPTmZGXYxMzzjE26>



**Thank you for all that you do as parents.  
This is going to be a fantastic year!!**



**The OG Band Guys**  
**2021-2022 Calendar of Events\***  
*Required Performances are in Bold*

- Friday, July 30th.....“Charms Info” Google Form Due
- Monday, Aug. 9th @ 6:30.....Band Parent Meeting (@OGHS Auditorium)
- Friday, Aug. 13th.....Band Fee & Required Materials Due
- Thursday, Sep. 9th @ 5:00.....Football Game (@OGMS Band Hall)**
- Tuesday, Sep. 21st @ 5:00.....Football Game (@OGMS Band Hall)**
- Friday, Nov. 5th.....Mass Band Night (@OGHS Football Stadium)**
- Tuesday, Dec. 7th.....Oak Grove Bands Winter Concert (@OGHS Auditorium)**
- January (TBA).....SEMBDA Auditions
- January (TBA).....SEMBDA Clinic
- April (TBA).....South Mississippi Band Festival @ PRCC (during school hours)**
- April (TBA).....Oak Grove Bands Spring Concert (@OGHS Auditorium)**

*\*Stay tuned for announcements with updates and additional deadlines/events. You can find announcements in **flyers & newsletters** that are sent home with students, **Google Classroom**, and **School Status Messages**. DETAILED INFO WILL BE SENT HOME PRIOR TO EACH EVENT.*





## PERMISSION TO TEST (Urine Samples) and AUTHORIZATION FOR RELEASE OF INFORMATION

**TO:** Lamar County School District Board of Education, Administrative Personnel, Athletic Director, Coaches, and Project Care Personnel

I hereby acknowledge that I have received a copy of the Lamar County School District *Drug Screening Policy* and the *Voluntary Drug Screening Policy*. I further acknowledge that I have read said policies, that they have been outlined to me, and that I fully understand the provisions of the program and agree to comply with the rules and regulations of the Lamar County Schools in this program.

I hereby consent to have a sample of my urine collected and tested for the presence of certain drugs and substances in accordance with the provisions of the Lamar County School District Drug Screening Program and at such other times as urinalysis testing is required.

I further authorize you to make confidential release to the district superintendent, assistant superintendent of operations, school principal, athletic director, coaches, my parent(s) or legal guardian(s), the head coach of any interscholastic sport in which I am a team member, the director of any extracurricular activity in which I participate, and the drug counseling program, all the information and records, including test results, you may have relating to the screening or testing of my urine samples in accordance with the provision of the Lamar County School District Drug Screening Program. To the extent set forth in this document, I waive any privilege I have in connection with such information.

I understand that any urine samples will be sent to a laboratory designated by the Lamar County School District for actual testing.

I specifically authorize the release and exchange of information by and between the School District and the Employee Assistance Program at Wesley and HealthWorks LLC, a service of Forrest General Hospital and Hattiesburg Clinic.

The Lamar County School District Board of Education and its officers, administrators, employees, and agents are hereby released from responsibility or liability for the release of such information and records as authorized by this form.

**I UNDERSTAND THAT I WILL BE TESTED IN ORDER TO PARTICIPATE IN ATHLETICS ON A RANDOM BASIS AND BASED ON REASONABLE SUSPICION OF DRUG USE. STUDENTS IN THE VOLUNTARY PROGRAM ARE NOT SUBJECT TO TESTING BASED ON REASONABLE SUSPICION.**

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PRINT STUDENT NAME

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STUDENT SIGNATURE

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DATE

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ACTIVITY / SPORT(S) PLAYED OR VOLUNTEER

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SCHOOL

\_\_\_\_\_  
GRADE

We, the parent(s) or legal guardian(s) of the above student, join in the above statement for the above minor.

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PRINT NAME OF PARENT(S) OR  
LEGAL GUARDIAN(S)

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SIGNATURE(S) OF PARENT(S) OR  
LEGAL GUARDIAN(S)

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DATE

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