

Glenvar Bands Handbook

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Parents, Students and Friends,

It's with great anticipation that we look forward to the start of another school year at Glenvar Middle & High Schools!! Having one year back at Glenvar under my belt, I, for one, am thrilled to get started. The influence that the Glenvar Band program had on me as a student is second to none. It's my personal mission to provide a safe environment, much like the one I remember, where our young musicians can thrive and grow into responsible young people. Katie, myself, and our 3 young children are happy to be a part of our Glenvar Band family!

Together, the strong foundation we build this year will undoubtedly lead to future successes and growth. I invite you to join me in continuing to create and build a dynamic program that ALL will want to be a part of.

Our mission statement reads: "The mission of Glenvar Bands is to make a positive difference in the lives of its members through creating a family-like atmosphere and providing meaningful, musical experiences. Through kindness, positivity and hard work, our members strive to achieve their full potential as musicians and people."

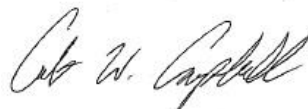
You will hear me highlight and refer to these 3 ideals again and again. Kindness, positivity AND hard work are the secret ingredients to building energetic, comprehensive band programs. As a foundation, these ideals will help us develop other important life skills such as teamwork, time management, school spirit, artistry, and much more.

I'm pleased to highlight some exciting plans for the upcoming school year:

- Our Marching Band students will participate in an immersive, fun, 1.5 week-long Summer band camp at the end of July. This jumpstart to the year will help us get ready to perform at football games, local competitions, and more. We'll wrap up our season at VMBC State Championships at Liberty University Stadium.
- Our annual Celtic Classic continues, this year on October 15th. All hands on deck!
- We will put on 4 engaging school concerts throughout the year (Oct, Dec, Mar, May).
- Collectively, we will prepare for and complete auditions for All-District & All-State bands. Scholarships?!?
- A plan is in place to begin bringing in local, pro musicians to regularly work with our rising musicians.
- In March, students will perform at Concert Performance Assessments, the pinnacle ensemble music-making events of the year.
- In April, our Jazz Ensembles will perform at the RCPS Jazz Assessment.
- Also in April, our High School students will travel to Atlanta, Georgia for their overnight Spring Trip.
- In May, our Middle School students will travel to Carowinds in Charlotte, North Carolina for a day of fun.
- Across the board, you'll notice increased community exposure from all of our groups this year.

With much to look forward to, I invite us all to have an "ALL IN" approach. I'm confident that you will find the building process to be not only worthwhile, but rewarding. The opportunities you have for musical and personal growth this year are numerous. Take full advantage, have a blast, and create lifelong memories. Go Highlanders!!

Sincerely,



Colt W. Campbell
Director of Bands
Glenvar Middle & High Schools

Mission Statement

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GLENVAR BANDS "CONSERVATORY APPROACH"



Ensembles/Course Offerings

Band 6: Beginning Band 9230
 Credit(s): 0 Grade Level(s): 6
 Prerequisites: None

The 6th Grade Beginning Band class provides instrumental group instruction. The class introduces and develops techniques of instrument playing and music reading. A minimal number of outside-of-school rehearsals and performances are required unless excused by the director.

Band 7: Intermediate Band 9231
 Credit(s): 0 Grade Level(s): 7
 Prerequisites: Band 6 or permission of instructor

The 7th Grade Band class may have various experience levels and will provide instrumental group instruction at an intermediate level. The class is a continuation of playing techniques and Grade I and II levels of band music. A minimal number of outside-of-school rehearsals and performances are required unless excused by the director. Those students who desire to begin band in the 7th grade should register for this course with permission given by the instructor.

Band 8: Advanced Band 9229
 Credit(s): 0 Grade Level(s): 8
 Prerequisites: Band 7 or permission of instructor

The 8th Grade Band class may have various experience levels and will provide instrumental group instruction at an intermediate to advanced level. The class is a continuation of playing techniques and Grade I, II, III levels of band music. A minimal number of outside-of-school rehearsals and performances are required unless excused by the director. Those students who desire to begin band in the 8th grade should register for this course with permission given by the director.

Jazz Band (Middle School) **Grade 7:** 9415
Grade 8: 9416
 Credit(s): 0 Grade Level(s): 7-8
 Prerequisites: Recommendation of instructor

Jazz Band is a course for students with an interest in learning about and performing all styles of “pop” music from Dixieland to the present with the emphasis on the “big band” style. Wind and percussion players must be members of band classes; rhythm (guitar and piano) may come from the general school population. Outside-of-school rehearsals and performances are required unless excused by director. This class is a zero period class which meets before school 2-3 times per week. Transportation must be provided.

Symphonic Band (with Marching Band)**Grade 9:** 9237M**Grade 10:** 9238M**Grade 11:** 9239M**Grade 12:** 9242M

Credit(s): 1.5

Grade Level(s): 9-12

Prerequisites: Recommendation of instructor

This course requires the highest degree of performance from each member while further developing individual instrumental skills and musical understanding. This class requires the student to participate in the Marching Band. Outside-of-school rehearsals and performances are required unless excused by the instructor.

Symphonic Band (without Marching Band)**Grade 9:** 9237**Grade 10:** 9238**Grade 11:** 9239**Grade 12:** 9242

Credit(s): 1.0

Grade Level(s): 9-12

Prerequisites: Recommendation of instructor

This course requires the highest degree of performance from each member while further developing individual instrumental skills and musical understanding. Outside-of-school rehearsals and performances are required unless excused by the instructor.

Instrumental Ensemble (Percussion Class)**Grade 9:** 9250.09**Grade 10:** 9250.10**Grade 11:** 9250.11**Grade 12:** 9250.12

Credit(s): 1.0

Grade Level(s): 9-12

Prerequisites: Recommendation of instructor

This course is open to students who are interested in advancing their abilities through small ensemble playing and enlarging their knowledge of the literature and styles of music for their particular instruments. Outside-of-school rehearsals and performances are required unless excused by the director.

Jazz Band**Grade 9:** 9425**Grade 10:** 9426**Grade 11:** 9427**Grade 12:** 9428

Credit(s): 1

Grade Level(s): 9-12

Prerequisites: Recommendation of instructor

Jazz Band is a course for students with an interest in learning about and performing all styles of "pop" music from Dixieland to the present with the emphasis on the "big band" style. Instrumentation for this group could be a combination of the following: saxophones (alto, tenor, bari); trumpets; trombones; guitar; bass; piano; and traps (with additional instruments as required by the music). Outside-of-school rehearsals and performances are required unless excused by the director.

Attendance Policy

All members of Glenvar Bands are expected to attend **ALL** required co-curricular rehearsals, masterclasses, and performances, some of which will happen before or after the school day. Every member of each ensemble plays a substantial role in our overall success. Members are expected to plan ahead and communicate often.

Excusable Absences:

- Illness
- Pre-Arranged Academic Conflicts (club, tutoring)
- Pre-Arranged Sports Conflicts
 - Music rehearsal/masterclass conflicts with sports practice (attend 50% of band rehearsal/masterclass)
 - Music rehearsal/masterclass conflicts with sports game (attend game)
 - Music performance conflicts with sports practice (attend performance)
 - Music performance conflicts with sports game (music director and sports coach will work together to determine solution)
- Extraneous Circumstance (excused at the discretion of director)

Unexcused absences or “no shows” are not permitted. If a student attends school, it’s expected that they attend a before or after school music event that day. **Work conflicts are not excusable.** Unexcused absences will result in poor grades, removal from performances, and/or dismissal from the program.

As soon as you are aware of an upcoming absence, please email the director immediately. Email MUST come from a parent OR from the student with a parent CC'd to the email.

Expectations of a Glenvar Bands Musician

Be Kind Be Positive Work Hard

- Practice - The HAPPIEST student is one who is improving through regular practice. Make a real effort to improve and establish a good practice routine.
- Be on time for all rehearsals/performances.
- Treat your rehearsal space with care. Leave a room better than you found it.
- Come to rehearsal with a good attitude... and a pencil!
- Remain focused and maintain a strong academic standing in all coursework.
- Cell phones are for tuning and timing, not tik tok.
- Keep your instrument in good working order by completing routine maintenance.
- Assume responsibility for your actions. Admit when you are wrong.
- Respect yourself, others, and your equipment.
- Have a BLAST!

Grading Policy

Rehearsal Skills 20% - This grade is given each quarter. It will appear in the gradebook as "Rehearsal Skills Q1" Every student starts the quarter with a 100 out of 100. If the student meets the expectations listed above, they can expect to end the quarter with a 100 out of 100 in this category. Points are deducted when a student falls short of the expectations listed above.

Music Curriculum 80% - All other grades will appear in this category. Examples of grades appearing in this category include, but are not limited to, playing assignments, written assignments, major rehearsals, and performances.

Equipment Use

A limited amount of school-owned instruments are available for student checkout throughout the school year and during Summer. Students are expected to respect and maintain school-owned equipment at all times. Students can also expect to cover repair/replacement costs if damage is related to mistreatment. Any mistreatment of instruments/equipment may result in loss of privilege to use/check-out equipment. An Instrument Rental Form must be signed by the student and parent/guardian prior to issue.

Fall Band Fee

Fact: Band costs money. Fees are necessary for us to give you the best possible music education and band experience. Fortunately, this year and with the generous support of our Band Booster organization, your fees are kept low, covering only what YOU will personally wear and experience. Band Fees do NOT go towards the general upkeep of our program.

The Fall Band Fee (payable to the Glenvar Band Boosters) for the 2022-2023 school year is determined by the Pre-Order Form found on our website:

What does this fee cover?

1. Nike Band Shirt
2. Marching Band Attire (show shirt, shorts, pull-over, gloves, shoes, etc..)
3. Marching Band Equipment (UDBapp, flip folder)
4. Color Guard Items
5. Summer Music Games/DCI Tickets (marching band students)
6. Habits Series Method Book
7. Optional Items (car magnets, hats, bags)

What does this fee not cover?

1. Personal instruments and accessories
2. Formal Concert Attire (high school)
3. Black Dress Pants (middle school)
4. Black Dress Shoes (everybody!)
5. Spring Trip (not required, but HIGHLY encouraged)

What do our Band Boosters cover? Everything else!!

1. Professional Masterclass Instruction - from local, professional musicians
2. Guest Clinicians and Judges
3. ALL Transportation to ALL events
4. Participation fees and lodging for students who earn spots in All-District and All-State Honor Bands
5. Registrations for Performance Assessments
6. Activities for our kids including, but not limited to, cookouts, all-district/all-state activities, and the end-of-year band banquet
7. Equipment repair and purchase
8. Recruiting resources
9. Professional Development
10. Website upkeep, incentives, supplies, food, and MUCH, MUCH more!!

High School Performance Attire

All high school students are expected to purchase and maintain their own formal concert attire. This is NOT included in the Fall Band Fee. Attire that fits and is in good condition may be used year after year. It is the students' responsibility to take care of and clean attire between performances. Attire must appear clean and wrinkle-free for all events and performances. Black socks and black dress shoes must be worn with formal performance attire.

Marching Band Uniforms are provided by the district. These will be kept at school and maintained by the Band Boosters. Our Athletic Attire (included in Fall Band Fee) must be worn underneath the uniform. Marching Band shoes, gloves, and black socks MUST be worn with marching band uniforms.

In events where formal attire or marching band uniforms aren't appropriate, we will wear our athletic attire with tennis shoes.

Middle School Performance Attire

All middle school students are expected to keep and maintain their band shirt (included in Fall Band Fee). For performances, students can expect to wear this shirt, tucked in, with black socks and black dress pants (not included in fee). Attire must appear clean and wrinkle-free for all events and performances.

Color Guard Performance Attire

All color guard students are expected to keep and maintain their show costumes (included in Fall Band Fee). It is the students' responsibility to take care of and clean attire between performances. Attire must appear clean and wrinkle-free for all events and performances. Further direction regarding hair and make-up will be determined by Color Guard Instructor.

Glenvar Band Boosters

It's no secret that we couldn't operate without the help of our supportive parents!! All band fundraising efforts are coordinated by our wonderful Boosters. Parents, please consider showing your support by getting involved! Volunteers are always needed.

President - Pat Worley

Vice President - Jenn Worley

Treasurer - Diana Landreth

Secretary - Lynne Critzer

President Elect - Missy Hamilton

Travel

In April 2023, High School band students will be traveling to Atlanta, Georgia!! Expect an overnight trip that includes up to 3-nights.

In May 2023, Middle School band students will be traveling on a day-trip to Carowinds in Charlotte, North Carolina!

These will be fun-filled trips that may include a performance element and other area attractions. While not required, it's our hope that every student who wants to go has an opportunity to go! Start saving now!! A Financial Request Aid form can be found on our website.

To be eligible to travel with Glenvar Bands, students must maintain a good academic standing in all of their coursework. In addition, students must not have received out-of-school suspension or excessive disciplinary action while at school. The director reserves the right to prohibit students from traveling with Glenvar Bands based on the criteria just mentioned above.

Stay Informed

- Instagram - <https://www.instagram.com/glenvarbands/>
- Facebook - <https://www.facebook.com/glenvarbands>
- Band App - Main communication vehicle for students AND parents
- www.glenvarbands.org