

# *DESERT RIDGE HIGH SCHOOL BANDS*

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Dear Desert Ridge High School Band Students and Parents,

We would like to welcome all of you to Desert Ridge High School! It is certainly going to be an exciting and memorable year for everyone. The staff expects to continue the traditions of high standards and expectations that both the Gilbert Unified School District and the Desert Ridge High School Band Program have already set forth.

The high school band is a unique musical experience. Students in the Gilbert Unified School District are very fortunate to be offered the chance to participate in such high quality band programs. The success of the band depends on the contribution of each member. This situation makes musical organizations unique from many other high school classes.

To ensure the success of the band program, certain rules, expectations, and areas of responsibility must be set. This handbook outlines these areas and will aid in the student's personal rewards and satisfaction in participating in the band program.

It is very important that each parent and student read every page of the handbook. When you have done so, please sign, date and return the **Band Contract/Emergency Consent** pages at the end of the handbook. Please fill out the **Band Parent Organization** form as well. This will be used to keep you up to date with current band activities and so you can indicate to us if you are interested in becoming an active member in the parent organization. Also take a minute to read through the **Tax Credit Form**. This is a great way to help the band program at no extra cost to you!

We are very excited to be here at Desert Ridge and working with all of you! It is going to be a great year! If you have any questions or concerns, please feel free to contact me.

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## Grading Policy

The band is a unique class where members are from different grades and at varying levels of playing ability and experience. As a band member, you should be able to earn a grade of an “A” even if you do not play as well as other class members. Conversely, it follows that even if you are a very fine player, but have a poor attitude and miss rehearsals or performances, your grade will be lowered accordingly. A good attitude, good habits and following the rules of the organization will enable you to do well in band. The band is a commitment on the part of each individual to do his or her best for the group; therefore, each individual is responsible to the group in terms of attendance, attitude and responsibility.

Grades will be earned based on the following criteria: performances, playing test scores, practice records, assignments, and following the rules of the organization. **Those students who are on time and ready to play at rehearsals and concerts will receive the highest grades.**

Grades will be broken down as follows:

<b>Performances</b>	<b>40%</b>
<b>Playing Tests</b>	<b>20%</b>
<b>Practice Records</b>	<b>20%</b>
<b>Other</b> (Homework, Projects, Participation, etc)	<b>20%</b>

### **Performances:**

**Attendance at all performances is expected and required.** Exceptions include illness, death in family or marriage in family. Special considerations of extended absences must be discussed with the director in advance. Students must provide written notification of an absence from a performance no later than TWO WEEKS PRIOR to the performance. An absence can only be **excused by the director**. If the absence is excused, an alternate assignment of equal value will be given at the discretion of the director.

Each performance will be worth 100 points. Students will be marked down, per offense, 20 points if they are late or leave early (unexcused), 30 points if they are not following proper etiquette/rules and 10 points if they are not prepared (i.e. incomplete uniform, etc).

Students may not be able to participate in a performance if they are absent from the rehearsal that day (i.e. dress rehearsal).

Marching band students may not be able to participate in a Saturday performance if they are absent from a Friday (or possibly Thursday) game. Students who are not allowed to march at ANY event for ANY reason will only be allowed to earn an 80% as their highest grade for that event.

Please note that excessive tardies/absences may prevent a student from being able to perform and/or not receiving points for a performance. The director will decide on such issues.

## **Playing Tests:**

Throughout the year, the director may assign specific passages of music to be played for a grade. At the time specified, students must be able to perform the assigned passage or exercise to the best of their ability and up to tempo while playing alone. This will include memory checks for music in marching band. These tests may or may not be for chair placement.

Playing tests are graded on the following criteria:

rhythm, pitch, articulation, dynamics, phrasing, tempo, tone quality, vibrato (where appropriate), intonation, and posture.

Chair assignments must ultimately be made at the discretion of the director for musical and educational reasons. There will be several chair auditions during the year, depending on performance commitments. These auditions may be done on tape, individually, or in front of the class. The director will announce materials for the audition at least one week in advance. If a student is absent the day of a test (excused), he/she will be asked to test upon the day of his/her return.

Students may challenge for the chair immediately ahead of them. They are only allowed to challenge two (2) times per quarter. If a student declines a challenge, they automatically forfeit their chair to the challenger. If multiple students within a section participate in a challenge, it will be treated as a chair reseating. Challenges do not affect the students' grades.

## **Practice Records:**

### Concert Band/Symphonic Band/Wind Ensemble/Jazz Band

For individual and group progress, practice is a must in the instrumental area. A minimum of two (2) hours outside class time is the weekly expectation. Practice records will be collected **on a weekly basis**. Practice records can be found online on the [www.desertridgebands.org](http://www.desertridgebands.org) website. It is the students' responsibility to either download the form or to email it to Mrs. Campbell. If the practice record is late (**i.e. not turned in by 1:30pm**), it will be lowered two letter grades per day as well.

### Marching Band

Each section is required to meet ½ hour per week with their section leader to practice music and/or marching.

## Other:

### Homework

On occasion students will be assigned homework (besides practicing their instruments). The grading scale for a particular assignment will be discussed at that time. **Students will need to provide a spiral notebook for these assignments.**

Students may be asked to participate in after school sectionals (concert band classes only). Students are highly encouraged to attend these additional lessons.

### Class Participation

Students will be able to earn 200 participation points per quarter. Violations will be counted in terms of “**Infractions**” (i.e. loss of participation points).

- (minus 10) Unprepared (Does not have instrument, music, equipment, etc.)
- (minus 10) Unexcused absence/ditching
- (minus 5) Tardy
- (minus 5) Not actively and positively participating in the rehearsal
- (minus 5) Chewing gum, eating food during class

To avoid receiving infractions during instrument repair, the student must send an email or bring in a signed note from their parent/guardian explaining the circumstances of the repair. If the repair is expected to take longer than 2 school days, the student should obtain a “loaner” instrument from the repair shop.

Students have the same amount of days of their absence to make up their work. After 10 absences (excused/unexcused), it is up to the discretion of the teacher to allow makeup work.

### **Per nine weeks:**

<b>90 - 100%</b>	<b>=</b>	<b>A</b>
<b>80 - 89.9%</b>	<b>=</b>	<b>B</b>
<b>70 - 79.9%</b>	<b>=</b>	<b>C</b>
<b>60 - 69.9%</b>	<b>=</b>	<b>D</b>
<b>Below</b>	<b>=</b>	<b>F</b>

**Grades will be carried through the entire quarter. We will start over at the beginning of each semester.**

## Office Hours:

Office hours will vary from week to week depending on meetings and after school practices. However, if a student desires additional tutoring, we will be available during 4<sup>th</sup> lunch and most days after school. Please see us to set up specific times.

## **AIA/G.P.A. Eligibility Policy:**

The state of Arizona has in force a “no pass - no play” policy which affects the music program as well as athletics. All students who perform in AIA (Arizona Interscholastic Association) adjudicated events must maintain a minimum grade point average of 2.00 and have no failing grades for the previous 9 week grading period in order to be eligible.

The following events are affected by eligibility:

Band Days	Area Concert Festival
State Marching Band Festival	State Concert Festival
Solo and Ensemble Festival	All-State
Regionals	<b>Any events where ratings are given</b>

The student can regain eligibility after the next 4 1/2 week grading period if he/she is passing all classes and has a grade point average of 2.00. **We will be doing weekly grade checks for all marching band members.**

### **Additional Information:**

The band is a performing organization: your attendance is required for every rehearsal. Illness and other situations may prevent your attendance on some days. Being excused from a class does not mean that your absence does not count or affect the group. A rehearsal or a concert cannot be “made up” like work in other classes. If you do not contribute to the class and do your best, the entire class feels the effect.

People excused from class because of school business will not be penalized. This is because from time to time you will be absent from some other class because of band. It is always understood that missed work will be made up as soon as possible.

Special consideration of extended absences must be discussed with the director in advance. Because almost everyone has good attendance habits, you are being rewarded for attendance rather than being penalized for absences. **Many students may find it necessary to adjust jobs schedules and vacations in order to be present for everything.**

When there is a conflict between the band and some other school sponsored class or team, it will be resolved with no penalty to you. **This does not include anyone not connected with school (such as a boss, parent, etc.).** Your parents must realize that keeping you home from a performance for discipline reasons, or to “baby-sit”, for example, hurts the rest of the band. Performances and trips are treated in the same way as class time. Your parents would not force you to miss English class because you came home late one night. Please keep them informed about concerts and other performance responsibilities so that they can avoid conflicts. They will always help you if you allow them the opportunity.

# **Policies and Procedures**

## **1.) Be on time and prepared for class.**

- Be in the room when the tardy bell rings. Be in your seats, ready to play by 2 minutes after the tardy bell
- Be prepared with all equipment: instrument, music, pencil, and all accessories (extra reeds, neck strap, valve/slide oil, mutes, etc.)
- Be mentally prepared and have a positive attitude for all rehearsals

## **2.) Respect**

- Always be listening and paying attention
- Only play instruments when instructed to do so (i.e. Do not miss entrances, watch for cut-offs, etc.)
- Talking back and ignoring instructions will not be tolerated
- Positively interact during the rehearsal
- Wait patiently while the teacher is working with another section

## **3.) Additional Classroom Rules:**

- Absolutely NO GUM CHEWING during rehearsal
- **No food or drinks are allowed in the band room** (except bottled water)
- Hats are not allowed to be worn inside band room
- Be respectful of all school and personal property (Students defacing any property will be issued a discipline referral.)
- Students are permitted to play only on their own instruments
- Working on homework from other classes is not allowed during rehearsal (We will NEVER ask you to take your instrument to another class to practice)
- Rough play, such as running, etc., will not be tolerated
- Students are not allowed in the teacher's office unless permission is given
- Only students currently enrolled in a music class are allowed in the band room
- There will be no loitering (hanging out) in instrument storage areas
- Cell phones are not allowed to be used during class time. If seen, the phone will be confiscated temporarily.

## **Consequences:**

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| - First Violation:  | Verbal reprimand and/or issuance of infraction (where applicable)                      |
| - Second Violation: | Previous consequences and/or parent notification                                       |
| - Third Violation:  | Previous consequences and/or issuance of discipline referral and/or removal from class |

# Performances

## **Concerts:**

Generally, concerts will begin at 7:30 p.m. and will not be more than 2 hours in length. **Students are expected to attend all parts of the concerts.** This includes those parts in which you are not performing. Please do not ask to leave nor have your parents ask to leave after your part of the concert! It is very important to support your fellow musicians. Wandering around campus, visiting in the lobby or in the band room is not acceptable. Students will be in uniform during the concert and will not add to or take away from the official uniform at any time during the concert. We (teachers, administrators and students) at Desert Ridge expect only the best in performance and in concert etiquette.

## **Football Games:**

- We will march to and from the stadium. This is part of our performance. Talking and playing is not allowed at this time.
- Be courteous (stand) while other groups are performing. Do not whistle or shout during or after the performance of another band. No talking. Keep your comments to yourself.
- The band will sit in sections and in formation in the stands. Please stay in your area and do not wander around.
- Only official visitors are permitted in the band section with prior permission from the director.
- When the band is playing, everyone plays.
- Take your music flip folder to all games and be prepared to play any piece.
- Food and pop will not be consumed at games. Only water will be consumed when in uniform. Absolutely NO GUM!
- Do not throw confetti, paper airplanes, ice, etc.
- Do not leave the stands during the game. Get permission from the director if you need to use the restroom. Always go in pairs.
- We are there to perform and to support the football team. **There will be NO 3<sup>rd</sup> quarter break!**
- Do not play your instrument unless asked to do so.
- Play music as written.

## **Festivals/Trips:**

**Since any trip made by the band will be a school function, all school rules and special rules brought up by the director are to be followed, and will be enforced!**

- Food and drink will only be allowed on the buses at the discretion of the bus driver.
- Unnecessary commotion, loud noises and inappropriate language will not be tolerated.

- Remain seated while the bus is in motion.
- We expect everyone to ride the bus to performances. However, circumstances arise that require another mode of transportation, such as a ride with parents. In that case, the director must grant prior permission. This must include **written** permission by parent or guardian.
- Students may return home with parents after performances only if they previously cleared it (in writing) with the director. The director must see the parent and the student together before they leave.
- Only band students, staff and chaperones may ride the buses.
- Band students are not to exit the bus upon arrival at the performance site until told to do so by a drum major, band staff or chaperone.
- Chaperones have the same authority as the director. Please do what they ask and show them the same respect you would give the director or any staff member.
- When students are not performing, they are expected to be watching the other groups performing. Exceptions for meals and other activities will be made at the discretion of the director.
- **Remember, you are a representing Desert Ridge High School and the Gilbert Public School District. More importantly, you are representing the band program. Your conduct and behavior (good and bad) will directly reflect the entire group.**

## Uniforms

### **Marching Band:**

The uniform for all marching band performances will be the following:

School provided marching pants, jacket, gauntlets, hat and plume. Students will need to purchase gloves and marching shoes through a company designated by the director.

<b>Replacement Cost:</b>	<b>Pants</b>	<b>\$95</b>	<b>Jacket</b>	<b>\$200</b>
	<b>Gauntlets</b>	<b>\$20</b>	<b>Hat</b>	<b>\$ 45</b>
	<b>Plume</b>	<b>\$25</b>	<b>Hat Box</b>	<b>\$ 15</b>
	<b>Hanger</b>	<b>\$ 5</b>	<b>Garment Bag</b>	<b>\$ 15</b>

- Students will not be allowed to march in an incomplete uniform, i.e. wrong colored socks etc.
- No visible jewelry is allowed. This includes earrings, watches and rings.
- No fingernail polish allowed.
- No make-up is allowed while in uniform. **It will stain!!**
- **Women:** If long enough, hair must be pulled back in a French Braid. Otherwise, it must be appropriately clipped back. **Men:** If you hair is long enough, it too must be clipped/tied back.
- Students must stay in uniform until dismissed.
- Do not sit on the ground while in uniform.
- Only water may be consumed while in uniform. No food, soda or gum.

- Do not run while in uniform.
- In order to keep uniforms looking crisp, they must be carefully hung up after each performance. If need be, dry clean the uniform.
- There will be no “P.D.A.” (Public Display of Affection) while in uniform.
- When in uniform, you are representing the Desert Ridge High School Marching Band. Always act accordingly.

Directions for care of the uniforms will be included with the check out form. Students and parents are asked to carefully read all instructions. The student and his/her parents are financially responsible for the uniform and will pay for any damage. Students are also asked to dry-clean the uniform throughout the season and it must be cleaned prior to check-in.

### **Jazz Band:**

The uniform for all concerts this year will be discussed prior to each event. Uniforms usually reflect the music choices for a particular concert.

### **Concert Band/Symphonic Band:**

The uniform for all concerts this year will be the following:

Women: School provided concert black skirts. Students will have to provide black dress shoes and purchase a tux shirt, black satin bow tie and cummerbund.

**Replacement Cost: Skirt \$50**

Men: School provided tux pants. Students will have to provide black dress shoes and purchase a tux shirt, black satin bow tie and cummerbund.

**Replacement Cost: Pants \$50**

### **Wind Ensemble:**

The uniform for all concerts this year will be the following:

Women: School provided black concert dress, black dress shoes.

**Replacement Cost: Dress \$90**

Men: School provided tux pants and jacket. Black dress shoes/socks. Students will have to purchase a tux shirt, black satin bow tie and cummerbund.

**Replacement Cost: Pants \$50  
Jacket \$90**

Students will have to pay a \$5.00 maintenance/rental fee for the concert uniforms. Directions for care of the uniforms will be included with the check out form. Students and parents are asked to carefully read all instructions. The student and his/her parents are financially responsible for the uniform and will pay for any damage. The uniform must be dry-cleaned prior to check-in. Students will receive a homework grade for turning uniforms in on time. Students who do not turn uniforms in at the end of the year will receive an “incomplete” on their report card.

# **Equipment and Maintenance**

## **Equipment List:**

The following items will assist you in maximizing your instructional time here at Desert Ridge. These items, if you have your own, will give you an immediate advantage because you will be able to take on each new learning challenge without delay. It is our hope that you will find a way to have access to these items each day when you come to class.

All band members are expected to have a pencil at all rehearsals. Marching band members will also need a lyre/flip folder. In addition to these, certain types of instruments require special accessories:

### **Flutes**

- a. cleaning/tuning rod in the case
- b. a handkerchief or small cloth to swab out the flute and wipe off keys

### **Other Woodwinds**

- a. the correct swab for your instrument
- b. a MINIMUM of THREE playable reeds in your case at all times
- c. a recommended type of reed holder or reed case with reeds properly stored inside
- d. a good quality mouthpiece (see MOUTHPIECES below)
- e. a neck strap is required for all saxophones, strongly recommended for clarinets

### **Brass**

- a. 1 bottle of good quality valve oil (either Fat Cat or Al Cass)
- b. 1 container of tuning slide lubricant (Vaseline is NOT acceptable)
- c. a flexible cleaning swab for your instrument
- d. a good quality mouthpiece in good condition (see MOUTHPIECES below)
- e. a water sprayer for slide (trombones only)
- f. Trombotine slide lubricant (trombones only)
- g. 1 bottle of rotary valve oil (horns and F attachment trombones only)
- h. Mutes: Trumpets
  - 1 metal straight mute
  - 1 “stone-line” cup mute
  - 1 Harmon mute (Jazz Band Only)
  - 1 Plunger mute (Jazz Band Only)

### **Percussion**

- a. stick bag with concert snare sticks
- b. hard bell mallets
- c. yarn xylophone mallets
- d. hard or medium timpani mallets

\* Just as most instrumentalists supply their own instruments, percussionists are required to supply their own mallets and have them at all times!

## **Recommended Mouthpieces:**

B-flat clarinets:	Pyne Polycrystal, Van Doren
Alto/Bass clarinets:	Selmer C*
Saxophones:	Selmer C* S-80
Trumpets:	Bach 3C, 5C
Horns:	Giardinelli C8, C10, C12, Holton
Trombones:	Bach 6-1/2 AL
Baritones:	Bach 6-1/2 AL
Tubas:	Bach 18, Bach 24 for beginners, Hellenberg

## **School Instrument Usage:**

Desert Ridge has some instruments that can be loaned to students. These instruments consist primarily of percussion and larger instruments such as tuba, sousaphone, baritone and horn.

To check out a school instrument, the student and parents must complete the Desert Ridge High School Instrument Use Form. It explains the financial responsibility of the student/family should the instrument need repairs while it is checked out to the student. You may obtain this form from the director.

## **Lockers:**

Students will be issued a school locker for their instrument. Students, however, will have to provide their own locks. A student must have a lock before a locker will be issued to them. The student will also need to provide the lock combination to the director.

Items besides instruments, music and drill charts (marching band only) will not be allowed in lockers!! Periodic checks may be made to ensure policies are being followed. Keep in mind that lockers only provide minimal security and the Gilbert Public School District is not liable for anything stolen out of your locker. Students are encouraged not to leave valuable personal items or money in the lockers.

Unless they are sharing a school owned instrument with another student, students are not to share lockers with anyone. Lockers will be assigned according to the size of your instrument (i.e. small lockers for flutes and clarinets, large lockers for baritones and tubas, etc.).

## Letter Points

All students who are enrolled in band have the opportunity to earn a varsity letter. Each student must earn letter points through participation of various activities. A minimum of fifty (50) points is needed to earn a varsity letter. Letters will be handed out during or at the conclusion of second semester each year. This will be done at the discretion of the director. Please remember that your purchase of a letter jacket in no way obligates us to instantly give you your letter. A form will be passed out during the second semester for you to record your points earned throughout the year. The following are ways to earn letter points:

Participation in Concert Band (with an "A/B") - per Semester	8
Participation in Marching Band (with an "A/B") - per Semester	8
Participation in Jazz Band (with an "A/B") - per Semester	8
Participation in Winterguard/Spring Drumline	5
Section Leader/Drum Major	3
Band Council Member (in good standing)	3
Six hours of private instruction within a three month period*	5
Attendance at approved music camp*	5
Attendance at music concert outside of school required concerts (per event)*	1
Performance in church or community music event* (limit 5)	1
Participation in Solo and Ensemble Festival (per event)	3
Each Superior Rating in Solo and Ensemble Festival	2
Each Excellent Rating in Solo and Ensemble Festival	1
Satisfactory Participation in Regional Audition	2
Regional Band/Orchestra Member	3
Satisfactory Participation in All-State Jazz Audition	3
All-State Jazz Member	4
Satisfactory Participation in All-State Band Audition	3
All-State Band/Orchestra Member	4
Superior Rating in Marching Band/Concert Band Festival	2
Excellent Rating in Marching/Concert Band Festival	1
Special Recognition in Marching Band/ Concert Band Festival	2

\* Indicates points will be awarded only after completion of appropriate forms and/or parent/guardian signature.

**Minimum of 50 points required to letter.  
Letter points accumulate from year to year.**

Colorguard members who are not part of the regular concert band classes and who have participated in marching band for two seasons and have earned an "A/B" both semesters, will receive a letter for band. Or if they participate in one season of marching band and one season of winterguard (in good standing), they will also receive a varsity letter for band.

# **Student Leader Positions**

## **Drum Major:**

Those interested in auditioning for drum major for marching band should fill out a drum major application form. This can be obtained from the director.

Auditions will consist of conducting, calling commands, marching, demonstration of a salute and possible interview. Auditions are done in a group. Each candidate calls the others through a series of commands, and then conducts two pre-designated songs. Three to five adults will judge the drum major candidates. Input is taken from all, with the final decision being made by the director(s).

Optional clinics will be provided prior to the audition to teach potential candidates the necessary skills for drum major.

## **Section Leaders:**

Those interested in becoming a section leader for marching band should fill out a student leadership application. This can be obtained from the director.

Qualifications include having at least 1 year of experience in marching band, a good attitude and a willingness to work hard. Student section leaders are not necessarily the “best” marchers or players. They are students who will dedicate themselves to making the band program better.

The director(s) will make selections for section leaders.

## **Band Council:**

Those interested in becoming a member of band council should fill out a student leadership application. This can be obtained from the director.

The Desert Ridge High School Band Council is elected from the members of the band program each year. The officers and representatives of the band council function primarily as liaisons between the director(s) and the band members. Suggestions, questions and concerns regarding the band program can be referred to any council member for consideration. Band council members will be comprised of a panel of students who will perform the following duties:

Provide positive leadership for the band. Organize and run weekly council meetings. Make announcements about various events to the band.

Be in charge of publicity for band activities (i.e. homeroom announcements, newspaper, posters, etc.). Maintain calendar and bulletin boards.

Have basic typing/computer skills. Take notes at all council meetings. Willing to assist the director with filing and data entry.

Assist with passing out/collecting and copying of music. Assist with filing music, folders and updating the music library computer list.

To keep a photographic record of activities and events of the band program. Be a liaison between the band and the school newspaper and yearbook staffs. Should own or have access to a good quality camera.

Boosting the morale of the band in an appropriate manner. In charge of keeping track of birthdays and acknowledging them. Making various signs for motivational purposes. Plan all social events of the band.

The Drum Major(s) will be considered part of the band council as well.

### **Election Procedures for Band Council:**

- 1.) Potential officer candidates are asked to fill out a student leader form.
- 2.) If for any reason the director feels a candidate should not be considered, the candidate will be informed at this point, in private, by the director.
- 3.) Candidates will be required to participate in a panel interview
- 4.) The candidate is selected by the panel through voting
- 5.) Election results are announced at a time and date decided by the director.

## **Parent Information**

### **Chaperone Guidelines:**

Adult/parents are needed in many capacities to make the music department function successfully. They are asked to function as chaperones, bus monitors, equipment loaders, truck drivers, members and officers of the parent support group for each organization, etc. In each function, adults are acting as an extension of the music director in an effort to make the music program more successful, and should expect to function under her direction. Although parents/adults will be given specific direction by the music director for each activity, the following general guidelines will apply:

- \* All school rules apply. When supervising students, behavior expectations, and consequences are exactly what they would be if the student were on the Desert Ridge campus.
- \* Situations that call for discipline should be handled as deemed best for the moment, and the adult should immediately report the incident to the director. At

that point, ultimate decisions/discipline become the responsibility of the director, not the adult chaperone.

- \* In NO case should physical discipline be used.
- \* Students are not to switch buses for the ride home or while en route.
- \* Upon arrival at destination, students should not depart the bus until given instructions from a staff member or drum major.
- \* Except for disciplinary reasons, students are allowed to sit where they like on the bus. Use discretion when dealing with couples becoming overly familiar.
- \* Only the director may release a student to his/her parents to return home.
- \* Take immediate measures always to ensure the safety of students.

### **Marching Band Crew Job Descriptions:**

Drivers: The drivers are responsible for picking up the rental trucks and driving to and from all away events.

Sewing: Person(s) who would volunteer to sew flags and uniforms for the colorguard.

Water: This person(s) is responsible to fill all insulated water coolers with ice and water before each performance, make sure cups are available and set up the water coolers in the stands. After the performance, they should fill cups of water and have them available as the students come off the field.

Band Souvenirs: This person(s) is responsible to take all souvenir items to and from the field for home games, and displaying and selling merchandise during the game.

Video Tape Performances: This person(s) is responsible for recording band performances. A video camera will be provided for your use. These video recordings are important for educational purposes.

Phone Tree: This person(s) is responsible to be part of a phone tree to relay last minute information in a timely manner.

Fund-raisers: Interested person(s) who is/are available to distribute fund-raiser material, advertise, help serve, help organize any fund-raiser the BPO runs.

# Arizona State Tax Credit

## A.R.S. 43-1089.01 Donations for Extra-curricular Activities

The Arizona State Legislature has established a TAX CREDIT law that allows for a donation of up to **\$400.00** for a married couple household, or **\$200.00** for a single parent household, to any school extra-curricular activity, including **BAND**. You can apply this tax credit toward a **dollar for dollar deduction** on your State Income Tax Form. All donated money will directly benefit the band students and you will benefit by receiving a tax credit!

*It's a Win - Win Proposition for everyone!*

What do you do?

- Make checks payable to: Gilbert Unified School District
- Fill out the bottom portion of this form
- Return form and check to Mrs. Campbell (important!!)
- A tax credit receipt will be mailed to you
- Before April 15th, write in your "tax credit" on your State Income Tax form. It's easy!

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### Tax Credit Form

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City/Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Phone Number \_\_\_\_\_

*Choose one of the following categories:*

General Band Account: \_\_\_\_\_ (to be used for general band supplies)

Student Account: \_\_\_\_\_ (Name of Student) \_\_\_\_\_

## Desert Ridge High School Band Parent Organization

The Band Parent Organization works with the DRHS band director to provide morale and financial support to the entire Desert Ridge High School Band Program, including all concert bands, marching band, jazz bands and ensembles. The BPO also encourages community support of the Band Program. Its membership is made up of any interested people who want to support the DRHS Band Program. The listed officers and the Band Director make up the Executive Board.

<b>President</b>	Greg Hadley	president@desertridgebands.org
<b>Vice President</b>	Jim Ford	
<b>Vice President</b>	Tamara Selzer	
<b>Secretary</b>	Judy Clark	secretary@desertridgebands.org
<b>Treasurer</b>	Lisa Fagan	treasurer@desertridgebands.org
<b>Communications</b>	Angie Dingess	communications@desertridgebands.org

**The General Meetings are held at DRHS on the first Tuesday of each month at 7:00 p.m. Any interested people are encouraged to attend.**

Please provide the following information so that we may keep you updated on current band activities.

**Parent/Guardian Name:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Parent/Guardian Email:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Home Address:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Phone:** \_\_\_\_\_ (Home) \_\_\_\_\_ (Work)

**Student's Name:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Band Class:**            **Marching**      **Jazz**      **Drumline**      **Colorguard**  
                                 **Concert Band**      **Symphonic Band**      **Wind Ensemble**

I am willing to assist the band program in the following areas:

- \_\_\_\_\_ Chaperone/ Water crew
- \_\_\_\_\_ Truck driver
- \_\_\_\_\_ Souvenir Crew
- \_\_\_\_\_ Sewing
- \_\_\_\_\_ Building (wood/metal working)
- \_\_\_\_\_ Fund Raisers
- \_\_\_\_\_ Video Tape Performances
- \_\_\_\_\_ Phone Committee
- \_\_\_\_\_ Other \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ **Sorry, I am not interested at this time**

**Gilbert Public Schools**  
**Emergency Consent Form**

Dear Parents/Guardians:

Throughout the school year various clubs, classes and organizations will be traveling by car or bus for school related functions. A sponsor or advisor will insure that participants be safety-minded at all times and not take unnecessary risks while on a trip. Any member of the group not observing these principles will be subject to restriction from future trips.

If you wish to make it possible for your son/daughter to receive emergency treatment on trips, it is necessary that you sign the form below and return it to the student's teacher. This form will remain on file with your son/daughter's teacher for the balance of the school year.

**Consent For Emergency Care**

I understand that the Gilbert Public School District's liability insurance only covers injury if negligence is proven against Gilbert Public Schools. In other circumstances, the student's health insurance will provide coverage.

Please print and provide **ALL** information:

**Student's Name:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Date of Birth:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Parent's/Guardian's Name(s):**

**Home Address:**

\_\_\_\_\_ **City/Zip:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Home Phone:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Work/Cell:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Emergency Contact Name and Phone:**

**Health Insurance Name and Phone and Policy Number:**

**Doctor's Name and Phone Number:**

**Health Problems/Special Dietary Restrictions:**

**Current Medications:**

**Food/Drug Allergies and Treatment:**

**Other Pertinent Information:**

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The Desert Ridge Band is pleased to announce that we now have a website at [www.desertridgebands.org](http://www.desertridgebands.org)! Please use this page for the most current information about the band program. Since we would like to fill our page with current band activities, please initial by **one of the lines** below:

\_\_\_\_\_ I **DO NOT** want my child's photo or name to appear on the DRHS band webpage

\_\_\_\_\_ I **DO** want my child's photo and/or name to possibly appear on the DRHS band webpage

\_\_\_\_\_ I **DO** want my child's photo (only) to possibly appear on the DRHS band webpage

\_\_\_\_\_ I **DO** want my child's name (only) to possibly appear on the DRHS band webpage

## **Band Contract**

Please sign below. By signing this contract, you acknowledge and understand all of the rules and policies stated therein as well as acknowledge of all performance dates and responsibilities.

**Parent/Guardian Signature** \_\_\_\_\_ **Date** \_\_\_\_\_

**Student Signature** \_\_\_\_\_ **ID#** \_\_\_\_\_

**Date** \_\_\_\_\_

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