

# Smith High School JV Band Handbook



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# **What is JV Band?**

JV Band is Smith High School's non-audition concert band that meets year-round. Any Smith High School student is eligible to join. Students will be challenged to grow in their musicality individually and as a group. The band will play a wide variety of musical literature at their scheduled concerts throughout the year. The band will have 3 required scheduled concerts and is required to perform at KSHSAA State Large Group Music Festival in the spring. Students in JV Band will also have the opportunity to audition for regional and state band in the fall/winter, and take small ensembles and solos to regional and state contest in the spring.

## **JV Band Mission Statement**

The Smith High School JV Band strives to develop students' proficiencies in music theory, history, performance, musicality, and leadership through a music education curriculum that provides quality performance opportunities and instructional leadership to all Smith High School Students and the community.

## **The National Standards for Music**

The Smith High School JV Band fulfills The National Standards for Music in its curriculum, performances, and daily lessons throughout the year. The National Standards for Music are:

1. Sing alone and with others a varied repertoire of music.
2. Perform on instruments, alone and with others, a varied repertoire of music.
3. Improvise melodies, variations, and accompaniments.
4. Compose and arrange music within specified guidelines.
5. Read and notate music.
6. Listen to, analyze, and describe music.
7. Evaluate music and music performances.
8. Understand relationships between music, the other arts, and disciplines outside the arts.
9. Understand music in relation to history and culture.

# Course Goals

1. Develop skills and proficiencies in music theory, history, performance, musicality, and leadership
  2. Develop a wide repertoire of music to perform
  3. Develop performance skills by participating in various concerts and contests
  4. Create an atmosphere that allows students to achieve levels of excellence in musicality and personal growth
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## Year-long Calendar

### **2011**

- 08/30 - Band Instrument Check-out
- 10/10 - Band Chili Feed
- 11/12 - District Auditions @ Baldwin University
- 12/03 - District Band
- 12/14 - Holiday Band Concert

### **2012**

- 01/07 - State Band Auditions
- 02/23 - KMEA In-service Workshop
- 02/24 - KMEA In-service Workshop
- 02/25 - State Band Concert @ Century II in Wichita, KS
- 02/29 - Winter Band Concert
- 04/14 - Solo & Small Ensemble Festival
- 04/18 - State Large Group Festival
- 04/28 - State Solo & Small Ensemble Festival
- 05/02 - Spring Band Concert
- 05/04 - Worlds of Fun Festival of Music Contest
- 05/19 - Graduation\*
- 05/21 - Instrument Check-in

# Classroom Expectations

1. Students are to be in assigned seats ready to play with instrument, music, pencil, and necessary equipment at all rehearsals and performances.
2. Give attention and respect to all directors, staff, and student leaders during all rehearsals and performances.
3. No restroom breaks will be given during class time except for emergencies. Students are to plan accordingly and use the restroom before class so it does not interfere with rehearsal.
4. No food, drink, or gum is allowed in the band room.

## Discipline Plan

**Individually:** Students will lose 5 of their daily points for not meeting the expectations listed above. If the behavior continues, parents will be notified.

**Group:** As a band I expect for the group to hold everyone individually accountable for their actions. The band will start with 100 points, and if the band can earn 200 points by each concert there will be a pizza party following the performance. The group will lose points for individuals not meeting the above listed expectations, but can also earn points by having rehearsals that are focused and prepared.

## Attendance Policy

All rehearsals and performances are mandatory. Students will be excused only for illness, death in family, and family emergencies. Work is not a valid excuse for missing mandatory events. If there is any question of excused absences please contact Ms. Smith.

## *Audience Concert Etiquette*

1. Arrive early to find seats before concert begins.
2. Turn off all cellphone, pagers, laptops, and other noisemaking devices.
3. Stay seated during performance. If you must leave, do so in between songs.
4. Do not talk during performance.

5. Keep young children quiet and if needed, take them to the lobby to calm them down.
6. Show appreciation with applause at the end of pieces.

## **Grading Policy**

**Daily Work:** 10 points a day for participation in rehearsals. Not following the classroom expectations will result in deduction of daily points

**Playing and Written Tests:** There will be one playing test and one written test per concert set. Playing tests will be sections from the concert program and also sight reading. The written test will be over music theory and history. Tests are worth 20 points each.

**Performances:** Participation in performances is important in this class and so performances are 100 points each.

## **Private Lessons**

Private lessons are important for developing students' skills in music technique, expression, and theory. Students can receive private lessons from Ms. Smith or will be referred to a lessons teacher in the area. Lessons from Ms. Smith are \$10 per/half hour.

## **Concert Dress**

Concert dress for JV Band is black on black.

Ladies- Black pants, socks, shoes and blouse

Men- Black pants, socks, shoes and shirt (tie optional)

School dress code applies for concerts and bus trips.

# **JV Band Lettering System**

To letter in JV Band, students must reach a total of 150 lettering points

Audition for District Band-50 points

Participate in District Band-20 points

Audition for State Band-20 points

Participate in State Band-20 points

Take Solo to Regional Contest-50 points

Take Small Ensemble to Regional Contest-50 points

Take Solo to State Contest-20 points

Take Small Ensemble to Regional Contest-20 points

Audition for Student Leadership Position-15 points

Hold Student Leadership Position-20 points

Perform in Community Ensembles-15 points

*Students are responsible for turning in a list of total activities and points for the year to Ms. Smith by May 1<sup>st</sup> in order to receive their letter.*

# **Student Leadership Positions**

**Section Leaders:** Students may apply and interview to be a section leader.

Section Leaders are responsible for their section's actions and preparedness for rehearsals. Section Leaders are required to hold one sectional per concert and will report to Ms. Smith about their section's progress. Section Leader interviews will be held in the evenings of the first week of school and results will be posted the following Monday.

**Student Music Librarians:** The music librarians will be responsible for handing out and collecting music to the section leaders. This job requires organization and some afterschool work. Students may apply the first week of school.

# **Instrument Rental Policy**

Smith High School JV Band has the privilege of being able to provide students with rental instruments and would like to continue providing this service. In order for the JV Band to do this our instruments have to stay in good working condition. Instrument rental is \$25 for the full school year. This payment is non-refundable if the student drops out. The money for these rentals help pay for yearly repairs and replacement of the instruments. The rental instruments are the responsibility of the student renting them. If the instrument needs an additional repair during the school year, the student is responsible to get it fixed. If the instrument is lost or damaged when it is time to return them the student is liable. Rental instruments can be stored at the school in the instrument lockers. Rental instruments will be given out on August 30<sup>th</sup> and returned on May 21<sup>st</sup>. Rental payments will be made to Smith High School JV Band and are due the day that the instrument is rented.



## Activity Policy

All students in Smith High School, who are in good standing, can participate in any activities that they choose. Students in the JV Band may be involved in other athletic activities within the school. Coaches and Staff understand that there may be scheduling conflicts between activities and will work to solve conflicts when they arise. In order for conflicts to be settled students must inform their coaches and/or directors about the conflict a week in advance. Coaches and directors understand that performance takes precedence over practice/rehearsal. Once the performance is over, the student is to immediately report to the practice/rehearsal that is being missed. If two performances are on the same day an effort will be made so that students can participate in both activities. If it is not possible for the student to participate in both activities, the coaches and directors will meet and decide which activity, based on need, the student should attend. The student's grade will not be affected if this should happen as long as the student gave a week's notice to their coaches/directors.

## Tobacco/Drug/Alcohol Policy

Students in the Smith High School JV Band are prohibited from using, purchasing, or possessing tobacco products, illegal substances, and alcohol products. If any JV Band student is caught with any of these substances during rehearsal, performance, activities, or trips they will be subject to these consequences:

- Notification of administration/authorities
- Notification of parents/legal guardians
- Dismissal from group

*As members of the band, you are representing JV Band, the community, and the school at all functions that are attended. Tobacco/Drug/Alcohol use is not tolerated in JV Band and consequences will immediately be enacted.*

## Fundraising

Two individual fundraising opportunities will be offered during the school year. One will be during the first semester selling trash bags and the other will be during second semester selling magazine subscriptions. These individual fundraising opportunities are for students to fundraise for their individual accounts to help pay for their ticket to “Worlds of Fun” at the end of the year.

The band will also sell tickets to concerts and their chili feed to go into the band budget. The band budget pays for contest fees, trip fees, and music. The Band Booster Club will also help fundraise for the band. The booster club consists of band parents and community member who support the band and help put on concerts, fundraisers, and trips.

## Instrument Supplies

Ms. Smith will have a supply of woodwind reeds, cork grease, and valve oil for student to purchase. Students may also purchase these items from the local music stores, or from these recommended dealers:

<http://wwbw.com>

<http://musiciansfriend.com>

Sources: (\* indicates sites used in handbook)

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## STUDENT INFORMATION FORM

### SMITH HIGH SCHOOL BAND

**Student ID #:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Student Name:** \_\_\_\_\_  
                     **(First)**                      **(MI)**                      **(Last)**

**Address:**

City, St/Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

**Home Phone:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Student Cell:** \_\_\_\_\_

**E-mail:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Grade:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Instruments:** (Primary)\_\_\_\_\_ (Secondary)\_\_\_\_\_

**Private Teacher:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Personal Instrument?** ☐ Yes ☐ No

**If yes:**

**Instrument Type:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Brand:** \_\_\_\_\_

Serial #: \_\_\_\_\_

### Parents/Guardians

**Name:** \_\_\_\_\_  
(First) (Last)

**Relation:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Phone:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Address:** \_\_\_\_\_

City, St/Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

**E-mail:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Occupation/Skills:** \_\_\_\_\_

Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
(First) (Last)

**Relation:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Phone:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Address:** \_\_\_\_\_

City, St/Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

**E-mail:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Occupation/Skills:** \_\_\_\_\_

# INSTRUMENT RENTAL FORM

I will take care of the instrument that I am renting from Smith High School. I understand that if any additional repairs are needed, I am responsible to pay for them. I also understand that if the instrument is not returned or returned in poor condition I will be responsible for replacing/repairing the item. Instrument rentals are \$25 for the full school year and are non-refundable. The instruments may be stored in the instrument room during the year, but Smith High School JV Band is not liable for lost or stolen instruments. Instruments will be returned the last week of school before summer break.

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Name: \_\_\_\_\_

School Id #: \_\_\_\_\_

Instrument: \_\_\_\_\_

Make/Model: \_\_\_\_\_

Serial #: \_\_\_\_\_

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

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

☐ Check    ☐ Cash

*Make checks payable to Smith High School JV Band*

## MEDICAL TREATMENT CONSENT FORM

I hereby authorize the physician(s) for the Smith School District and its schools, and/or their consulting physicians, to administer emergency care to:

Student/Athlete's Name \_\_\_\_\_

to render any treatment or medical care to the above named student-athlete, to render any treatment or medical or surgical care that they deem necessary to protect his or her health and well-being, and to arrange for any consultation by medical specialists, including surgeons, which they deem necessary to insure the proper care and treatment of any injury.

In the absence of the school's authorized physician(s), **I hereby grant permission** to any qualified physician to furnish emergency medical care and treatment under the guidelines specified above. Additionally, I hereby authorize hospitalization at an accredited hospital if deemed reasonably necessary to provide the proper care for the treatment of any injury sustained by the above named student-athlete. **I also hereby grant permission** for qualified athletic trainers to render any preventative medical treatment, first aid, emergency medical care, or rehabilitative medical treatment deemed reasonably necessary to protect the health and well-being of the above named student-athlete.

I understand that the terms hereof apply to any injury, illness, or other medical problem or emergency that arises as a result of or in connection with any aspect of athletic participation, including tryouts, practice, conditioning, meetings games, and travel. I also understand that reasonable efforts will be made to contact parents or legal guardians before any serious or involved medical treatment.

## TRAVEL PERMISSION

Students will be involved in activities that will require travel provided by the district. District transportation will be at no cost to students and students will be required to use district transportation when on a school sponsored trip. District transportation is regulated by the State and district policies.

I understand the policy for transportation for school activities and hereby consent to allow my student to travel with school officials to school sponsored activities.

**X** \_\_\_\_\_  
**Parent/Guardian's Signature**

\_\_\_\_\_  
**Date**

## BOOSTER SIGN-UP

The JV Band Booster Club is a group of parents and community members that meet once a month with Ms. Smith to help put together fundraisers and activities for the band. The booster club helps make band events a success by volunteering their time and talents to the band.

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Student's Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Home Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Cell Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Work Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

# PARENT & STUDENT HANDBOOK FORM

I have received and agree to support the Smith High School Band Handbook with my student. By signing this agreement, I accept and will abide to ALL the rules and guidelines contained in the Smith High School Band Handbook.

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**Student Name**

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**Student Signature**

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**Date**

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**Parent/Guardian Signature**

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**Date**

*This signed sheet must be returned to the Band Director the first day of rehearsal the week following distribution of the Smith High School Band Handbook.*