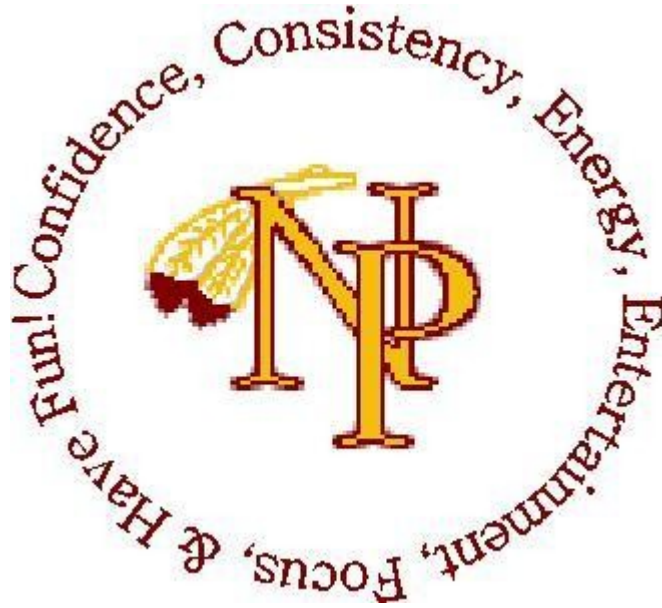


# North Pulaski H.S. Band Handbook 2011-2012



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# North Pulaski High School Band

## General Information

The success of the North Pulaski Band in the past years has been due to the hard work, dedication and pride of its' members. For this success to continue, it is necessary for that tradition to be carried on by all members.

### Letters

Band letters are offered to all band members who meet lettering requirements. Lettering requirements are specified on the page headed LETTERING REQUIREMENTS. The Band Booster Club will purchase the letters.

### Grading

Band receives an academic credit and therefore the grade should be a reflection of the students' ability and his/her participation in the organization. Specific grading procedures are listed on the page headed GRADING SYSTEM.

### Uniforms

Uniforms, for each student except Color Guard, are provided by the Band Booster Club and will be worn to each performance unless otherwise instructed by the director. When in uniform, the student represents the school and should wear the uniform with pride. The student will be responsible for the cost of BLACK shoes, WHITE gloves (shoes and gloves will be ordered in August and will cost around \$30 for shoes and \$5 for gloves per pair) and provide BLACK socks to be worn with the uniform. The student will also be responsible for purchasing a Band T-Shirt (approx. \$15) as it is sometimes used as a uniform and must always be worn under the uniform jacket. Pulaski County Special School District requires each student to pay a \$13.00 uniform fee per year.

### Instruments and Music

The school will provide instruments that are necessary to the overall balance of the band and cannot be provided by the student. These instruments include Tenor Sax, Baritone Sax, Bass Clarinet, Alto Clarinet, French Horn, Baritone, Tuba, Mellophone, Marching Baritone, Marching and Concert percussion, Oboe, Bassoon and Piccolo. These instruments are issued at the first of the school year in good working order and it is the responsibility of the student to maintain the instrument. The student is also responsible for any damage to the instrument while it is in their care. The band will provide an instrument room where instruments should be kept at all times. ***Students using school-owned instruments must fill out an instrument checkout card and pay a \$10 maintenance fee when the instrument is issued to them. Music will be provided for marching, concert and symphonic bands, but the student must pay the replacement cost of all lost music and concert band binders.***

### Marching Band

Marching Band is the primary function of the band during the first three months of the school year and therefore is the primary source of the students' grades. The marching band will perform at all home games and most away football games. It will also perform in Marching Contests and some parades. ALL performances and rehearsals for Marching Band are required. Students will be selected to perform in the drill portion of Marching Band. Those students not selected will be named as the Prop Crew and will be required to fulfill all obligations of the band. Selection will be based on individual execution of marching fundamentals and playing technique.

### Jazz Band

Jazz Band (or Stage Band) is open to students interested in performing in the jazz idiom. The student must be a member of Symphonic Band. The Jazz Band gives many performances for civic groups and other organizations, as well as concerts of its' own.

### Symphonic Band

Symphonic Band is the main function of the North Pulaski Band Program *after* the first three months of the school year. The Symphonic Band gives three to four concerts each year, participates in Region Concert Competition and attends a national competition every four years. All Symphonic Band rehearsals and performances are required. If the band is too large for one concert band, it will be split into two bands.

### Individual Events

Events available for the individual student are All-Region Band, All-State Band, Region Solo and Ensemble and State Solo and Ensemble. The director will assist the students in finding or selecting music and preparing for these events. ***The students are required to purchase their own All-Region/All-State Audition Books.*** They will be scheduled on the events calendar at the beginning of the year. All students are required to participate since the Band Booster Club will pay fees, they will receive credit for the events and it will aid in gaining college scholarships.

### Band Officers

Band offices consist of President, Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer, Historian, Junior Representative, Sophomore Representative, Freshman Representative, Drum Major and Color Guard Captain. Aside from their assigned duties, they are to be the core of pride and leadership in the band and assist the director in any way possible. Any member of the band is eligible to be a band officer. Officer elections are held at the end of the year for all offices except Freshman Representative. That office is elected at the end of Summer Band.

### Color Guard

Color Guard is open to all students in the Marching Band. Color Guard members are selected by tryouts held at the end of the school year. Members will be expected to purchase their uniforms and some equipment but fundraising activities will be scheduled to help with the cost. All Color Guard members are required to attend the Color Guard camp during Summer Band. The cost of the camp is paid by the Band Boosters

### **Drum Major**

Drum Major is an extremely important part of the Marching Band. The leadership provided by this person is vital to an outstanding marching band. This person should exhibit leadership qualities at all time in their band career. Anyone who has been in the Marching Band for one year is eligible to tryout for Drum Major. Auditions are held at the end of the school year. The Drum Major is required to attend Drum Major Camp.

### **Summer Band**

Summer Band is held three weeks before school starts (usually beginning around August 1st). This is a requirement of the Pulaski County Special School District. During Summer Band, the students learn marching fundamentals, marching band music for the year, get a head start on the half-time show for that season and have many fun activities to get to know each other. **These rehearsals are required in order to participate in the North Pulaski Band** and have the tradition continue as an outstanding band.

### **Band Boosters**

The Band Booster Organization is very important to the existence of the North Pulaski Band. They provide over 90% of the funds necessary to operate the band and purchase uniform, equipment, music, supplies, awards and college scholarships, to name a few. Anyone can be a Band Booster by attending the scheduled meetings (see calendar for dates). All parents and students are encouraged to attend.

### **Travel**

Since the band travels to many events, transportation will be provided by school bus. ALL students will use this transportation except in cases of emergency. In case of such emergency, the parents of the student involved will provide the director with permission, in writing, to travel by private transportation. Students **MUST** travel **TO** each event with the band, however the student may travel from any event with their parents, **BUT** must provide the director **ADVANCE NOTICE IN WRITING** (by time designated). School board policy forbids radios, food or drinks on school busses at any time. In order to help with the expense of the buses, students will be asked to pay \$20 at the beginning of the school year as a bus fee.

### **Tardies**

Because of time needed to prepare for band, a person is tardy to the marching field at 5 minutes past the tardy bell and to concert rehearsal at 2 minutes past the tardy bell or if not in the Band Room when the tardy bell rings. "In place" means with instrument and music, in your seat or in starting formation. Demerits will be given for tardies.

### **Eligibility**

Since band is governed by the Arkansas Activities Association, all band students must meet the eligibility requirements for participation. In short, a student must earn at least a 2.0 GPA during a semester to participate the following semester.

### **Instrument Insurance**

Unfortunately, PCSSD insurance does not cover personal instruments. You are encouraged to place your personal instrument on your homeowner's insurance policy.

### **Student Expectations**

**ALL NORTH PULASKI BAND STUDENTS ARE EXPECTED TO FOLLOW THESE GUIDELINES:**

- 1----Be respectful of others and their belongings
- 2----Be on time
- 3----Have accurate attendance
- 4----No talking during rehearsals or performances
- 5----No gum, food or drink in the band room, stands (football or basketball) or on the bus
- 6----No cursing
- 7----No smoking, drinking or partaking of drugs while in uniform or during band functions
- 8----No playing on instruments other than those assigned to you
- 9----Keep uniform and instrument clean
- 10---Respect all equipment and uniforms owned by the band and district
- 11---Represent the North Pulaski Band, North Pulaski High School and PCSSD as best as possible at all times
- 12---Tryout for All-Region Band and participate in All-Region Band (if applicable)
- 13---Tryout for and participate in All-State Band (if applicable)
- 14---Participate in Solo and Ensemble Festival
- 15---Attend all performances and rehearsals

## Grading System

### REQUIRED EXTRA REHEARSALS

Each student will receive 50 points for each required extra rehearsal attended and participated in properly. An extra rehearsal is required when two week's notice is given. The North Pulaski Band rehearses EVERY Tuesday after school unless otherwise notified. All Tuesday afternoon rehearsals are required.

### ABSENCES

An absence from an extra rehearsal or performance will be excused in the case of illness of student involved or a death in the immediate family. The student must notify the director, in person, prior to the absence AND provide the director with a note signed by the parents within three school days of the absence. *All other absences are unexcused.*

### EXCUSED ABSENCES

The student will be credited with the points for the event. Make up work may be required and is to be completed within three school days.

### UNEXCUSED ABSENCES---REHEARSALS

FIRST ABSENCE-----Student receives "0" points and parents notified.

SECOND ABSENCE-----Student receives "0" points and parents notified. Student will be replaced in show.

THIRD ABSENCE-----Student receives "0" points and a parent—teacher conference will be held. The student may be removed from band.

### UNEXCUSED ABSENCES---PERFORMANCES

FIRST ABSENCE-----Student will receive "0" points and a parent/ teacher conference will be held. Student will be replaced in show The student may be removed from band.

SECOND ABSENCE-----Student will be removed from band.

### TRYOUT ----- TEST ----- MUSIC PASS-OFF

Tests will be for a grade and/or for chair position unless otherwise specified. Value will be assigned by the importance of the test (i.e. a nine week's test will be worth more than a weekly test). Music must be played, individually, for the director by assigned dates in order to participate in performances. Marching music must be memorized but concert music does not have to be memorized.

## Demerits

ONLY the director may give demerits. Demerits will be given for:

- 1--- Tardiness to class, extra rehearsal or performances or leaving before being dismissed.
- 2--- Failure of inspection or not taking inspection.
- 3--- Gum chewing or food in the band room.
- 4--- Improper care of music or equipment (playing another instrument, using phone without permission, etc.)
- 5--- Writing on the chalkboard without permission.
- 6--- Failure to follow directors' instructions.
- 7--- Disrespectfulness.
- 8--- Failure to pass-off music.
- 9--- Any conduct not representative of an outstanding band.

### RESULTS OF DEMERITS

4 Demerits ---- student / teacher conference

6 Demerits ---- parent / teacher conference (conference can be by phone)

8 Demerits ---- parent / teacher conference (conference can be by phone) and removal from band

## Lettering System

To earn a letter in the North Pulaski Band, you must complete Sections 1 and 2 and any 4 parts of Section 3. Any excused absences from a performance or rehearsal will not affect lettering. (Refer to section on EXCUSED ABSCENCES) ***IF A STUDENT RECEIVES 4 OR MORE DEMERITS THEY WILL NOT LETTER.***

### SECTION 1

ATTEND 100% OF ALL REHEARSALS

### SECTION 2

ATTEND 100% OF PERFORMANCES

### SECTION 3

MUST COMPLETE ANY 4 OF THE FOLLOWING

- ◆ Audition for All-Region Band
- ◆ Make All-Region Band
- ◆ Make a First or Second Division at Solo and Ensemble
- ◆ Make All-State Band (worth two)
- ◆ Perform in the band that makes a 1st Division at Region Contest (marching or concert) (worth two)
- ◆ Maintain 1st chair through all tryouts

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## Officer Guidelines

Band officers are elected positions. Each officer is expected to do their best to follow the guidelines of their specific office and provide the necessary leadership for the band to be the best it possibly can be. The responsibilities of each office are as follows:

**PRESIDENT** --- The Presidents will assist the director and Drum Major in any way possible. He/she will lead all officer meetings in an orderly and timely manner. He/she will check with the director, before each meeting, about the agenda and will report to the director any important information. The president will report to the band on the following day after an officer meeting. The president will be aware that he/she is in a leadership position and act accordingly or be removed from office. In order to run for president, you must have served in another officer position in the North Pulaski Band.

**VICE PRESIDENT** --- The Vice President will assist the president, director and Drum Major in any way possible. He/she will lead an officer meeting in the absence of the president. He/she will be responsible for collecting photos and name cards of all seniors for the senior composite. He/she will also be responsible for selling Band Room Lockers.

**SECRETARY** -- The Secretary will record minutes of each officer meeting and present them at the following meeting. He/she will assist the Treasurer in collecting of money. He/she will also be responsible for keeping track of demerits.

**TREASURER** --- The Treasurer will assist the director in collecting all money, writing receipts and keeping an accurate record of all collections (i.e. fund raising, uniform fees, etc.)

**HISTORIAN** --- The Historian will be responsible for contacting the school newspaper and other local newspapers to report the activities of the band. He/she will also be responsible for announcements over the school intercom. He/she will compile information and photos throughout the year to be used, by the historian, to create a scrapbook for the end of the year awards banquet. The scrapbook will remain in the NPHS band room for future enjoyment. He/she will also be responsible for keeping a current bulletin board in the band room.

**JUNIOR REPRESENTATIVE** --- The Junior Representative will be responsible for issuing and keeping accurate records of all uniforms at NPHS.

**SOPHOMORE REPRESENTATIVE** --- The Sophomore Representative will assist the Junior Representative with the uniform duties. He/she will also be responsible for recording and keeping accurate records of all "Spirit" winners on the proper charts.

**FRESHMAN REPRESENTATIVE** --- The Freshman Representative will assist the Junior Representative with the uniform duties. He/she will also be responsible for filling the water jugs and taking them to every marching practice and some performances. He/she is also responsible for taking water cups to practice and keeping the directors informed BEFORE they need more cups.

Band Booster Club meetings are held once a month. Two officers will attend these meetings on a rotational basis. Any unexcused absence from an appointed Band Booster meeting, a regular officer meeting or any other officer function will result in a violation of these guidelines and COULD result in removal from office. Regular officer meetings will be held once a week at a time decided by all of the officers.

## Officer Demerits

Failure to follow guidelines for a specific office could result in Officer Demerits. These demerits affect your status as an officer. Two band demerits will equal one Officer Demerit. Officer demerits are given in relation to duties and responsibilities as an officer as well as the effects of officer leadership. Officers may recommend demerits for each other. The director will make the final decision.

**3 Demerits ----- conference with director**

**4 Demerits ----- written warning and conference with  
director, pres. and v.pres**

**5 Demerits ----- REMOVAL FROM OFFICE**

In the event that an officer resigns or is removed from office, the other officers and/or the director may appoint a suitable replacement.

**Adopted May 1990:** President -- Teri Travis, Vice President -- Michelle Ezell, Secretary -- Leslie Wilkinson, Treasurer -- Melodie Pike, Reporter -- David Dodson, Historian -- Jennifer Wier, Jr. Rep. -- Heather Allison, Jr. Rep. -- Bobby Copley, Soph. Rep. -- Tony Ezell, Drum Major -- Doug McDonald

**Revised 1998:** President -- Allison Hicks, Vice President/Drum Major -- Trisha Dawson, Secretary -- Amanda Buttrum, Treasurer -- Amy Taylor, Historian -- Michelle Coats, Jr. Rep. -- Tommy Harney, Jr. Rep. -- Robert Seigrist, Soph. Rep. -- Jonathan Blair, Soph. Rep. -- Mistie Davis, Color Guard Capt. -- Amanda Jeffers.

**Revised 1999:** President -- Amy Taylor, Vice President/Color Guard Capt. -- Whitney Stacy, Secretary -- Jessica Brockinton, Treasurer -- Jennifer Hammons, Historian -- Michelle Coats, Jr. Rep. -- Jonathan Blair, Soph. Rep. -- Laura Fultz, Soph. Rep. -- Forrest Rodgers, Drum Major -- Tommy Harney

