

Fisher Middle School



Stage Band Handbook

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Introduction

The Fisher Middle School Stage Band is an advanced ensemble that provides students with an opportunity to perform jazz music in a traditional big band setting.

The information that follows is intended to provide students and their parents/guardians with the rules and procedures associated with the ensemble. Completion of this handbook **does not** guarantee membership, but it must be submitted before the audition date.

Prerequisites

To participate in the Stage Band, students must be in good academic standing, follow the Fisher Middle School code of conduct, be an active member of another FMS ensemble (Band/Orchestra/Choir), pass the stage band audition and play an eligible instrument. Eligible instruments include: Saxophone, Trumpet, Trombone, Bass, Guitar, Drum Set and Piano.

Audition Process

All potential stage band students must pass an audition to gain membership to the ensemble. Audition materials will be distributed to students two weeks before the audition date. Once the students receive their audition packets, it is their responsibility to sign up for an audition time with Mr. Silipino in the band room. To maintain fairness, all auditions must be completed on **October 8th, 2019**. **There will be no exceptions.** If a student cannot make their chosen audition time, they will automatically forfeit their chance to be accepted into the ensemble.

Rehearsal and Performance Attendance

The Fisher Stage Band generally rehearses on Tuesday nights from 7:00PM to 9:00PM. Special rehearsals occur before the winter and spring concert and are noted on the rehearsal schedule.

Students are expected to arrive early so that they are ready to play by 7:00PM. Habitual tardiness will result in disqualification from the Stage Band. Parents and guardians are expected to pick up their student on time at 9:00PM.

All rehearsals and performances are mandatory. When a student is absent from school, he or she will be excused from a rehearsal or performance. In case of an emergency, students must call or send an email to Mr. Silipino prior to the start

time of the rehearsal or performance and submit a parent/guardian note. All other absences will be considered unexcused.

Unexcused absences

All unexcused absences will result in the following consequences:

- **The first unexcused absence will result in a verbal warning and a phone conference with the student's parent or guardian.**
- **The second unexcused absence will result in disqualification from the stage band.**

Home Practice

At the end of each stage band rehearsal, each student will receive a practice related homework assignment. Students are expected to practice and complete their homework assignments each week. Failure to do so will result in disqualification from the stage band.

Behavior

Even though the Stage Band rehearses after school, all students are expected to follow the Fisher code of conduct. Any incident that violates the Fisher code of conduct will not be tolerated and will result in the immediate disqualification from the Stage Band.



Stage Band Permission Form

I have read all of the information contained in this handbook and understand that I must adhere to all of the terms of membership. I acknowledge that failure to do so will result in my dismissal from the FMS Stage Band.

Student's Name (Please Print): _____

Student's Signature: _____

I have read and discussed the terms of membership with my student. I will accept responsibility for seeing that my student arrives and is picked up in a punctual manner.

Parent or Guardian's Signature: _____

Primary Contact Number: _____

Primary Email: _____