



Anthony Wayne

Band Handbook

2014-2015

Band Members and Parents,

Welcome to another year in the Anthony Wayne Band program. Participation in a musical ensemble benefits a student in many ways. Not only do students learn to perform music, but also they learn how to function as a team and work together to create something that is impossible as an individual.

As we begin to develop into the band of 2014-2015, we will realize that we have a new group of friends to support and take care of. This family atmosphere makes band one of the most rewarding experiences in high school. We must all strive to help each other achieve at the highest level of which we are capable. Success cannot exist individually in an ensemble setting. Let's work together to be the best musicians and people that we can be.

In this handbook, please find a list of guidelines and expectations for all band members. If everyone is familiar with these expectations, we will accomplish more during rehearsals and performances and achieve at our highest levels.

Sincerely,

Roy Young
Band Director

Instrumental Ensembles

Symphonic Winds

The Symphonic Winds is chosen by audition and comprised of the most advanced musicians in the high school band program. Rehearsals for Symphonic Winds will occur during the school day, and there will be extra rehearsals outside of regular school hours. The Symphonic Winds will perform at concerts and OMEA District I Adjudicated Events throughout the school year.

Symphonic and Concert Bands

The Symphonic and Concert Bands are chosen by audition and rehearse during the school day. These bands will perform at concerts and OMEA District I Adjudicated Events throughout the year.

Pep Band

Pep Band is open to all students who are in the high school band program. The Pep Band will play at home basketball games as well as other performances.

Pit Orchestra

The Pit Orchestra will perform in the spring musical and will be chosen by audition based on the instrumentation of the music.

Jazz Band

The Jazz Band will be selected by audition after the end of marching season. Practices will be held after school on selected days. The Jazz Band will perform a variety of music including swing, jazz, rock, and pop.

Marching Band

The Anthony Wayne Marching Generals are a combination of all the students in band. The marching band provides entertainment for the Anthony Wayne High School football games and pep rallies. We will also perform at various festivals, parades, and other performances.

Honors Bands, Orchestras, and Festivals

There are a number of honors ensembles within the Ohio Music Education Association and other organizations that are available for students to become involved. Students are chosen for these ensembles through taped auditions and/or director recommendations. The director will distribute information for these ensembles as it becomes available.

Rehearsal Procedures

- Be in place with your instrument, music, and a pencil, ready to begin when rehearsal is scheduled to start.
- Students may warm up before rehearsals begin, but loud blasting or beating of percussion instruments will not be allowed.
- Students should only play their own instrument. Only percussionists should play the percussion instruments.
- All instruments should be stored in the assigned locker or other designated space. Music should not be left on the music stand or chair after rehearsal.
- Talking and playing should stop when the director steps on the podium.
- Good posture is demonstrated by sitting on the front part of the chair with feet flat on the floor.
- Students should not chew gum during rehearsals.

Grades

Grades in the Anthony Wayne Band program will be based on playing proficiency, attendance, and effort. Any written quizzes and tests will also be calculated into the student's grade.

School Owned Instruments

The Anthony Wayne Instrumental Music Department supplies necessary school owned instruments for a rental fee of \$25.00 per season (marching and/or concert). Students who are members of the Symphonic Winds or Symphonic Band are expected to play on a step up instrument (either personal or school owned). Normal maintenance and repair will be free of charge; however, the student will be responsible for unusual damage. The student and his/her parents will sign a rental agreement form.

Concerts

The Anthony Wayne Bands perform several concerts during the school year. Performance attendance is required with students dressed in the appropriate uniform or concert attire. Absences will have an effect on the students' grades.

Attendance Policy

Attendance is required at all band rehearsals, functions, and performances. Excused absences include the following: sickness or injury, death, family weddings, and other reasons excused by the director. Students should fill out an absence excuse form signed by a parent and submit it to the director at least one week in advance. Unexcused absences can result in a lower band grade or loss of position.

Jobs

Band students working part-time jobs have the responsibility to work out their schedule so they are free to attend rehearsals and performances. Employers need to be aware of the school schedule far enough in advance to plan work schedules. **Work is an unexcused absence and may result in losing a position or lowering a grade.**

Other Extra-Curricular Activities

Students may choose to participate in other extra-curricular activities. When conflicts occur with another school activity, it is the student's responsibility to communicate the conflict to the director as soon as possible so that a solution can be worked out.

Time sharing with other extra-curricular activities has been a solution in the past. When band and another school extra-curricular activity conflicts, a schedule on splitting the time between the two will be agreed upon by the advisors.

Students who miss a rehearsal for an activity or sport not affiliated with the Anthony Wayne Schools will be unexcused.

Fund Raising

All band members are expected to help with fund raising. Fundraisers enable the purchase of uniforms, instruments, equipment, and facilitate band travel.

Band Boosters

The Band Boosters organization provides financial assistance and meets other needs of the band. Membership includes the parents of band students in grades 5-12 and anyone interested in supporting the Anthony Wayne Bands. Parents are encouraged to be actively involved in the Band Boosters. Meetings are usually held on the first Monday of every month, except for December, January, and July, at 7:00pm in the band room.

Awards

Although it is our belief that the true reward for a successful season is the feeling of accomplishment and the intrinsic satisfaction of a fine performance, the Anthony Wayne Band does present each member of the band with a token for their participation. The follow guidelines will govern that distribution of awards.

Every student will receive a bar for each year of service. Any student who participates in a special performance, parade, festival or other trip will receive a pin, patch, or other token from that "big event".

Annual Class Awards

Marching Season

Freshmen	Numeral Patch
Sophomores	Letter
Juniors	Music Note Patch
Seniors	Instrument Medal

Concert Season

Symphonic and Concert Bands
Jazz Band
Pep Band
Pit Band

Pin
Pin – Letter after the second year of participation
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Outstanding Marching Awards

One student from each class will be chosen by the entire band to receive the outstanding marching band award of his or her class. These awards will be presented at the annual marching band awards concert.

Marching Band Positions

A drill block will be constructed using several alternate positions. Students must demonstrate that they have learned the drill and the music to be included as a performing member for the week. If a student has not demonstrated that he/she knows his/her drill and music, he/she will not march for the upcoming performance. Students may not be allowed to perform based upon poor attendance or attitude.

Guidelines for maintaining eligibility for a marching band performance.

- All music should be memorized and passed by the required time.
- Band members should demonstrate their ability to perform the drill from memory.
- All musicians should play and march at the same time.
- The student must be in attendance for at least half of the school day on the day of the performance.
- A student who has an unexcused absence from a rehearsal will not march at the next performance.

Pre-Season Practice

Band Camp will begin during the first week of August. A detailed schedule will be available on the web site. During August rehearsals, attendance is very important and required. Attendance will be considered when assigning positions. Students who do not attend, may be assigned to an alternate position. Students who are participating in a Fall sport should attend practice when it does not conflict with other practices so that they may be prepared to march as the opportunity arises.

After-School Rehearsals

Rehearsals will be held Monday through Thursday from 3-5pm. There may be exceptions to this schedule. Please refer to the band calendar for any changes. If a student is absent from school for an excused reason, he/she will also be excused from after-school practice.

Challenges

The challenge policy gives students the opportunity to obtain a different position in the drill block or to gain a position from an alternate status. If a student wishes to challenge for another position, the following guidelines should be followed.

1. The director will announce when opportunities for challenges will occur.
2. The student who wishes to challenge will inform the director of his/her intention to challenge for another spot.
3. The director will inform the student who is being challenged, and a time and day will be set for the challenge.
4. The challenge procedure will include fundamental marching and playing while executing marching maneuvers. Attitude and attendance will also be considered when deciding the outcome.
5. A student may challenge within his/her section, but not outside of his/her section so as not to alter the basic instrumentation. Example: An alto saxophone cannot challenge a trumpet player.
6. Challenges may be temporarily suspended by the director.
7. The director will determine the criteria for all challenges.

Marching Band Performance Procedures

Students will be informed of report times for performances in advance. It is the student's responsibility to arrive in time to get dressed, get his/her instrument ready and loaded if needed, and be ready to warm up. The band will march to and from the field in formation and full dress uniform. Uniform jackets may be removed in excessively warm weather after permission is given by the band director. Students should sit with their section in the bleachers with their instruments ready to play throughout the game. During third quarter, students are free to go to the concession stand, but must return before the end of the third quarter so that the band can play between quarters. Third quarter privileges may be revoked by the director.

New Student Orientation

The freshman class and any new students to band will have marching band orientation for at least one practice. Senior band members will help all new students with the marching maneuvers and fundamentals. The orientation days will be included on the band schedule.

Section/Squad Leaders and Big Brothers/Sisters

Section and Squad Leaders will be chosen by the director and will be selected based on leadership ability, maturity, and performance ability. Seniors will be assigned at least one freshman to assist, advise, and encourage during his/her first season in band.

Chaperones

Adult chaperones will travel with the band and assist with uniforms, equipment, and other needs. Students are expected to follow instructions given by the chaperones. All chaperones will be approved by the Anthony Wayne Board of Education.

Bus Guidelines

- Anthony Wayne Local Schools' bus rules and etiquette must be followed.
- Students will be given a report and return time. *Students must have rides ready to go within 30 minutes of the end of the band activity.*
- All band members are required to ride the bus to and from band functions. Permission for possible exceptions should be requested by filling out a Transportation Request Form available in the Band Room or the Main Office.
- Only band members, directors, and chaperones are permitted to ride the band buses.
- Do not leave anything on the bus. Pick up after yourself.
- Everyone is responsible for loading and unloading his/her own instrument and equipment.
- All audio equipment must have headphones.

Bleacher Guidelines

- Each section will have an assigned seating area.
- Do not leave the bleacher area without permission.
- Hold your instrument.
- Do not leave your instrument unattended. Do not play other people's instruments.
- Be back to the bleachers BEFORE the end of the third quarter.
- Throw trash in proper containers. Do not leave trash in the bleachers.
- Double check the bleachers before leaving for post game.

Emergency Medical Form

Each student must have emergency medical authorization form turned in to the director before the first day of pre-season practice. These forms are always carried with the band in case of an emergency.

Candlelight

The candlelight ceremony concludes the regular marching season in the fall. It is held in the band room after the last home football game. At this time, there is sharing of special memories of the season and the passing of leadership from the current seniors to next year's seniors. Immediately following the ceremony, the annual marching band party will occur on the school premises.

UNIFORMS

MARCHING BAND UNIFORMS:

- The full dress (marching) uniform is supplied to each student for the cleaning and maintenance fee of \$25.00 per school year. The fee will be paid at band registration.
- Fees for uniform parts to be purchased by students are included in this band packet.
- Students not participating in the fall marching season, due to fall sports, will pay a \$10.00 fee.

Marching uniforms include the following parts:

Jacket	Gloves
Ascot	Trousers
Hat	Spats
Raincoat	Garment Bag
Black Tennis Shoes	

- The total value of this uniform is over \$500.00; therefore, it should be treated very carefully. It should never be placed on the floor or crumpled.
- After performances, it should be hung properly. Uniforms will always be stored in the uniform room.
- Each student will need to pass uniform inspection before and after performances. If at any time the uniform is in need of repair or is not fitting properly, report it immediately to the uniform committee.
- Remember, each student is responsible for his/her assigned uniform. Uniform abuse and/or damage is prohibited and will result in disciplinary action.

SUMMER UNIFORMS

- The summer marching band uniform consists of the band T-shirt and shorts with completely white ankle socks and completely white tennis shoes. All items, except the shoes and socks, are purchased through the Band Boosters at band registration.

CONCERT ATTIRE

- Ladies will purchase a black dress through the Band Boosters.
- Gentlemen will purchase black tux pants and a white tux shirt through the Band Boosters.
- Gentlemen will be assigned tux jackets (to be stored in uniform room).
- All bow ties and cummerbunds will be purchased and assigned by the Band Boosters.
- To complete the attire: black shoes for all, black socks for the gentlemen and skin tone hosiery for ladies.

CONCERT INSPECTION

- Shirts ironed and tucked into trousers
- Solid white undershirt
- Shoes and socks/hose as required
- Proper situation of cummerbund and bow tie
- Clear nail polish/toe polish only
- All facial hair should be neatly trimmed
- Jewelry will be limited to a watch, one ring on each hand, one small stud in each lower ear lobe
- No visible necklaces, facial piercings, large, flashy jewelry
- No hoop earrings or gauges

**THERE WILL BE NO PUBLIC DISPLAYS OF AFFECTION DURING ANY BAND EVENT
(handholding only)**

UNIFORM DISTRIBUTION AND CARE

- Students will be fitted for their uniform during band registration on a scheduled day before band rehearsal. The Band Boosters provide each member with a uniform.
- While wearing this uniform, the student represents the band, school, and community.
- The following guidelines are to ensure that the uniform is well cared for and worn with responsibility and most of all, PRIDE!
- Uniforms will be kept at school, with NO EXCEPTIONS. Each student will be assigned a storage cabinet. Damp uniforms will be hung on racks to prevent mildew. Soiled uniforms will be reported to a uniform staff member to be dry-cleaned. Students will be charged for dry cleaning if the soil is a result of carelessness. The trousers will be hung properly on the creases over the hangers; jackets should be hung over the trousers, with the top button fastened. Each student is provided a new hanger with his/her name and pin number on it.
- The washing of the ascot, collar liner, and gloves will need to be done after each performance. Ascot: wash warm, no bleach, press with warm iron. Gloves are 100% cotton and will shrink, please keep this in mind as you purchase them.
- **Students should have ready before each performance:** hat, ascot, gloves, t-shirt, shorts, black shoes, and spats. Fabric brushes will be available for touch-up of uniforms and hats.
- Students may borrow items in case of emergency. Students will not be permitted to abuse this privilege. Students who do not return borrowed items within a week will be billed for said items.
- No uniform or uniform part shall be worn at any time other than a scheduled performance, unless directed by the Band Director. No band member shall exchange any part of his/her uniform with another band member or allow a non-band member to wear any uniform part. Each uniform shall be worn as a complete uniform at all times, unless otherwise directed by the Band Director.

UNIFORM INSPECTION

- Jackets buttoned
- Clear nail polish
- Clean gloves
- Clean shoes, clean and snapped spats
- Clean ascots, properly worn
- Hat brim one inch above eyebrows
- Band t-shirt on
- Long hair pulled back behind ears with hair colored bands (this includes gentlemen)
- Hair should be natural, clean, and well groomed. No extreme hairstyles or unnatural hair colors.
- Jewelry will be limited to a watch, one ring on each hand, one small stud in each lower ear lobe

Band Handbook Confirmation Agreement

- I have read, understand, and agree to abide by the policies outlined in the 2014-2015 Anthony Wayne Band Handbook.
- I understand that all performances are mandatory and unexcused absences may result in a lowered grade.
- I understand that being scheduled for work is not an excused absence and may result in a lowered grade.
- I understand that absences caused by sporting events not associated with Anthony Wayne High School are unexcused and may result in a lowered grade.
- I understand that a marching spot must be earned and no one is guaranteed a halftime position.
- I understand that if I am a member of the Symphonic Winds or Symphonic Band, I will use a personal step-up instrument or rent one from the band for \$25 (if an instrument is available).
- I understand that these rules may be modified at the director's discretion.

Please Check one of the following

_____ I will be participating in all aspects of marching band

_____ I will be participating in a school sponsored fall sport and have filled out the Fall Sport Marching Band Agreement Form.

Student's Name _____

Student's Signature _____

Parent's Signature _____

Date _____

Sheet1

Mon, August 4, 2014 Band Camp-9 th Grade, New Students, and Seniors Only	8-11:30am
Mon, August 4, 2014 Band Camp	6-9pm
Tue, August 5, 2014 Band Camp	8-11:30am
Tue, August 5, 2014 Uniform Fitting	noon-5:30
Tue, August 5, 2014 Band Camp	6-9pm
Wed, August 6, 2014 Band Camp	8-11:30am
Wed, August 6, 2014 Uniform Fitting	noon-5:30
Wed, August 6, 2014 Band Camp	6-9pm
Thu, August 7, 2014 Band Camp	8-11:30am
Thu, August 7, 2014 This is HS Registration – Please make arrangements to register after 11:30am	
Mon, August 11, 2014 Practice	6-9pm
Tue, August 12, 2014 Practice	6-9pm
Wed, August 13, 2014 Practice	6-9pm
Thu, August 14, 2014 Practice	6-9pm
Sat, August 16, 2014 Swanton & Pemberville Parades	8am-4pm
Mon, August 18, 2014 Band Pictures	6-8pm
Tue, August 19, 2014 Practice	6-8:30pm
Thu, August 21, 2014 First Day of School – practices will continue Mon-Thurs from 3-5 until the end of MB	
Tue, August 26, 2014 Preview Night	7pm (report @ 6pm)
Fri, August 29, 2014 Football vs. Findlay	
Fri, September 5, 2014 Football vs. Start	
Sat, September 6, 2014 Put in Bay Parade	9am-8pm
Fri, September 12, 2014 Football @ Tiffin	
Fri, September 19, 2014 Football @ Maumee	
Sat, September 20, 2014 Roche de Boeuf Parade	
Sat, September 20, 2014 Showcase	
Fri, September 26, 2014 Football vs Southview – Homecoming	
Fri, October 3, 2014 Football @ Bowling Green	
Sat, October 4, 2014 Defiance Band Show	
Fri, October 10, 2014 Football vs. Perrysburg	
Fri, October 17, 2014 Football @ Napoleon	
Tue, October 21, 2014 Symphonic Winds Concert	
Fri, October 24, 2014 Football @ Northview	
Tue, October 28, 2014 Marching Band Awards Concert	7pm (report @ 6pm)
Fri, October 31, 2014 Football vs Springfield	
Mon, November 24, 2014 Florida Trip until December 1	
Thu, December 11, 2014 Holiday Concert	
Sat, January 31, 2015 Solo and Ensemble Adjudicated Event	
Thu, February 26, 2015 Winter Band Concert	
Fri, March 6, 2015 District Large Group AE	
Sat, March 7, 2015 District Large Group AE	
Fri, April 24, 2015 State Large Group AE	
Sat, April 25, 2015 State Large Group AE	
Sat, May 16, 2015 Chicken BBQ	
Thu, May 21, 2015 Symphonic Winds Concert	
Sat, May 23, 2015 Toledo Memorial Day Parade	
Mon, May 25, 2015 AW Memorial Day Services	
Sat, June 6, 2015 Graduation	

Anthony Wayne Marching Generals Frequently Asked Questions

Q: How can I find out the upcoming events and news of the band?

A: Most information that you need can be found on-line at AWBB.org. The director also sends out a weekly newsletter with reminders about the events of the coming weeks.

Q: When are booster meetings?

A: Booster meetings are usually held on the first Monday of the month. No meetings are held during July, December, or January. Watch the website or weekly newsletter for specific dates. All are welcome.

Q: Can I just do marching band without concert band? Can I just do concert band without marching band?

A: No. Band is a full year course at Anthony Wayne. Concepts learned in one ensemble carry over and enhance the other ensemble.

Q: How much does it cost to be in band?

A: There are one time costs that a student pays when beginning band in the 9th Grade and there are yearly costs. The one time costs include gloves (\$3), ascot (\$3), marching T-shirt (\$9), shorts (\$18), boy's tux shirt (\$16), boy's tux pants (\$29), and girl's dress (\$64). Students also purchase a pair of black and white shoes for the marching uniforms (these are purchased on your own – examples are available to look at). The yearly costs include Marching Band Cleaning and Maintenance (\$25), boy's tux coat/tie/cummerbund cleaning fee (\$8), and instrument rental for any student using school owned instruments (\$25 per season-marching and/or concert). Students who are on free and reduced lunch have their fees waived. Trips are optional and costs are paid by the students. Financial aid may be available for students who wish to attend a trip but cannot afford the cost. Forms are available from the boosters.

Q: What and when is Band Camp?

A: Band Camp is a bit of a misnomer in that we don't go away and don't camp. Band Camp is usually begins during the first part of August and runs Monday through Thursday until school starts. At Band Camp we learn the positions and moves for the pre-game and first half-time shows. Typically the first week includes morning (8-11:30) and evening (6-9) rehearsals. After the first week, rehearsals continue in the evenings only. Yes, these rehearsals are mandatory. Students who do not attend may be assigned an alternate position.

Q: What is the Big/Little program?

A: Every year an incoming Freshman is matched up with a Senior Band Member. The senior mentors and assists the freshman with anything related to band or high school.

Q: Do the students have to have a physical to be in band?

A: No (please note the change from previous years). The band is not under the jurisdiction of the OHSAA and therefore does not require physicals. Students are encouraged to get a physical. Emergency Medical Forms will be collected from the office and taken with the band whenever we travel. Parents who would like to have over the counter medicines (tylenol, etc.) available for their son or daughter will need to fill out a form to allow medicine to be disbursed.

Q: Can I be in a fall sport and still participate in band?

A: Yes, students who play a school sponsored fall sport may choose to be excused from marching band responsibilities. Please see the director for details.

Q: What is the Marching Band Awards Concert?

A: Every year the band presents a concert in the Fall of highlights from the past year's marching band season. It is held in the Gym and includes awards that the students have earned throughout the marching band season.

Q: What is Candlelight?

A: Candlelight occurs after the last football game of the regular season. The seniors are given an opportunity to address the rest of the band to share stories of their past band experiences and express what being in band has meant to them. After the ceremony, the band has a lock-in until midnight where they can play games in the gym and enjoy food provided by the boosters.

Q: I am interested in chaperoning band functions. How do I do that?

A: Parents who are interested in chaperoning should submit their name to the chaperone committee chairperson. After names are collected, the list will be given to the band director who gives it to the principal for submission to the Board of Education. The BOE votes to approve these people as **volunteers**. **Volunteers** may chaperone and assist with the band on day trips, but are not approved to chaperone overnight trips. When an overnight trip is planned, volunteers may apply to be chaperones through the same process as before. To be approved as an overnight chaperone, the adult will need to have a FBI/BCI check and fingerprinted. This will be arranged by the chaperone chairperson.

Q: I don't really want to chaperone. Are there other things I can do?

A: Yes, we have many opportunities for everyone to help throughout the year. Every year we can use help with hospitality, snacks, truck and trailer, fundraisers, showcase, chicken barbecue, and other events. To volunteer, please contact the booster vice-president.

Q: I see some of the students wearing band jackets. Where can I get one?

A: Students may order a band jacket during uniform fittings. Some students will buy jackets from former band members also.

Q: What is the Spring Awards Banquet?

A: The Spring Awards Banquet occurs usually in May and is a time for the students to be recognized for their achievements in concert band. This includes a catered meal free of charge for the students. Adults pay for their meals. Students usually dress nicely for this event.