



Westover Christian Academy
BAND HANDBOOK
for 5th -12th
2018-2019



Colossians 3:16 Let the message of Christ dwell among you richly as you teach and admonish one another with all wisdom through psalms, hymns, and songs from the Spirit, singing to God with gratitude in your hearts.

Band Statement of Purpose

It is the goal of this instrumental program to train up students in the love and admonition of the Lord through musical interpretation of various music styles, to grow the God given gifts of these students through proper instruction, and to provide opportunities for students to express their musical talents through competitions, concerts, parades, and community service opportunities.

This handbook is designed to make both students and families aware of the required supplies, performances, grading, attire, expectations, and promotion for each individual band ensemble.

Receipt of this handbook is designated as proof that both students and parents have read the requirements and are aware of all events and policies for the current school year.

Questions or clarification of anything contained within the handbook should be referred to the band director or assistant director through the following means:

- ◇ **Email to ddavis@westoverministries.org**
- ◇ **Direct Phone line at 434-822-0800 ext. 27**

After School Practice Schedule

Mondays: Jazz Band 2:45-3:30
Tuesday: Percussion 2:45-3:30
Wednesday: Color Guard 3:00 –5:00 p.m.
Friday: Silk Team 3:00-4:30 p.m.

Band Leadership 2018-2019

Drum Majors

Dylan Haley
Samantha Overton

Music Captains

Josh Bird
Suzanna Davis

Marching Captains

Greyson Bettendorf
Suzanna Davis

Percussion Captains

Jezeiah Morris
Matthew Pruitt

Guard

Malinda Millner
Jessica Swain

Student Leadership

Will Armstrong
Noah Barber
Aaron Haley
Jimmy Zhang

Band Plans (Lesson Plans)

Band Calendar Dates 2018-2019

September	15—William Byrd Field Show (8-12 Gr) 22— GW Field Show (8-12 Gr) 29— Glenvar Field Show (8-12 Gr)
October	6—Southeast Guilford Field Show (8-12 Gr) 15— Fruit Sale Begins (5th-12th) 27—Bassett Field Show (Rain Date) (8-12 Gr)
November	11—Veterans Day Parade (7-12 Gr) 16—Fruit Orders & \$ Due (5th-12th Gr)
December	2— Christmas Parade (7-12 Gr) 5— Band Photos (5-12 Gr) 8—HS District Try-Outs (9-12 Gr) 17—Band Christmas Concert (6-12 Gr)
January	3-7— Chair Placement Testing (6-12 Gr) 12— MS District Auditions (6-8 Gr) 25—Homecoming (7th period required)
February	1-2—HS District Band Event—Martinsville 9— Band Spring Fundraiser (Stew or Candy Bars) 15-16-MS District Band Event— Salem 21—PreAssessment Concert (6-12 Gr)
March burg	7— High School Assessment (8-12 Gr) Blacks- 15-Middle School Assessment (6-8 Gr) Auburn 16-Solo Festival @ WCA
April	12-Gym Setup 3pm.—4p.m. for Dinner Theatre 13-Dinner Theatre 6 p.m. (7-12 Gr) 26-28 Pigeon Forge Festival Trip (8-12 Gr)
May	13-Spring Concert and Awards (5-12 Gr) 25-Graduation (8-12 Gr)

- ◇ Lesson Plans issued weekly – distributed through email
- ◇ Contain information about assignments, marching days, and tests for the coming week
- ◇ Parents should review with students upon receipt
- ◇ Extra Credit is issued each week if parents will reply that they have received and reviewed the information with their child by Tuesday of the following week by 10 a.m.
- ◇ Extra Credit points are given based on the number of class days students have in band

7-12 grade – 10 points per week
5-6 grade – 5 points per week
Silk Team – 5 points per week

Band Physicals

All band students in grades 7-12 must have a current physical on file with the school office in order to participate in marching band. Physicals are given at WCA in May of each year or parents may choose to get their child's physical through their pediatrician or the health department.

Beginning Band for 7-12 Grade Students

In years where the band has students in grade 7-12 who wish to learn an instrument but cannot take band with the beginning band class, the band will offer two options.

- ◇ An incoming student who registers in the spring may take private summer lessons to complete beginning band work and start band in the fall with their grade
- ◇ A student entering WCA at the start of school will be placed in the concert band class for a study hall as they take private lessons to complete beginning band requirements.
- ◇ Regardless of the situation private lessons are paid directly to the band director at a cost of \$60 per month for ½ hour weekly lessons, students will be reclassified upon completion of all work.
- ◇ Students completing work are not considered to be a full participating member of the band until work is complete so grades are incomplete until all work is finished.
- ◇ Goal: Complete all work by end of 1st grading period

Beginning Band

Open to: First year band students in grades 5 and 6

Class Days: Percussion—M/W/F 11:10-11:50
Bells and Horns—W/F 11:10-11:50

Required Supplies:

- ◇ Approved instrument
- ◇ Essential Elements 2000 Book 1 for student instrument
- ◇ Music Folder
- ◇ Pencil

Practice Time needed:

- ◇ 10-15 minutes or 5 repetitions of each song per day—video files available for daily practice through email or flash drive

Required Performance

- ◇ Spring Concert
- ◇ Students must successfully test concert songs
- ◇ See Dress Code for requirements for concert attire

Promotion

- ◇ Students must successfully complete a full year in band
- ◇ Students must have a year-end average of 70 or higher
- ◇ Students who fail to complete the necessary work must complete summer school instruction in private lessons for \$60 per month until the work is complete to enter band in the fall as Elementary Advanced students

Grading System—Activity Class

- ◇ O+ 100-99
- ◇ O 98-94
- ◇ S+ 93-87
- ◇ S 86-70
- ◇ N 69-0

Tardy to Class - Read Carefully

Students are expected to arrive in class in a timely fashion.

Students who have unexcused tardy will receive a deduction of 1 pt. per minute for each minute late to class from their final 6wks grade

Tardiness to class if only considered excused if a teacher provides a note for the student to bring to band class

Physical Addresses for Competitions for 2018-2019

Field Shows

William Byrd • 2902 E Washington Ave 2902 E Washington Ave Vinton, VA (9/15)

George Washington High School • 701 Broad Street • Danville, VA 24541 (9/22)

Glenvar High School • 4549 Malus Dr, Salem, VA 24153 (9/29)

Southeast Guilford • 4530 Southeast School Road • Greensboro NC 27400 (10/6)

Bassett Bands Along the Blue Ridge • 85 Riverside Drive • Bassett, VA 24055 (10/27)

District Auditions/Honor Band - Individuals

HS Auditions – Franklin Co. HS • 700 Tanyard Road • Rocky Mount, VA (12/8)

MS Auditions • Fieldale/Collinsville MS • 645 Miles Road, Collinsville, Va (1/12)

HS District Band • Martinsville HS • 351 Commonwealth Blvd. E. Martinsville, VA (2/1-2/2)

MS District Band • Salem HS • 400 Spartan Drive, Salem VA 24153 (2/15-2/16)

District Assessments – High School/Middle School

HS Assessment (7-12 grades) –Blacksburg HS • 3401 Bruin Ln, Blacksburg, VA (3/7)

MS Assessment (6-8 grades) • Auburn HS • 1650 Auburn School Drive Riner, VA (3/15)

Spring Festival

Music Road Inn/Resort • 303 Henderson Chapel Road • Pigeon Forge, TN 37863 (4/25-4/28)

Symphonic Band

Open to: 8-12th Grade or auditioned upon a transfer

Class Days: Monday Friday _ 7th period

Required Supplies:

- ◇ Have approved instrument and Essential Elements 2000 Book 1 & 2
- ◇ Students utilizing school horns must own their own mouthpiece and maintain the upkeep of the borrowed instrument. Music Folder and Pencil
- ◇ Music as assigned by the director: It is the responsibility of the student to pay the replacement cost for any damaged music
- ◇ SPECIAL NOTE: Solo and Ensemble music is available to be checked out for use through the band room

Practice Time needed:

- ◇ 20-45 minutes per day depending on work load
- ◇ Practice tracks will be emailed to parents/students through google drive or google photos each week
- ◇ Students without access to google may bring a flash drive to have lessons downloaded for practice

Required Performances:

Band Camp • William Byrd Preview of Champions • GW Dixie Classic • •Glenvar Festival • Southeast Guilford Invitational • Bassett Bands of the Blue Ridge (if needed) • Veterans Day Parade • Christmas Parade • Christmas Concert • Pre-Assessment Concert • District Assessment • Dinner Theatre • Spring Fiesta-Val Competition • Year-End Concert

Optional Performances:

Solos • Ensembles • Jazz Band • Percussion Ensemble • Pep Band • Graduation • District Honor Band •

Grading System: (Junior High Letter Grades Only)

100-99	A+	98-96	-A	95-94	A-	F-Below 70
93-92	B+	91-88	-B	87-86	B-	I- Incomp
85-84	C+	83-80	-C	79-78	C-	
77-76	D+	75-72	-D	71-70	D-	

Beginning Silk Team

Open to: Students in grade 5-12 who wish to learn basic flag technique- no experience required– Silk Team Camp offered in March

Practice Day: Fridays from 3-4:30 p.m.

Requirements:

- ◇ Attend Silk Team Camp
- ◇ Attend 80% Summer Practices
- ◇ Maintain 80% attendance to practices
- ◇ Perform routine test before performances

Supplies Needed:

- ◇ 2 Flags
- ◇ 2 Poles
- ◇ Performance Shirt

Grades

- ◇ Attendance – 10 pt. per day
- ◇ Routine Test – 100 points
- ◇ Performances – 100 points
- ◇ Extra Credit – 1 pt. per minute
- ◇ Extra Credit – 5 pt. per week for parent acknowledgement of band plans

Required Performances

Halftime of Varsity Girls home games as designated by instructor (4 games) • Homecoming Pep Rally

Promotion to Intermediate Silk Team: Students who successfully complete one year of beginning silk team and are in grades 7-12 may try-out for Parade Guard, Indoor Guard and Color Guard.

Obey your leaders and submit to them, for they are keeping watch over your souls, as those who will have to give an account. Let them do this with joy and not with groaning, for that would be of no advantage to you. Hebrews 13:17

Cell Phone/I Watch Policy

Westover Christian Academy Cell Phone Policy (in class/on campus):

- ◇ No cell phones or I Watch's will be allowed between the hours of 7:50 a.m.- 2:50 p.m. or in after school band rehearsals
- ◇ Any device seen or heard in class will be taken by the director and handed over to the school office

District Band Cell Phone Policy -In accordance to the VBODA District Band handbook, the following cell phone policy will apply at all auditions and events for District Band

- ◇ Cell phones may only be used during hold times for district auditions
- ◇ Cell phones are not allowed in warmup areas or performance areas
- ◇ Any device seen or heard in restricted areas during auditions, practices or performances will mean immediate dismissal of a student from that event

Band Trip Cell Phone Policy

- ◇ Cell phones are allowed on buses during transport
- ◇ Cell phones are limited to the student alone and music or material is not to be shared
- ◇ No cell phones are allowed once students arrive on site for performances
- ◇ Cell phones will be securely locked in a WCA Band vehicle
- ◇ No cell phones are allowed during the viewing of other groups
- ◇ Students with emergency needs must contact their director for use of their phone

Chair Placement Testing

Chair placement testing is a ranking of students within their instrument section to determine the seating and part order for class and performances.

- ◇ Done once each year in January
- ◇ Students receive a copy of the required scales and prepared music before Christmas break
- ◇ Students may get help from other students but not from the instructor
- ◇ Each student will be assigned a number (blind test for the instructor)
- ◇ Students will be given an additional "sight reading" selection on test day
- ◇ Percussionists test twice: once on snare, once on mallets
- ◇ Tests are graded and averaged with the following for a composite grade
Classroom Behavior/ Chatter Account Status/ Years of Service – 5 pt. per year / transfer students 4 pts for years from another Program/Average of playing test grades

Restroom Policy

Students are given adequate time to attend to bathroom needs prior to class each day. However, over time students have failed to use the offered 2 minutes after the tardy bell to attend to those needs. This failure to attend to this need in the time provided has prompted a new policy in band.

- ◇ Students are given 180 points credit for use (during class) if necessary to attend to emergency needs – that is 1 minute per day
- ◇ Students will receive any balance remaining on that credit as extra credit at the end of the year
- ◇ Students who use up that credit will lose 1 point per bathroom trip (during class) from their final grade
- ◇ Emergency illness or special documented MEDICAL needs from a physician will be exceptions to this policy but should not be abused.

Solo/Ensemble Festival

Any student in grades 6-12 may sign up to perform in a solo or ensemble. Music is selected by the director and students will have a choice of one selection to prepare. (Worth 1 full performance credit toward extra credit)

- ◇ Sign up if interested (if you are signing up for an ensemble make sure that your partners are committed to performing)
- ◇ The director or an authorized tutor will offer 1-2 lesson per month (free of charge) to assist students with preparation
- ◇ Lessons past the 1-2 offered will have a charge of \$15 per half hour
- ◇ WCA Solo Festival is scheduled for Saturday, March 18, 2017
- ◇ Cost per student is \$25.00 which is due February 1, 2017 and covers the cost of hiring judges to come to adjudicate
- ◇ Judges are high school and college directors and professors who are there to encourage and help students succeed with their musical endeavors
- ◇ High scoring top 6 soloist and ensembles will perform in the Spring Concert
- ◇ Top (4) high school and top (4) middle school scores will be offered an opportunity to participate in the city wide Danville Museum of History Solo Festival in May
- ◇ String and piano students may be included in solo competition if there is enough interest to warrant bringing in a special judge

Philosophy of Band Attendance

Please read carefully. Band Attendance is the area of most confusion among parents of all ages each year.

- ◇ Band is a participation class and credit can only be given for days when students are in class
- ◇ Students who are in attendance receive credit daily for their attendance, participation, preparation to class, behavior and posture.
- ◇ There are no excused absences for band – points from absences must be made up by the end of the grading period by use of extra credit
- ◇ Students who are absent or have early dismissals due to doctors' appointments or sports dismissals do not receive credit for attendance unless they are in class for 20 minutes.
- ◇ Students who fail to take advantage of extra credit options will note that their grade will remain as "0" in Ren Web
- ◇ Students who have excused absences may use extra credit from any of the areas listed in the handbook on page 8 to supplement missed points
- ◇ Extra Credit points are "banked" throughout the year for use as needed—Extra Credit will be applied, if available, the same week as the absence.
- ◇ Always look at the final grade in band to see the correct average. Extra credit is setup as a separate category and does not eliminate a "0" for an absence, but instead fills the gap for that missed class.
- ◇ Inform the band office if you believe that your child did not receive proper credit or is looking for an extra credit opportunity. It is possible for something to be overlooked by mistake.

Chair Placement Testing (continued)

- ◇ Grades are posted – students whose scores are within 5 % of each other may challenge to attempt to gain higher seating
- ◇ Challenges are comprised of a prepared selection and sight reading only- students may only challenge up one (1) chair
- ◇ Rankings do not apply in auditioned groups such as jazz or percussion ensembles
- ◇ Rankings are good until the following January

Chatter Accounts

(Does not apply to legitimate instructional questions)

- ◇ Students are expected to show respect to their instructor or substitute teacher, as well as, their classmates.
- ◇ Students with issues of disruptive talking during class have those disruptions noted on their "Chatter Account" in the band plans.
- ◇ Students who chose to talk excessively, loudly, or consistently during class receive 1/2 of a point for each disruption. These accounts are used as part of the chair placement ranking and assignment of leadership in the band.
- ◇ Student who reach 25 pts will have those point deducted from the final grade Chatter account grades factor into chair placement scores

Competition Dismissals

WCA Band does not have control of offsite competition times

- ◇ Students will be kept in school as long as possible if early dismissals are required
- ◇ Students will always ride the bus together to competition
- ◇ Parents are required to SIGN OUT their child if they are picking them up following a competition
- ◇ Students may only be dismissed with their parent or an adult who has participated in the Parent Volunteer Certification class
- ◇ Students should communicate with teachers regarding the teachers expectation of making up missed class work, notes, quizzes and tests
- ◇ Test and Quiz proctoring will be offered by band personnel to all teachers for the purpose of making up missed work in a timely fashion
- ◇ Students will have the next school day following competition to make up any missed quizzes or tests

Fiesta-Val Transportation Amendment

- ◇ Parents are offered the opportunity to transport their own children along with their family to the Pigeon Forge FiestaVal Competition
- ◇ Students attending this trip must come to school on the travel day until 11 a.m. or take a Parent Excuse day

Concert Band

Open to: 7th-8th grade students who have completed Advanced Elementary Band or who have auditioned with the director to receive placement upon transfer to WCA.

Class Days: Monday-Friday 6th period

Required Supplies:

- ◇ Have approved instrument and Essential Elements 2000 Book 1 & 2
- ◇ Students utilizing school horns must own their own mouthpiece and maintain the upkeep of the borrowed instrument. Music Folder and Pencil
- ◇ Music as assigned by the director: It is the responsibility of the student to pay the replacement cost for any damaged music
- ◇ SPECIAL NOTE: Solo and Ensemble music is available to be checked out for use through the band room

Practice Time needed:

- ◇ 15-30 minutes per day depending on work load
- ◇ Practice tracks will be emailed to parents/students through google drive or google photos each week
- ◇ Students without access to google may bring a flash drive to have lessons downloaded for practice

Required Performances:

Band Camp • Veterans Day Parade • Christmas Parade
•Christmas Concert• Pre-Assessment Concert • District Assessment • Dinner Theatre • Year-End Concert

Optional Performances:

Solos • Ensembles • Jazz Band • Percussion Ensembles •Pep Band • Graduation • District Honor Band

Grading System: (Junior High Letter Grades Only)

100-99	A+	98-96	-A	95-94	A-	F-Below	70
93-92	B+	91-88	-B	87-86	B-	I—	Incomplete Work
85-84	C+	83-80	-C	79-78	C-		
77-76	D+	75-72	-D	71-70	D-		

- ◇ No phones, iPad or other devices out during performances –parents recording their child or the performance are the exception
- ◇ Polite applause should be offered to all performers – no fake applause or taunting cheers are acceptable
- ◇ Polite applause is encouraged during jazz performances for soloists
- ◇ Comments regarding performances should be limited to encouraging words on site
- ◇ Rule infractions will be dealt with by the director. Parents and students with concerns should address issues with the band director

Personal Fitness Credit (9th-12th only)

Hours for personal fitness credit may be earned through band for the following activities:

- ◇ Band Camp (16-20 hours per year)
- ◇ FJM Leadership camp in Greensboro NC in June (36 hours per year)
- ◇ Parades (2 hours per year)
- ◇ Field shows (4 hours per year)
- ◇ Color Guard (possible 40-60 hours per year)
- ◇ Silk Team (possible 36 hours per year)

Hours are kept by band personnel and are turned in once for June-Dec and once for Jan-April. Cumulative hours may be confirmed with Mrs. Arnn in the school office.

Upon meeting the requirements for the year students may choose to switch from personal fitness credit to extra credit or volunteer service hours for other graduation requirements.

Praise the LORD! Praise God in his sanctuary; praise him in his mighty heavens! Praise him for his mighty deeds; praise him according to his excellent greatness! Praise him with trumpet sound; praise him with lute and harp! Praise him with tambourine and dance; praise him with strings and pipe! Praise him with sounding cymbals; praise him with loud clashing cymbals!
Psalms 150:1-6

One Year Commitment Clause

All students who sign up for band are expected to fulfil a 1 year commitment to the WCA Band program. Only a medical reason validated by a physician's office will be reason for consideration for dropping band.

Percussion Ensemble - Auditioned

Open to: Percussion students and others in grades 7-12

Practice days: Tuesdays from 2:45-3:30 p.m.

Requirements for Indoor Percussion

- ◇ Maintain 60% attendance to all practices
- ◇ Maintain percussion equipment and report any damage

Participation Grades:

- ◇ Attendance – 10 pt. per day
- ◇ Performances – 300 pts
- ◇ Extra Credit – 1 pt. per minute

Required Performances (Field Show Percussion)

- ◇ All Field Shows

Required Performances (Percussion Ensemble)

- ◇ Spring Fiesta Val Competition
- ◇ Dinner Theatre
- ◇ Spring Concert
- ◇ Other community events

Performance/Audience Etiquette

Actions going to, during and following performances are our testimony. WCA students, faculty and parents will be held to the highest standards of Christian behavior.

- ◇ No talking or conversations (other than judges) during a performance
- ◇ Attention should be paid to all performing students/groups – no slouching, elbows on knees, napping, etc. Groups have worked hard and deserve your undivided attention

And **whatsoever** ye **do, do** it heartily, as to the **Lord**, and not **unto** men; Knowing that of the **Lord** ye shall receive the reward of the inheritance: for ye serve the **Lord** Christ. Colossians 3:23-24

Conflicts with Performance

Band is a participation class and grade for students are based on their performance in competition and in concert. There are no “excused” absences for a required performance.

The WCA band policy states that students who find that they have a conflict on the day of a band competition or concert must **give one week’s notice in order to use any extra credit they have “banked” to supplement the missed performance grade.** Only a parent may make notification by phone to the director or assistant director.

In the event that an emergency situation arises hours or minutes before a required performance a parent or guardian must contact the band room at (434) 822-0800 ext. 27 and leave a message regarding the situation. Students who are affected by an emergency situation should provide a note from their parent or doctor upon return to school. Medical/family emergency situations may be allowed to use extra credit if proper procedure is used in contacting the band director. Grades for missed performances will appear in RenWeb as “0”. If the student has followed procedure and has extra credit to apply, then that extra credit will appear immediately in RenWeb as well.

****Special Note**Parents must be aware that students who fail to attend required performances or concerts without notification will be given no extra credit option even if they have more than needed to make up the missed grade.**

Criminal Background Checks * New Policy*

Beginning in the fall of 2018, any adult who will be volunteering to supervise, transport, or chaperone students other than their own child for band events, must have a current criminal background check. Forms to obtain this check are available through the WCA school office

DRESS CODE

- ◆ All students will adhere to the school dress code policy for all events as they refer to coverage, contest and modesty ◆ Uniforms are inspected at each performance ◆ Uniform returns following performances count for test grades

SYMPHONIC AND CONCERT BAND (7TH-12TH GRADES) CONCERT ATTIRE

Boys: White tux shirt, black dress pants, black dress shoes, black socks that come half way up the calf
Girls: Black Concert dresses, Black hose, Black shoes

ELEMENTARY BANDS (5TH-6TH GRADE)

Boys: White, collared—long sleeved dress shirts, black dress pants, black dress shoes, black socks that come half way up the calf
Girls: Black top and skirt, or black dress, black hose, black shoes

MARCHING UNIFORMS (7TH-12TH AND BANNER CARRIERS)

As provided by the WCA Band—jacket, bibbers, hat, plume,
Students must purchase and wear—black socks, gloves and solid black marching shoes.

SILK TEAM: Silk Team shirt, jeans, tennis shoes or other uniform as provided

PEP BAND: Collared WCA shirts or Pep Band t-shirt

JAZZ BAND

WCA polo embroidered shirts, black dress slacks, black dress shoes, and black socks

NOT ALLOWED

Black Jeans • Black Tennis Shoes • White socks • Flip Flops
Sandals without back heel straps • Any color hose other than black

DAMAGE TO SCHOOL ISSUED UNIFORMS WILL BE CHARGED TO THAT STUDENT'S FAMILY AND WILL BE PAYABLE IMMEDIATELY TO SECURE A REPLACEMENT UNIFORM:

\$400 Marching Uniform

\$100 Concert Uniform

Health and Medical Needs

Students with medical conditions requiring emergency medications should consult with the school office to have medications on hand. Students needing emergency inhalers or epi pens should have those medications in their possession during all activities. Make sure that all medical conditions and medications are clearly noted on your Medical Release form.

Jazz Ensemble- Auditioned

Open to: 7th-12th grade trumpet, trombone, saxophone, percussion, bass, guitar and piano

THIS IS AN AUDITIONED GROUP – ONLY STUDENTS WHO AUDITION WILL BE CONSIDERED FOR POSITIONS IN THE JAZZ ENSEMBLE

Auditions: October

Practice Days: Monday 2:30-3:30 p.m. – MUST MAINTAIN 60% attendance to practices in order to perform

Supplies Needed: Instrument, folder, Red Band Polo Shirt for Performances

Required Performances: Christmas Concert • Pre-Assessment Concert • Spring Concert • Spring Fiesta Val competition

Methods of Communication of Classroom Issues

Ren Web:

- ◆ Emails and parent alerts are used to communicate continued behavior or participation issues in band and to request parent conferences.
- ◆ Parents may receive an email communication listing the date of the issue and the infraction.

Email:

- ◆ Parents and students should check email daily for any specific notes

Phone and text messaging are utilized to reach groups and individuals with reminder notices.

Dinner Theatre:

Spaghetti dinner scheduled for April 14, 2018. Proceeds assist students in attending Leadership Camp in June. Tickets are pre-sold through the band room. Based on the number of years in attendance student may receive the following allotment to assist with registration cost:

- 4th years – 100% registration assistance
- 3rd year - 75% registration assistance
- 2nd year - 50% registration assistance
- 1st year - 25% registration assistance

GRADES

Do your best to present yourself to God as an approved worker who has nothing to be ashamed of, handling the word of truth with precision. II Timothy 2:15

Junior High (Letter Grades)/ Senior High (Number Grade)	
100-99 A+	98-96- A
95-94 A-	93-92 B+
91-88 B	87-86 B-
85-84 C+	83-80 C
79-78 C-	77-76 D+
75-72 D	71-70 D-
F—Below 70	I-Incomplete

Activity Grades (5th-6th Grade and Silk Team)			
100-95 O+	94-90 O		
80-89 S+	70-79 S		
69-0 N (Failing Grade)			

Students in groups such as Jazz Ensemble, Percussion Ensemble, Color Guard and Silk Team must maintain attendance to practices in order to perform.

Participation	
Attendance—	10 points daily
Participation—	10 points daily
Behavior—	10 points daily
Preparation to Class—	10 points daily
Performances—	300 points
Testing—	100 points per test (6-12 grade)
Testing (Beginning Band)	15 points per week
Bathroom Points:	180 per year

Elementary Advanced Band

Open to: Second year students in grade 6 who have successfully passed one year of beginning band.

Class Days: Tuesdays/Thursdays 11:10-11:50

Required Supplies:

- ◇ Approved instrument and Essential Elements 2000 Book 1
- ◇ Music Folder and Pencil

Practice Time needed:

- ◇ 15-20 minutes per day on music provided by the instructor
- ◇ Video links will be provided through email for practice

Required Performance:

- ◇ Christmas Concert
- ◇ Pre-Assessment Concert.
- ◇ Middle School District Assessment
- ◇ Year End Concert
- ◇ See Dress Code for requirements for concert

Optional Performances: WCA Solo Festival March 17, 2018

- Solos
- Ensembles

Promotion:

- ◇ Students must successfully complete this class with an average of 70 or higher to advance to concert band
- ◇ Students who fail to complete the requirements must complete private summer lessons at \$60 per month to advance to concert band in 7th grade

Grading System

Grading System—Activity Class

- ◇ O+ 100-99
- ◇ O 98-94
- ◇ S+ 93-87
- ◇ S 86-70
- ◇ N 69-0

Extra Credit Options

Extra Credit is offered to band students on a regular basis. All extra credit points are “banked” until needed to offset absences, early dismissals or emergency situations. Totals roll over each month is unused. Unused hours at the end of the year factor into year-end award averages.

Options Include but are not limited to:

- Band Plan Review Response from parents (10 pt./wk)
- Field Marking (1 pt. per minute)
- After school practices (1 pt. per minute)
- Solo/Ensemble (300 pts)
- District Band Auditions (100 pt.)
- Jr. and Sr. High District Band (300 pt.)
- Pep Band Performances (100pt/game)
 - Breakdown
 - 25 pt. Pre-Game
 - 25 pt. Half Time
 - 25 pt. Post-Game
 - 25 pt. Red Band Shirt
- After school tutoring of elementary students (30 pts)

Field Guard

Open to: Students who have a minimum of 1 year of experience with silk team and parade guard or those who have auditioned to prove their experience on flag and rifle.

Practice Days:

- ◇ 1 week of guard camp for field shows, each day during 7th period class and Wednesday from 3-5 p.m.

Requirements:

- ◇ Must audition during color guard tryouts in May
- ◇ Must maintain 80% attendance to all practices
- ◇ Must perform routine tests on all drills

Supplies Needed:

- ◇ Personal practice flag and rifle
- ◇ Shoes and gloves
- ◇ Replacement uniforms if lost or damaged

List of expected student outcome for guard will be presented to all new members effective Fall 2018

Required Performances:

Band Camp • William Byrd Invitational • GW Dixie Classic • Glenvar Invitational • Southeast Guilford Invitational • Bassett Invitational • Veterans Day Parade • Christmas Parade • Dinner Theatre • Spring Festival

Indoor Guard

Same requirements as field guard

Parade Guard

Same guidelines as Field Guard with only Veteran’s Day and Christmas Parade performances.

Fundraising

The WCA Band raises 100% of operating funds each year. Funds are used to purchase needed uniforms, music, instruments, and to repair and maintain current items.

Fall Fruit Sale: Income generated: Est. 40% of operating funds

Indian River Groves, Florida. Goal per family: \$500 in sales

Kickoff: 10/15 **Orders Due:** 11.16 **Delivery:** 12/3-12/5

February 2018 – Stew and Bake Sale – This year the band is going to do a Stew and Bake Sale in February. Each band family will be given 20 tickets to sell at \$7.00 per quart. In addition to the stew each family will be asked to provide 2 baked good (cakes, pies, cobblers, etc.) to sell at the bake sale. Tickets will be available before Christmas break. Ticket stubs and payments will be due on 1/31. Proceeds go toward the spring trip cost.

Donations: Donations to the WCA band are always welcome and we encourage families who prefer not to fundraise to make a \$300 or more donation (depending on the number of children you have in the band) to assist with the operating expenses of the band. *Families who chose not to fundraiser should expect to pay for 100% of any trip expenses.*