



Revere High School Music Department

2015-16 Handbook

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Attendance Policy for All Music Groups

From the Directors: Students who have to be absent from a performance must submit an excuse in writing two full weeks prior to the performance. The Calendar of Events was published prior to the school year, so absences should not occur.

- a) Last minute absences due to illness should be accompanied by a doctor's excuse
- b) Work is not an excused absence
- c) Absence without a prior note or doctor's excuse could affect grade.

MARCHING BAND

Band Camp

DATES AND TIMES:

See calendar for specific dates and times

NEEDED ITEMS:

Comfortable shoes (no sandals)
 Water bottle
 Hat and sunglasses
 Suntan lotion
 Instrument or flag
 Music
 Pencils and paper clips
 Rain gear
 Lunch (only during full day rehearsals)

TYPICAL DAY:

Marching basics/exercises
 Music rehearsals full band
 Sectionals – marching and music
 Reviews
 Lunch
 Drill charting – marching and playing
 Parade Practice

SPECIAL NOTE:

All students must submit a Medical Emergency Form the first day of band camp. If this form is not on file the student is not permitted to participate in camp.

UNIFORMS

Students will be fitted for their uniform during the first week of camp. They must remember their uniform number. Uniforms are stored by number – not by student name.

Freshmen receive their own socks and gloves. Freshman girls receive hair bows. All of the items are included in the freshman band fee. They must pay for replacement of lost items. ***They will need these items every time they march in uniform.***

EXPENSES:

Band fees due at the beginning of band camp. These fees are for uniform upkeep and the purchase of personal apparel items. Freshman fees are higher because they receive “R” shirt and shorts, plus “Dinkles” (marching band shoes), gloves, socks, and hair bows. Sophomores through Seniors can order new shoes, “R” shirts and shorts during band camp. Replacement gloves, socks, and hair bows are available any time during marching band season.

Auxiliary (Flag) Squad**SCHEDULE:**

Same as for band; additional rehearsals will be determined by instructor.

Marching Band Friday Football Game

TYPICAL FRIDAY:

Wear Friday shirts to school all day to show band spirit.

Arrive at posted times for evening performance.

Students must bring black socks, white gloves, hair bows (girls), R-shirt and shorts (to be worn under the uniform), and “Dinkles” – not tennis shoes. Percussionists do not need to wear gloves.

Pick up uniform from Uniform Room

Dress into uniform in designated rooms – *not the washroom*.

Pass inspection by band parent.

Instructions given – be seated in band room.

HOME GAME:

Chaperones take the seat covers out of the Uniform Room and cover the band student stands. Also, they take the traffic flags, safety vests, and flashlights out of the Uniform Room. Band will assemble outside and march to field.

Play for pre-game.

STAND ACTIVITIES

Sit in stands in assigned rows

No candy, food, or beverages allowed in student stands (sugar is very corrosive to the school instrument or very expensive instrument you bought for your student)

If a band member needs to use the restroom, they must be accompanied by a chaperone for their own safety

Pay attention to those in charge to know when and what to play

During end of second quarter, assemble for half time show

Perform

Return equipment to stands.

Third quarter break:

- Cookie shack: a free bag of cookies and water will be provided by the band parents for the home band as well as the visiting band
- Concession stand (Minuteman Café): items may be purchased

Back in stands **before** fourth quarter begins; if late returning, they will lose their third quarter privilege for the next game.

At the end of the game, assemble and perform post-game.

Return to band room.

Change out of uniform and return to Uniform Room – report any thing that needs cleaning or repair immediately. Uniform must be hung back on original hanger.

Number on hanger must be visible, and uniform must be zipped/buttoned.

Return rain coats (if issued) to squad leader, who is responsible for putting these items away.

Remove personal items from band room.

AWAY GAME:

After instructions are given (see Typical Friday – page #3) students will be dismissed to the buses by band director.

Chaperones need to load first aid kit, student medical forms, plumes and uniform bag on buses.

Students are responsible for loading all instruments. Don't forget to take all parts of instruments, including harness, reed, mouthpiece, etc. Make sure your instrument is on the bus or equipment trailer – do not assume someone will do it for you.

Board assigned bus, where a chaperone will take attendance.

Travel to away field, please observe proper bus etiquette, the same as district guidelines, by being respectful to others (the bus driver is in charge; remember that when interior lights are on, quiet is a must).

Arrive at away field and disembark from the bus **when instructed** in full uniform with everything that will be needed.

Equipment volunteers or Chaperones will assist students in unloading the instruments from the equipment bus. Empty cases are returned to the equipment bus. Assemble and march to stands.

Same as STAND ACTIVITIES as for home game (see page #4), except no Cookie Shack.

At the end of the game, after students leave stands, chaperones collect any remaining water bottles and dispose of them. Also equipment volunteers and chaperones unload all empty cases from the equipment buses.

Band will march out to the buses, pack and load instruments and board assigned bus, where chaperones will again take attendance.

Travel back to school

***Parents Please Note: do not park along the curb
in the front circle drive for pickup.
The buses need access to park there.***

Change and return uniform and raincoat as before mentioned.

AFTER GAME:

Only band members and their parents will be permitted in the building after the game. Friends of band members will need to wait outside. Parents should be at school by pick up times because the building is locked by janitorial staff.

Note: some band members like to go out Friday night after the game. This is your decision if they participate. This is not a band or RMPA activity.

Parent Participation Needed on Friday Nights:

- Chaperones – see Marching Band Chaperone Guidelines, next page
- Uniform/raincoat distribution
- Volunteers to work in concession stand (Home Games)
- Provide cookies for cookie shack (Home Games)
- Work in cookie shack (Home Games)
- Equipment helpers: Help move percussion and other equipment (Home Games) and load/unload trailer (Away Games only). If you're waiting to pick up your student, your assistance is appreciated!

Note: Any band parents who attend the games are encouraged to sit in the band parent section of the stands (south end of the home stands)

Marching Band Chaperone Guidelines

DUTIES INCLUDE:

Uniform inspections: Record and recommend corrections. Return record to Chaperone Chairperson. Uniform inspection requirements are:

- clean, neatly pressed uniform, clean gloves, hats, braids and polished black shoes
- no jewelry or earrings permitted, unless newly pierced ears

Responsible for transport and return to proper place of the following:

- Water bottles. These need to be passed out to the students as needed in the stands. Supervise closely so no bottles are misused.
- First aid bag

Check off bus roster attendance sheets (one for each bus) for away games.

- Check attendance both ways before students enter bus.
- Report any missing to director or chairperson immediately!
- Return the attendance sheets to bus driver at the end of the event.

Place seat covers for band seating area.

Stay with band at all times.

Help carry any other needed band equipment.

Supervise loading and unloading of buses and equipment truck in orderly fashion.

No band student to leave the band during first, second or fourth quarter without being accompanied by chaperone or given permission by band director.

Check buses at the end of the event for lost uniform parts, personal items, litter, open windows, etc. Take proper action to see that bus is left in clean condition before students leave it.

One couple is requested to stay until the last band student has left the school to be sure everyone has a safe way home

Marching Band Chaperone Guidelines (continued)**GENERAL INFORMATION:**

Read rule sheet for proper bussing rules for students and see that they are enforced.

No younger children can accompany chaperones on buses as per insurance company policy.

Only band personnel are permitted in band seating area.

Band students may take their "break" during the third quarter, except when denied for disciplinary action. Chaperones are requested to remain in band seats during this time to watch over instruments and equipment.

No refreshments are permitted in the stands at any time, except water.

If a problem develops, try to resolve it yourself by discussing the matter with the student. Recommend proper improvement without having to report to the band director. If problem continues or warrants further discipline inform student that you have no choice but to see the band director and then DO SO as soon as possible.

Any questions? Contact the chaperone chairperson.

Have fun chaperoning this great bunch of students!

Thank you for your much appreciated help!

We always need chaperones – please see chaperone chairperson to sign up for another event!

Away Marching Band Competition

WHEN:

Usually held on a Saturday afternoon or evening

WHAT TO EXPECT:

This is a performance on the football field of different marching bands that have been invited to participate. It is adjudicated by OMEA judges, and ratings are awarded that may result in qualifying for OMEA State Marching Band Competition. There usually is a special rehearsal before the show.

TRAVEL TO BAND SHOW:

Same as during an away game.

SPECIAL NOTE:

Band Shows are mandatory attendance for students.

Revere Marching Band Invitational

WHEN:

Usually held on a Saturday afternoon or evening in September.

WHAT TO EXPECT:

Same as Marching Band Invitational except it's at home.

SPECIAL NOTE:

Student and parent volunteers are needed for the ticket booth, concession stand, the gates, parking, pie tent, and for t-shirt, program, and 50/50 raffle sales

Bands in the Round/Soup Supper

WHEN:

November in the gym and cafeteria.

WHAT TO EXPECT:

This concert consists of show music and pep songs from the season, as well as a soup supper and a silent auction fundraiser.

Concert Band/Wind Ensemble

WHEN:

The second and third trimesters of the school year

WHAT TO EXPECT:

The concert band performs a series of concerts throughout the year. They also take part in OMEA District and State competition. Attendance at all performances is expected. See calendar of events to assure there are no conflicts.

Jazz Band

WHEN:

After Marching Band Season

WHAT TO EXPECT:

This group is selected by audition.

Ensemble to study and perform jazz literature.

Rehearsals will be directly after school.

Attendance at rehearsals will affect membership in this ensemble.

Performance dates to follow marching season.

Pep Band

WHEN:

Performance dates during basketball season

WHAT TO EXPECT:

Volunteer members from the band to perform at selected home basketball games.

Students arrive in the band room at the designated time. Tune instruments and proceed to the gym. Dress is usually jeans and "R" shirts

They assemble in the designated "Band" area in the stands.

Play as directed during game (Sometimes the students only play for first and second quarters, and during half time. This is determined by the band director). After performance, return instrument to band room. Students may choose to return to gym for remainder of game.

Men's / Women's / Concert Choir

WHAT TO EXPECT:

The Men's, Women's, and Concert Choirs are separate choral organizations open to any student in grades 9, 10, 11 and 12. These groups serve as foundation-building groups. Exact choirs and composition will vary depending on student interest. Emphasis is placed on basic choral technique and learning to sing and appreciate a variety of music from all style periods in music history. No audition is required. These Choirs may participate in OMEA State and District Competition

Symphonic Choir

WHAT TO EXPECT:

The Symphonic Choir is a choral organization for the more serious minded music student. Students will review basic choral technique and work to expand vocal production at a higher level. Music from all time periods in music history will be studied in preparation for performance and contests. An audition and an interview with the director are required. Enrollment is limited to voicing requirements. Symphonic Choir will participate in OMEA State and District Competition.

OMEA (Ohio Music Educators Association) Solo and Ensemble Contest

WHEN:

Late January or during February

WHAT TO EXPECT:

This is an extension of the concert band and choir.

Students may elect to participate in solo contests, and must prepare their solo themselves and pay for entrance fees and accompanist (if needed). RHS accompanists may be assigned or student may bring their own accompanist.

Students may be assigned to ensembles, or they may form their own ensembles. Entrance fees for ensembles are paid for by RMPA. (Exception: if a vocal ensemble decides to drop out after fees are paid, that ensemble must reimburse RMPA for their fees.) Student must provide own transportation to OMEA Solo and Ensemble contest. Student drivers may NOT transport other students per district policy. Transportation in parent car is recommended.

OMEA Large Group Competition

WHEN:

March for district, late April-early May for state competition

WHAT TO EXPECT:

Women's Choir, Symphonic Choir, Wind Ensemble, and Symphonic Band all participate in OMEA Large Group District Competition. If a Superior rating (I) is achieved in district competition, the group advances to OMEA Large Group State Competition.

Music Department Trip

WHEN:

Music department trips will be every two to three years.

WHAT TO EXPECT:

The location will be selected by the director with guidance from RMPA. Destination and costs vary from year to year. Students may earn "credits" to their student account to help pay for their trip by participating in fundraising activities. Credit can be earned during the year (Tag Day, Fruit Sale, etc.) Extra fundraisers will be offered during a trip year. Cost is ultimately the responsibility of the student. Trip guidelines will be addressed in a separate handout according to what the trip entails and will be distributed at that time.

Fall Marching Band Banquet

WHEN:

In November after the football season is over. Parents and family members ARE INVITED.

WHAT TO EXPECT:

Most students "dress up" for the occasion.

Catered dinner, followed by award presentations and a dance with a DJ.

Spring Music Banquet

WHEN:

In late May for bands AND choirs. Parents and family members ARE INVITED.

WHAT TO EXPECT:

Most students "dress up" for the occasion.

Catered dinner, followed by award presentations and a dance with a DJ.

Seniors only may use remaining credits in student account to pay banquet fees.

Fund Raisers

Tag Day

DATE: A designated Saturday in August

WHAT THEY DO:

Tag Day usually begins in the morning and runs until mid-afternoon. Students go door-to-door in the Bath area and Richfield area, asking for donations to support the music program. Students can earn credit toward trips from participation in this fundraiser.

PARENTS OR RELATIVES OF MUSIC STUDENTS: Are needed to drive routes for groups of two students on those days.

Music Fruit

WHEN: Sale usually starts the beginning of October and runs through mid-November.

Delivery of the fruit is on the first Friday of December.

WHAT THEY DO:

Students can earn a significant credit toward trips depending on their efforts. Fruit can be sold on their own and/or with parental help.

Parents, please note that you and your student(s) are responsible for delivering any fruit that you sell.

Other Product Sales

WHEN: As needed, usually before music department trips to give students additional opportunities to earn money to attend trips. All profits from these sales go to the student's account.

WHAT THEY DO:

Students can earn a significant credit toward trips depending on their efforts. Products can be sold on their own and/or with parental help.

Parents, please note that you and your student(s) are responsible for delivering and collecting for any products that you sell.

Revere Music Parents Association (RMPA)

The Revere Music Parents Association is comprised of the parents of music students in Revere Local School District. RMPA is organized exclusively for the support of the Music Department of the Revere School district.

MEETING TIME: RMPA meets on the first Tuesday of every month except July and January at 7:30 PM at Revere High School – the exact location varies but will be communicated to all parents via email in advance of each month’s meeting. Please join us! We are a fun group! We’d love to have you as an active member!

RMPA Volunteer Opportunities

It takes MANY volunteers to run a successful music program. Please check your area(s) of interest and return to any board member, the lockbox outside the music room or mail to RMPA, P.O. Box 671, Bath, OH 44210

- _____ **Away Band Show Meals:** Coordinate and/or donate food for meals after practices held before band shows
- _____ **Bands In the Round Soup Supper:** Help with ticket sales, setup, serving and cleanup. This event is usually held the first Tuesday in November.
- _____ **Bands In the Round Silent Auction:** Help solicit donations, do setup, and run the sale during Bands in the Round/Soup Supper. This event is usually held the first Tuesday in November.
- _____ **Banquets:** Help banquet chair with setup, check-in, and cleanup during music banquets.
- _____ **Chaperones:** Chaperone marching band at all football games, parades, competitions, and other events. Chaperones also needed for banquets, away from school events for concert band and choirs, and music department trips. **Please note: All chaperones must be fingerprinted and background checked, with results on file at the Revere Board of Education**
- _____ **Choir Liaison:** Provide status reports on choir activities and solicit choir parent involvement.
- _____ **Concessions:** Help man the Minuteman Café concession stand during home football games and the Revere Invitational. Help also needed during OMEA Large Group District Contest at RHS and at other special events.
- _____ **Cookie Shack:** Bake cookies for distribution to bands during home football games, and/or help man the shack.
- _____ **Equipment:** Help load/unload instruments and equipment for away games, band competitions and parades.
- _____ **Flowers:** Coordinate flowers for Senior Nights in the fall and spring, and floral decorations for the winter concert.
- _____ **Fruit Sale:** Help unload, organize and distribute fruit during fruit sale delivery
- _____ **Marching Band Uniforms:** Perform alterations and maintenance on uniforms as needed. Assist in uniform distribution before football games and other events, plus put uniforms away after games and events. (You do not have to do both jobs to help!)
- _____ **Publicity:** Publicize Music Department events to the community.
- _____ **Revere Marching Band Invitational:** Many jobs are available during this marching band contest hosted by Revere Marching Band, including ticket booth, concession stand, the gates, parking, judges and bus driver hospitality, pie tent, t-shirt, program, and 50/50 raffle sales. This event is usually held on the 4th Saturday in September.
- _____ **Tag Day:** Drive teams of two students soliciting donations on designated routes. (Saturday in August)
- _____ **Website:** Help maintain Revere Music Department website.
- _____ **Please contact me to help where needed**

Name(s) _____

Email _____

Phone _____