

Freedom High School

Band Handbook

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Alli Howard, Director

Welcome and Welcome Back to the Freedom High School Band Program! My name is Ms. Howard, and I am the Director of Bands at Freedom High School. My goal is to teach you all that I can about music and help you to become the finest and most knowledgeable performer possible. If you give your best effort, you will experience much success. The study of music can be both very rewarding and a lot of fun. The purpose of this handbook is to explain to you how I am going to help you find those rewards and discover the joy of music. It is fully expected that students in the band program display the highest standards of character at all times, and maintain a grade point average that demonstrates a positive commitment towards their education. Students who are struggling with grades, behavior, or other issues should speak with Ms. Howard to find out how they can be successful.

Everything in this handbook is important. It is ***your*** responsibility to read through this handbook completely and share all of the information with your parents at home. I look forward to working with you this year, and I hope you will enjoy your musical studies at Freedom High School. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to ask. Here are the best ways to contact me:

E-mail (or Edsby) – allison.howard@sdhc.k12.fl.us

Phone – 813-558-1185 x276

In person – Feel free to stop in before school, after school, or during lunch to discuss any concerns that you may have.

MUSIC CONTRACT

You will find a music contract located at the end of this handbook. The primary purpose of this contract is to ensure that you and your parents have read and understand the contents of this handbook. It also indicates that you have read and reviewed the PERFORMANCE SCHEDULE with your parents, and you have made arrangements to be available on all of the dates indicated for all of the band(s) of which you are a member. You must have all of these dates clearly marked in your calendar.

BAND ROOM RULES

- 1.) No Food, Drink or Gum is allowed in the Band Room at any time (other than bottles of water).
- 2.) Leaning on equipment (especially music stands and percussion equipment) is not permitted.
- 3.) When seated in a chair, all four legs must be touching the ground at all times.
- 4.) No running or horseplay is permitted in any part of the band room at any time.
- 5.) No instruments or music may be left at school overnight.
- 6.) You may touch and play only your own instrument.
- 7.) Only percussionists may touch and use the percussion equipment.
- 8.) Follow directions given by the director the first time they are given.

BEHAVIOR

Your primary responsibility in band is to learn about music. Any behavior that distracts or interferes with the learning process will not be permitted. Infractions of the rules and/or disruption of the class will result in an attempt by the director to help you adjust your BEHAVIOR. This will take the form of a conference between you and the director to identify the inappropriate behavior and an appropriate replacement behavior. This may occur during or outside of class time. A second step will consist of you calling your parents to inform them of your misbehavior, and a written referral to the office. If the problem continues, you may be removed from the band program. It is our goal to have each student be as successful as possible in the band program. However, when the

attention required by a single student interferes with the learning experience for the whole group, the individual student will have to be removed from the class for the good of the other students.

Audience Etiquette:

As spectators, it is important to refrain from talking during another band's performance. It is also important to move in or out of the stands/hall in between performances only (not while a band is playing). Comments about other groups' performances should remain positive (you never know who might be sitting near you). Anytime you are wearing something that says "Freedom Band" on it, remember that you are representing yourself, your school, and your band. Behave accordingly!

BAND ROOM HOURS & INSTRUMENT STORAGE

Students are required to store their instruments in the band room during school hours, and to take them home when they leave. The band room is open daily from 7:30 AM until 4:00 PM. Students should drop off their instruments immediately upon reporting to school, and should pick up their instruments immediately following school.

NORMAL CLASS TIME & INDOOR REHEARSAL ROUTINE

It is important to establish a NORMAL REHEARSAL ROUTINE so that daily rehearsal time can be used efficiently. The routine begins as you enter the room. You are required to be in the band room by the time the tardy bell has rung (or at the beginning of after school rehearsal). Should you fail to do so, your participation grade will be lowered as appropriate. Multiple tardies will result in further penalties. Immediately upon entering the room, you should place your backpack along a wall, unpack and assemble your instrument, and place the closed case next to your backpack. Sit with your instrument and all necessary supplies (Music, Portfolio, Pencil, Extra Reeds, Valve Oil, etc.) in your assigned seat. Adjust your music stand to the appropriate height, and then begin *warming up properly* to be ready for rehearsal. When Ms. Howard approaches the podium, you should stop all activity and quietly listen to the director for instructions.

Daily rehearsals will consist of a variety of activities including: group warm-up, technical exercises, scales, breathing, ear training, theory, rhythm studies, chorales, sight reading, listening activities, and band music.

With approximately five minutes remaining in the class period, the rehearsal will end. You will, with no further playing, quickly put your instrument, music, chair, and stand away. The class will be dismissed by the director when:

- The room has been returned to its original state of order (unless otherwise instructed) – Chairs and music stands properly put away
- The director has made any necessary reminders and announcements

NORMAL OUTDOOR REHEARSAL ROUTINE

You are expected to be in your attendance block at the designated time (usually 4:00 PM) with your instrument, music in your flip folder on your lyre, and drill book or dot book on your person. Your water, extra reeds, valve oil, and any other things you need for rehearsal should be just off the field in sections (see your section leader for location). Players of small instruments should bring cases to the field. Large instruments should bring cases if it looks like it might rain.

In order to get to the field on time, you need to get your equipment out of the band room at least 15 minutes before you need to be in attendance block. You need to be wearing appropriate marching attire for *every* outdoor rehearsal, from July to November. This includes:

- Sneakers / tennis shoes that fit, and that allow you to roll step. No bare feet, sock feet, or sandals are acceptable
- Appropriate shorts or pants that allow you to move (jeans are not acceptable)
- Appropriate top for running, marching, doing push-ups, etc.

- Hat and sunglasses are highly recommended
- Sunscreen is mandatory!

It is recommended that you walk to the field with your section so that your section leaders can discuss the day's rehearsal plans with you. If you are not in your attendance block spot when your Drum Major or Band Captain calls you to Attention, you will be considered tardy, and your entire section will do push ups or run laps.

Outdoor rehearsals will consist of a variety of activities including: calisthenics, sectional marching & playing warm-up, group marching and playing warm-up, scales, breathing, drill review, new drill, drill cleaning, and band music. Students will be dismissed from rehearsal by the director when:

- All equipment, trash, etc. are picked up from the field and returned to the band room
- The band room is clean and all equipment is put away where it belongs

ABSENCES FROM AFTER SCHOOL REHEARSALS

You are expected to be at every After School Rehearsal (ASR) on time, prepared, attentive, and there for the entire rehearsal. If you need to be absent, leave early, or arrive late, follow these procedures:

- Recurring Conflicts:
 - This would include things like sports practices, out of school classes, church activities, drama rehearsals, etc. that may happen at the same time as band ASRs.
 - See Ms. Howard and the adult leader of whatever team/activity/etc. *as soon as you are aware of the conflict* to discuss what arrangements can be made. Usually students are allowed to split the time between the two activities in order for the student to participate in both; however, Ms. Howard has the final say on this. You will need to fill out a "Class Conflict" form, which can be obtained from Ms. Howard.
 - If recurring conflicts are not dealt with in a timely manner, your grade will be lowered as appropriate.
- One-time Conflicts:
 - You may either fill out the "Request for Excused Absence" form (see Ms. Howard) or bring a note from a parent to Ms. Howard *as soon as you are aware of the conflict* so that Ms. Howard can determine whether or not you will be excused. Not all requests for excused absence will be granted.
 - If you are absent from school, go home sick early, or have an emergency, bring a note from a parent the next day to get your absence from ASR excused.
 - In today's modern times, there is absolutely NO excuse for not communicating with your director and/or section leader by Edsby, email, voice mail, text message, smoke signals, or a note. Your director is NOT responsible for tracking you down to ask where you were.
- Unexcused Absences:
 - Unexcused absences from ASR will result in a ZERO for that day's rehearsal. No participation points will be awarded.
 - Unexcused absences (or repeated tardies, poor behavior, lack of preparation) can result in the student losing his/her spot in the drill, and/or chair in the band.

ABSENCES FROM ANY REHEARSAL

When you are absent, it is your responsibility to check for any information, handouts, etc. given out during the rehearsal you missed. You will need to get any handouts and put them in your portfolio. Handouts will be kept out for students for one week, and then they will be recycled.

GRADES

Your basic GRADE is determined by averaging your:

- Quiz Grades
- Project Grades
- Portfolio Grade
- Performance Grades
- Participation Grades
- Journals

Students who receive a failing grade in band for 2 consecutive quarters may be removed from the band program at the director's discretion.

TESTS AND CHAIR ORDER

You will have playing tests in band. You will earn a GRADE based on your individual performance. Your GRADE will **not** be determined by comparing your playing with that of other band members; it will be based entirely on your own demonstrated effort and progress as it compares with your musical potential and aptitude. In addition to being graded, each section will be reseeded according to how well you perform compared with the others in the section. Seating within the section will freeze one to two weeks before each major performance, and that order will be how names are printed in the concert program.

Each test will cover one of the following:

- Major scale(s)
- Chromatic scale(s)
- Minor scale(s)
- A study from your technique books
- A part in your band music
- Other assignments given to you during class, including memorization of some music

All tests may be retaken as many times as you wish during the grading period to earn a better grade, as long as you took the test the first time when it was scheduled (this will not change your chair within the section). If you had an unexcused absence from class the day of the quiz, you will receive a ZERO for that quiz and will be last chair in your section. The only exception for quiz make ups is a test over band music, which may only be retaken through the date that piece is performed. It will be your responsibility to arrange with the director to come in before school, after school, or during lunch to make up missed tests or to retake a test (see EXTRA HELP). All incomplete tests will automatically become failing grades at the end of the grading period. You will have a written test or project at least once each quarter. Written tests and projects will be assigned a test or project grade but will have no effect on chair assignments.

SOLO / SMALL ENSEMBLE ASSIGNMENT

Once each semester there will be a performance project. One semester will be a Solo project, and the other semester will be a Small Ensemble project. Students are expected to prepare their solo and small ensemble on their own time (minimum of 3 weeks) and perform the solo and small ensemble for their band mates during class and write an essay about the experience. Top solo & ensemble performers may be selected to perform at band concerts. Students may also perform at the District 7 Solo & Ensemble Festival in February. The solo & ensemble assignments are a large portion of the grade and will count as a project grade. Solo projects **MUST** be performed with accompaniment: you may use Smart Music (recommended), a CD, or a live accompanist. The top solo performers may get to perform with the Concert Band on the final concert in April.

PORTFOLIO GRADES

Each student is expected to keep a 3-ring binder as a portfolio for the entire year as a record of their participation in the course. The purpose of the portfolio is to encourage the student to be organized and to create a body of work that will serve as a reminder of the work they have contributed and a resource to foster future growth. The portfolio will be graded once each quarter on completeness, organization, and creativity of presentation. Portfolios must include the following items:

- All handouts given in class
- All class assignments and projects
- Foundations Book
- Intonation Tendency Sheet & Project (except percussionists)
- Weekly Journals

The portfolios must be neat and clearly organized. Materials must be easy to find and useful for the student. Any student who thinks they might need help with this process should contact a section leader for assistance. The portfolio is a significant portion of the students' grades.

PERFORMANCE GRADES

The 2019-2020 FHS Band Calendar will be posted on the band website (www.fhsband.com), and will be updated whenever a change occurs. You should review this schedule with your parents and put all the dates on your family calendar so that no conflicts will arise. If an unavoidable conflict does come up, you must let the director know at least **one week before the performance date** with a written note from a parent. Such a note must describe the **specific** reason for your absence so that the director can determine if you may be excused. This will give the band time to redistribute parts or fill a drill hole before the performance. A note asking to excuse you from a performance less than one week prior to a performance, or after the fact, **cannot be accepted**.

Many of you are in sports or other activities that may occasionally conflict with band. You ***MAY NOT*** be excused from a band performance for a practice, sporting event, or other activity. Please check the performance calendar carefully so that you can make arrangements with coaches, church sponsors, etc. in advance.

Below are the criteria for PERFORMANCE GRADE:

A – You arrive on time for the warm-up, are dressed appropriately (see PERFORMANCE ATTIRE), behave appropriately and attentively in warm-up, on stage and in the audience, and stay with the band for the entire performance.

C – You fulfill all but one of the requirements for an “A”

D – You fulfill all but two of the requirements for an “A”

F – You fail to fulfill three or more requirements for an “A”

An unexcused absence from any scheduled or yet to be scheduled performance will result in a grade of ZERO for that performance. You may also be required to attend a conference with the director and an administrator to reevaluate your participation in Band.

Football Games:

Students are not allowed to leave campus between school dismissal time and call time. Students should bring food, arrange to have food delivered by a parent, or purchase a pre-game meal from the Band Boosters (\$45 for the season). Students must wear their show shirts under their uniforms, along with light weight shorts, and black socks that go above the ankle. Uniforms and instruments will be inspected before each game:

- Clean band shoes
- No jewelry
- No nail polish / clear nail polish

- Natural hair color, hair in hat
- Clean mouthpiece (winds)
- Instrument working properly, no broken or cracked reeds
- Clean white gloves (winds)
- Solid black socks that go above the ankle
- Show shirt under uniform
- Antiperspirant / deodorant (you WILL sweat!)

Band members will play music and cheer throughout each game. You will have an assigned seat in the stands. No one is allowed in the band's section in the stands except band members. No food, gum, candy, or drink other than water is allowed in the stands.

Pep Rallies:

All band members will wear their show shirts (tucked in) and blue jeans. Be ready to perform quickly during pep rallies. Sit/stand where assigned, with your section.

PERFORMANCE ATTIRE

All band members at Freedom High school are responsible for adhering to the uniform rules as stated below. Students not in appropriate uniform attire **MAY NOT BE ALLOWED TO PERFORM AND WILL RECEIVE A FAILING GRADE FOR THAT PERFORMANCE.** Director will decide appropriate attire. Professionalism is expected at all times. If you have questions about professional/appropriate dress, contact your director *before* the performance.

Freedom High Concert Band Uniform

Male – Black Dress Shirt (tucked in), Black Dress Slacks, Black Dress Shoes, Black Socks that go above the ankle. Black vest & bowtie (provided by Freedom HS). **No jeans (not even black jeans), no t-shirts.**

Female – Long Black Dress (provided by Freedom HS). Black Dress Shoes – closed toe, heel 1" or lower. Black stockings or knee highs. The uniform rental fee is \$27.13 (yes, really - \$25 + tax). Checks or money orders can be made out to *Freedom High School*. We can also take cash.

Everyone – **No tennis shoes or jewelry will be allowed. Hair must be a natural color.**

Clothing must not be faded or discolored in any fashion.

If you cannot meet these expectations due to financial hardship, you must notify Ms. Howard IMMEDIATELY so that assistance can be arranged. This is important because PERFORMANCE ATTIRE is one of the criteria used when determining your grade.

Freedom High Marching Band Uniform

Your *brand new* wind/percussion uniform consists of:

- Shako hat and plume
- Uniform jacket with snap-on sweat guard
- Gauntlets
- Gloves (not percussion)
- Bibber pants
- Black socks that go above the ankle, and black marching shoes
- Show shirt and light weight shorts for under the uniform
- No jewelry, no nail polish (or clear only)
- Hair must be a natural color, and be in your hat

The uniform rental fee is \$37.98 (yes, really - \$35 + tax). Checks or money orders can be made out to *Freedom High School*. We can also take cash.

JOURNALS

JOURNALS will be due every Friday. Your Journal needs to be a half page minimum, and must include some references to what happened in Band this week. Your JOURNAL is your chance to provide the director with feedback about your practice, music, concerns about band and more. The purposes of the JOURNAL entries are many, and include:

- To give students an appropriate means to communicate their ideas and concerns
- To practice good writing skills
- To encourage participation and thoughtful insight and commitment to band program

EXTRA CREDIT

You will occasionally be made aware of concerts and recitals that you may attend for EXTRA CREDIT. To get credit, you must bring a program to band the next school day. This program must have your name clearly printed on it and it must be signed by one of your parents or by the director of the band that you saw perform (i.e. Mr. Hustin at a LMS concert). Many of these concerts will be free of charge around Tampa. Check with your director if you will be attending any other musical performance for which you would like to receive extra credit.

Any student taking private lessons may submit a written note from his/her private instructor detailing their progress over the semester. This can also count for EXTRA CREDIT. Any student that is selected to participate in an honor band may receive EXTRA CREDIT by bringing in the program signed by both the student and a parent.

Students who participate in Solo and Ensemble contest or any honor ensemble will be eligible for EXTRA CREDIT by returning the judges sheet and/or program signed by both the student and a parent.

MATERIALS

Every student will need the following items in class every day:

- Sharpened pencil
- Instrument (Percussionists must have stick bag with appropriate sticks & mallets)
- Music and Music folder
- Technique book
- Portfolio
 - o 3 Ring Binder (at least 1")
 - o Clear plastic sheets to protect music & handouts
- Musical supplies for your instrument (4 good reeds for clarinet & saxophone, 2 for oboe & bassoon), valve oil, etc.
 - o Metronome (or app)
 - o Tuner (or app)

If you cannot afford any of these items, let your director know so that assistance can be arranged.

Any student who does not have his/her materials in class will receive a lowered participation grade for the day.

INSTRUMENTS

You are expected to provide your own instrument. Freedom High School has a very limited number of larger and more expensive instruments that will be checked out to students as deemed necessary by the director. The instrument rental fee is \$43.40 for the entire school year, or \$21.70/semester. In either case, you will be expected to have your instrument in class every day, including band camp. All Percussionists pay the instrument rental fee each year to use the large percussion equipment and help defray maintenance costs on that equipment.

All instruments must have a name tag and be labeled with your name and an address to return your instrument to, in case it is misplaced or stolen. I recommend that you put the Freedom High School address (17410 Commerce Park Blvd., Tampa, FL, 33657) rather than your home address for security reasons. If your name is on a lost / left-on-the-bus instrument, then we can get it back to you!

On the occasion that you must leave your instrument at a repair shop, you must bring in a note from a parent stating when you expect to get it back so that you can be excused for not having your materials on that day.

Percussionist's Equipment:

Percussionists need to have specific equipment to participate in the band program. All percussionists are expected to store their stick bags in the band room during the school day, and take their stick bags home each night. Percussionists need to have:

- Drum pad and Bell Kit (for at home practice, leave at home)
- Stick Bag labeled with student's name and information listed above. Students are expected to have the following mallets, or be working toward acquiring the following mallets:
 - Vic Firth SD1 Wooden Tip Drumsticks
 - Medium Yarn Mallets
 - Staccato Timpani Mallets
 - Hard Rubber Mallets
 - Soft Yarn Mallets
 - Hard Plastic Mallets
 - Medium Rubber Mallets
 - General Timpani Mallets
 - Drum Key
 - Set of 4 Matching Yarn Mallets
 - Acrylic mallets
 - Other mallets may be required according to repertoire selected
 - Sticks and/or mallets specific to the instrument you perform in the Marching Band:
 - Snare drum: Vic Firth Ralph Hardimon Wood Tip sticks
 - Quads: Vic Firth Scott Johnson "Vega" sticks
 - Basses: Vic Firth MB1-H Small Felt Bass mallets (top), Vic Firth MB2-H Medium Felt Bass mallets (2nd), Vic Firth MB3-H Large Felt Bass mallets (bottom 2)
- Jazz Band: Vic Firth Peter Erskine Original model with wood tip, Set of Jazz Brushes, Vibraphone Mallets

You will need to have your instrument (percussionists, this is your stick bag with all necessary mallets) in class every day. Any student who does not have his/her instrument in class will have his/her participation grade docked that day if s/he makes an attempt to participate in class. You will receive a "0" in class participation for not attempting to participate in class on that day.

TECHNIQUE BOOK

The Freedom High School band uses a supplementary TECHNIQUE BOOK in addition to regular band music. You may purchase it at most music stores or order it online. It is *Foundations for Superior Performance*, which many returners have most likely already purchased. Please make sure you have an *Essential Musicianship* book for each instrument you play in the FHS Bands. If you cannot afford to purchase this book, you must notify Ms. Howard immediately so that assistance can be arranged.

MUSIC / PORTFOLIO

After every rehearsal and performance, it is your responsibility to take your music folder/portfolio home with you to practice. You may, and are encouraged to, write on your music, as long as it is in pencil. If any of your music is lost, you will be charged \$1.00 per page to receive a new copy. The music we use is very expensive and, in some

cases, no longer in print – so please take good care of it! All band students will have copies of band music checked out to them for use during band class and at-home practice.

PRIVATE LESSONS

It is highly recommended that you consider taking PRIVATE LESSONS. Nothing can take the place of individualized, expert attention and guidance.

EXTRA HELP

If you are having difficulty with any of the music we work on in class, you should come in before school, after school, or during lunch for individual extra help. However, you should always make an appointment with the director before coming in for help. She will be glad to help you with any special music or audition materials on which you may be working. You may also ask any section leader, drum major, or other student in your section for help.

BAND CAMP

Band Camp is MANDATORY. Students who do not attend Band Camp will be alternates, and will have to earn a regular spot in the drill over time.

- July 22-23: Leadership Camp – for Drum Majors, section leaders, band captions, etc. 8 AM – 3 PM.
- July 24-25: Rookie Camp – for incoming new members of the Freedom HS marching band, and all leadership. 8 AM – Noon.
- July 26-July 31: Full Marching Band Camp – for ALL members of the Freedom HS marching band. Monday-Friday only. 8AM – 3 PM.
- Thursday, Aug. 1: Full Band Camp, 10 AM – 5 PM. Mandatory parent meeting and end of band camp performance – 6-7 PM.

Things to bring and wear:

- Closed-toe and closed-heel comfortable sneakers (no sandals, flip flops, or bare feet)
- Shorts
- T-shirt (light colors are recommended). School dress code must be observed (no spaghetti straps or swim suit tops)
- WATER!! Lots of water. A water jug that holds a half gallon is HIGHLY recommended.
- Marching band ball cap
- Sunscreen – lots!!
- Lunch – students are not allowed to leave campus for lunch.
- Athletic packet

Eat regularly during Band Camp. Eat breakfast, lunch, and dinner every day. Stay hydrated! Drink plenty of water before you go to bed each evening.

PERFORMANCE CALENDAR

Subject to change! Please check the band calendar on the band website (www.fhsband.com) regularly for updates!

Date	Event	Group
7/31	Performance at Freshmen Orientation	Marching Band
8/1	End of Band Camp Performance	Marching Band
8/23	Football @ Steinbrenner HS	Marching Band
9/6	Football v. Robinson HS	Marching Band
9/11	9/11 Ceremony	Marching Band
9/13	Football vs. Spoto HS	Marching Band
9/20	Football @ Wharton	Marching Band
9/27	Football @ Land O Lakes	Marching Band

10/4	Football vs. Middleton (Middle School night)	Marching Band
10/11	Football @ Fivay	Marching Band
10/12	Lion's Pride Competition	Marching Band
10/18	Football vs. Alonso	Marching Band
10/25	Football vs. Gaither (Homecoming & Senior night)	Marching Band
11/2	Marching Band MPA	Marching Band
12/11	FHS Winter Concert	All Bands
2/27	FHS Spring Concert	All Bands
3/5, 6, or 7	Concert Band MPA	Concert Band
April	Spring Band Trip	All Bands
4/29	FHS Final Concert	All Bands
Late May	Graduation	Concert Band

ACTIVITY FEE

There is a \$400.00 activity fee for participation in the Marching Band, and a \$35.00 activity fee for participation in Concert Band, Jazz Band, and/or Percussion Ensemble. All money should be submitted to the Freedom Band Boosters. Checks should be made out to *FHS Band Boosters*. Activity fee money is used for festival registration fees, instructional specialists, drill, music, busses, uniform cleaning, and instrument repairs that are necessary for a successful band program.

SUMMARY OF FEES AND PAYMENT SCHEDULE

Please notify Ms. Howard *as soon as possible* if you are financially unable to pay any of these fees so that arrangements can be made.

Fee	Students	Amount	Payable to	Due Date
Instrument Rental	Using school-owned instruments (and percussionists)	\$43.40	Freedom HS	7/26
Marching Uniform Rental	Winds & Percussion	\$37.98	Freedom HS	8/16
HOT Day Registration	participating students	\$45	FHS Band Boosters	8/19
Marching uniform shoes	those needing shoes	\$30	FHS Band Boosters	8/23
Game night meals	those wanting meals	\$45	FHS Band Boosters	8/23
Marching Band Activity	Marching band	\$400 (\$430 if making 4 payments)	FHS Band Boosters	8/26
Black uniform socks	anyone who needs	\$5/pair	cash only	
Replacement gauntlets	anyone who needs	\$10	FHS Band Boosters	
White uniform gloves	those needing gloves	\$4/pair	cash only	
Replacement show shirts	if needed	\$10	FHS Band Boosters	
Concert Band Activity	Winds & Percussion	\$35	FHS Band Boosters	11/22
Concert Dress Rental	Concert Band Ladies	\$27.13	Freedom HS	11/22

FUND RAISERS

Every year, the Freedom Band participates in a number of fund raisers with the help of the BAND BOOSTERS to help pay for the purchase of necessary performance and rehearsal equipment and supplies. Some of the funds we raise are used to purchase metronomes, tuning equipment, sound and recording equipment, music, instruments, accessories, and travel. All students enrolled in band are expected to participate in these FUND RAISING activities because every student uses at least some of the items purchased with the funds. It is vital to the success of the band program that we receive 100% assistance in fundraising.

FREEDOM HIGH SCHOOL BAND BOOSTERS

The Freedom High School Band Boosters are the parent booster organization that assists the band in many ways. We need the help of every parent at least one time during the year to help our program be successful. Some of the things we will need help with are as follows:

- Concessions sales at concerts
- Pit Crew at Marching events
- Water distribution at Marching events
- Chaperones for Festivals and other trips
- Fund Raising
- Decoration for performances
- Many other activities throughout the year

Please mark the box on the MUSIC CONTRACT that will allow the director to share your phone number and address with the Band Boosters so that they can be in contact with you. Your support is very important to the success of the band program.

The Boosters help to raise money for the band for transportation, music, marching drill, instructors, repair, instrument and equipment purchases, uniform repair, competition/festival fees, awards, and office supplies.

Membership and Sponsorship

“All parents of students and teachers at Freedom High School are eligible for active membership. Any person or persons other than parents of Freedom High School students who are interested in the music program of said school may be an active voting member upon paying dues.” – Article IV of the Constitution and By-laws of the Freedom High School Band Boosters Association.

Be a Member:

- Basic Membership for \$15 includes:
 - Member voting rights for 1 adult
- Individual Membership Level for \$30 includes:
 - Member voting rights for 1 adult
 - Free entrance to Winter and Spring Concerts for 1 individual
 - ONE Booster T-Shirt
- Family Membership Level for \$50 includes:
 - Membership voting rights for 2 adults
 - Free entrance to Winter and Spring Concerts for the family (up to 4 individuals)
 - TWO Booster T-Shirts

Be a Sponsor:

- Patriot Sponsor for \$100 includes:
 - Family Membership (see above) with an additional Booster T-shirt
- Business Sponsor for \$125
 - Courtesy tickets to both the Holiday and Spring Concerts for up to 4 individuals
 - Acknowledgement in concert programs and the End-of-the-Year Celebration

FREEDOM BAND MUSIC CONTRACT

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Please complete the following contract and return to Ms. Howard no later than Friday, August 16, 2019.

PLEASE PRINT LEGIBLY

Student Name:

Address:

Mother's Name:

Father's Name:

Home Phone:

Mother's Cell/Work:

Father's Cell/Work:

Student's Cell:

Mother's Email:

Father's Email:

Student's Email:

Student T-shirt size (adult sizes only): S M L XL XXL XXXL (circle one)

Check this box if you grant Ms. Howard permission to release the above information to the Freedom High School Band Boosters.

Instrument(s) that I play:

Instrument(s) I might be interested in switching to if the band needs:

I _____ have read the Freedom Band Handbook and I agree to adhere to all of the policies and procedures established within. I understand that I am a valuable member of the band and that I must demonstrate the responsibility, integrity, and respect that the band requires. I have read the BAND CALENDAR and have marked all performances and special dates. I will attend all performances and special dates throughout the year. If an emergency arises, I will take care of it in an appropriate manner as outlined in the Freedom Band Handbook.

STUDENT SIGNATURE

DATE

PARENT SIGNATURE

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