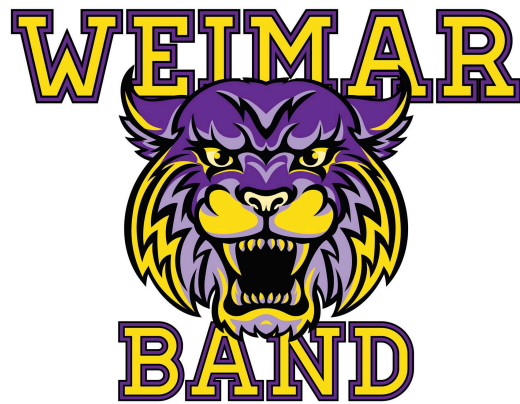


Weimar Wildcat Band

5th Grade Band-Prep Handbook

2025-2026

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This handbook has been made for the benefit of all 5th Grade members and their parents. The handbook describes the organizational aspects and student expectations of the Weimar ISD 5th Grade Pre-Band Program.

Performance Attendance

Due to the nature of the course, students will not be asked to attend rehearsals outside of class time. Students WILL, however, be expected to attend two performances throughout the school year. These will be listed below. Participation in these performances will count as the Semester Exam grade for students.

If at any time a member is unable to attend a performance, it is the parent's responsibility to notify the director **with reasonable advance notice or AS SOON AS POSSIBLE in cases of emergencies**. Absences will be considered unexcused unless advance approval is given. **Notification of an absence does not excuse an absence.** It will be up to the directors whether or not the absence will be excused.

All Pre-Band students are expected to participate in class and performances.

This is a performance-based class. Lack of participation during the class period may result in a negatively impacted daily grade, and potentially disciplinary action. Unexcused absences from performances will have a negative impact on the student's exam grade. If a performance is missed and is unexcused, an alternate assignment may be given at the discretion of the Directors.

Required Performances:

Elementary Christmas Program (Semester Exam)

Spring Concert (Semester Exam)

Rules & Conduct

1. Be on time to class/rehearsals or you will be tardy.
2. Stop talking when a director is on the podium.
3. Respect yourself and others.
4. Respect equipment. Take care of it!
5. Not yours...Don't touch!!!
6. Always put your instrument away **correctly** in its rightful place.
7. **Only Pre-Band/Band Students** are allowed in the band hall. Everyone else can wait outside.
8. Always have your instrument - You can't play without it - No Play...No Pass.
9. Always have your own folder & music with you at your stand or in your flip folder. Don't depend on someone else to keep track of it for you.
10. Make sure you have a pencil at all times.
11. Absolutely no food, drinks (other than water), or gum in the band hall at any time.
12. Do not leave trash lying around. Clean up your mess if you make one.
13. No horseplay in the band hall.
14. No use of electronic devices other than when specified by directors.
15. Most importantly: HAVE FUN!!!

If you choose to not follow these rules, any rules that may be added in the future, or any instructions that the directors may give, it means that you acknowledge that you are breaking the rules and, will therefore, willingly accept the consequences for your actions that the directors or administration feel necessary.

Supplies

Students will only need to bring a pencil and folder to the first day of school/their rotation. The Directors will issue instruments and any additional materials needed for the rotation.

School-owned Equipment

Anyone who is issued a school owned instrument will be responsible for its care and upkeep. Any damages due to negligence made to the instrument will be repaired and charged to the student's parents/guardians. Be careful!! It costs approximately \$70 per hour for instrument repair. If the instrument is unable to be repaired, the student's parents/guardians will be responsible for covering the cost of a replacement instrument. We will be sending home an instrument contract this year as another level of accountability.

Any additional materials that are issued (storage case, reed, etc.) will be the responsibility of the student. Students will be charged for replacing damaged/lost materials. Whether or not materials need to be replaced will be at the directors' discretion.

Grading

Students will be graded on class participation, playing assessments, written tests, performance participation, etc... in accordance with school grading policy.

Students are expected to take instruments home to practice on a regular basis for homework. If a student cannot take an instrument home due to transportation issues, they may practice in the band hall before or after school. Students **may** be required to turn in assignments online also.

Grading Outside of School Hours

TEA / UIL Side-by-Side:

May a (fine arts director, coach, or academic sponsor) teacher or extracurricular sponsor responsible for posting a student's grade give points or subtract points from a grade when a student (excels in or) does or does not (fully) participate in an extracurricular activity? The teacher of a class is responsible for assessing students for promotion based only on "academic achievement or demonstrated proficiency of the subject matter of the course or grade level" (TEC §28.021). If a student is enrolled in a class in which participation in extracurricular activities is a reasonable expectation of the class, the teacher may consider the student's participation in the extracurricular activity when assigning the grade for the grading period during which the extracurricular activity occurred.

Required Attire

Performance Attire: All performances will have a "Sunday Best" dress code. All attire chosen **must** fit within the parameters of the Weimar Junior High dress code.

General Conduct

During school or any school function, band members shall:

1. NOT use or be in possession of alcohol, tobacco, illegal drugs or substances, any type of weapon.
2. NOT participate in any illegal activity.
3. NOT exhibit improper behavior.
4. Be respectful at all times.
5. Abide by the school dress code.

All students will behave appropriately. Any band student that violates these rules may be subject to disciplinary action.

Forms-

There are forms that will need to be signed and returned to Mrs. Patton **no later than**
Friday, AUGUST 22ND.

1. Band Handbook Acknowledgement Form
2. Instrument Rental Agreement

Changes to this handbook may be made at any time. A copy of any changes will be submitted to the students and/or posted for everyone to read.

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