

# CRANDALL HIGH SCHOOL BAND HANDBOOK

**John Nutt**

*Director of Bands, Crandall High School*

**Greg Hamilton**

*Director of Bands, Crandall Middle School*

**Nicole Vasquez**

*Associate Director, Crandall Bands*

**Jason Bowie**

*Associate Director, Crandall Bands*

**Anna Hoffman**

*Director of Color Guard, Crandall High School*

**Don Lazuka**

*Director of Percussion, Crandall Bands*

**Angela DeLeon**

*Associate Director, Crandall Bands*

**Mark Conaway**

*Associate Director, Crandall Bands*

**Heather Farley**

*Fine Arts Secretary*

**All band members are responsible for the information in the handbook.**



# **CRANDALL HIGH SCHOOL BAND HANDBOOK**

- I. PHILOSOPHY**
  - I. PHILOSOPHY**
  - II. EXPECTATIONS**
  - III. ELIGIBILITY**
  - IV. EVENTS**
  - V. COMMUNICATIONS**
  - VI. NOTIFICATION**
  - VII. WEBSITE**
- 

## **I. PHILOSOPHY**

The instrumental music program at Crandall High School is based on excellence. Members strive for excellence in group and individual performance. The utmost standard is held in our conduct and academic standings as well as our leadership and reputation as a campus organization. The end result of our program is more than great musicians. We desire to produce well-rounded students who can apply the concepts of discipline, teamwork, and leadership in a wide cross-section of their lives for years to come.

---

## **II. EXPECTATIONS**

- Members are expected to actively attend all band events listed in the yearly calendar. Band performances are included as grades in the band class. Students missing a performance due to a director-approved emergency will be given an alternate assignment. *See Eligibility.*
  - Members are required to have all equipment, instruments, music and necessary accessories for class. Not having all materials in class could reflect on their grade.
  - Members are required to practice individually in addition to group rehearsals to ensure each student upholds their part in the ensemble.
  - Members are to respect those in authority over them. This applies to teachers, sponsors, guest clinicians, and the student leadership chain of command (Drum majors, Section leaders, Squad leaders).  
Members are required to abide by all Crandall ISD policies both on and off campus.
  - Members are expected to maintain all materials: instruments, music, equipment, uniforms, etc. Any fees assessed due to lack of maintenance must be paid before students are to regain access to those materials.
  - Throughout the season, audio recordings, videos and photos of the band and individuals will be taken and published both online and on various media.
-

### **III. ELIGIBILITY**

All band events and competitions fall under the UIL rules of eligibility. Students must maintain a 70 in all classes to participate in band. Students who are ineligible may not ride the bus with the band or sit with the band at football games or other off-campus trips. Students will participate in co-curricular activities like local concerts and school-based events held during school hours. Students who are failing at the 3 weeks grading period will be required to attend tutorials instead of before or after school practice and after school sectionals.

In the event that a student cannot participate in a performance due to eligibility requirements, an alternate assignment will be given.

If a student is ineligible for two or more six weeks in a given semester then parent contact will be made. At this time a student may be asked to take a semester out of band in order to focus on academics or the student may be placed on probation.

---

### **IV. EVENTS**

#### **Summer**

- Drum Major Camp - University sponsored
- Colorguard Camp – Crandall ISD campus or University sponsored
- Drumline Camp – Crandall ISD campus or University sponsored
- University Band Camps – Recommended for all students but not required
- Crandall Summer Band Camp

#### **Fall**

- All Football Games (regular season and playoff games)
- Parades
- Invitational Marching Contests
- UIL Marching Contest

#### **Winter**

- Winter Arts Festival
- UIL Solo & Ensemble Contest

#### **Spring**

- Music Festivals: Regional festival (odd years), Interstate/National festival (even years)
- UIL Concert and Sight-Reading Contest
- Band Banquet
- UIL State Solo and Ensemble Contest
- Graduation

---

### **V. COMMUNICATION**

As a band staff, we use current communication technology and encourage students to do so as well. However, we need to place the following stipulations on texting, e-mail, messaging, and phone calls.

The band office phones and district e-mail are the recognized method for contacting directors. All band students and parents should join Remind. Section leaders and drum majors may have access to director's cell phone numbers if information needs to be communicated or clarified on short notice.

We ask that only these people contact us in this manner, if necessary, and only between the hours of 6:00 AM and 9:00 PM.

The Crandall Band website is always the best source for information about band events. Students should check the website first before contacting directors with questions.

---

## VI. NOTIFICATION

### Director Phone and Email Information

- |               |                               |                                 |
|---------------|-------------------------------|---------------------------------|
| ▪ Mr. Nutt    | Phone: 972.427.6150 ext. 5390 | Email: jnutt@crandall-isd.net   |
| ▪ Mr. Lazuka  | Phone: 972.427.6150 ext. 5539 | Email: dlazuka@crandall-isd.net |
| ▪ Mrs. Farley | Phone: 972.427.6150 ext. 5543 | Email: hfarley@crandall-isd.net |

### Attendance

When a rehearsal has to be missed, please let a director know at least 24 hours in advance via email or phone. In the case of an emergency, the best form of communication on the same day of a missed rehearsal is by phone. Please avoid notifying directors of attendance through other students.

---

## VII. WEBSITE

Crandall Bands is a large organization. We strive to maintain a top notch website to serve the needs of its many members and parents. The website contains the following:

- Announcements and important band information
- Calendar of band events
- Digital copies of letters that we send home with students
- Information on contacting directors
- Various media from band events
- Band booster club information
- Other helpful information and resources

Students are responsible for the information on the website. Members of Crandall Bands make a commitment to check the band website often for information on upcoming events. Parents and students should join Remind (Links are on the band website)

[www.crandallband.org](http://www.crandallband.org)