

2023-24 New Caney High School Band Handbook



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***Forms to be signed are available ONLINE for 2023-24 School Year**

NCHS Performance Groups

1. Marching Band

Marching Band is a very important and vital element of the band program. During this portion of the year, the band is viewed and heard by more individuals than at any other time of the year. A successful marching season sets the tone for the entire year; therefore, every effort must be made by all to insure the success of the marching band. Dedication and maximum effort in all aspects of marching, playing and performance are expected.

All students in the band program are required to participate in all aspects of the marching band. The following practice schedule will be used throughout most of our marching season. Notification will be provided to students when this schedule is modified.

Monday:	3:45 - 6:15 PM
Tuesday:	3:45 - 6:15 PM
Wednesday:	3:30 - 4:30 PM
Thursday:	3:45 - 5:45 PM

2. Wind Ensemble / Symphonic Band / Concert Band

Membership in the Wind Ensemble, Symphonic Band, or Concert Band is based on audition. Students should exhibit their highest level of musicianship, responsibility, and academics. Students should show qualities of dedication, responsibility, and commitment regardless of band placement.

All bands are required to participate in all aspects of the marching band, concerts, and UIL performances. Notification to students will be given for additional required practices, sectionals, or performances.

Band Competitions

All eligible students are required to be at all competitions:

- Marching Contests
- UIL Solo/Ens. Contest
- UIL Concert and Sight-Reading (Wind Ensemble / Symphonic)
- possible additional functions may be added

Performances

1. Varsity Football Games
2. Marching Contests
3. Solo and Ensemble Contest
4. UIL Concert / SR Contest
5. Concerts
6. Other performances that may be scheduled during the year.*

**Dates, times, and locations of these performances will be given to the student as soon as they are available.*

Football Procedures

Football Games

Students will meet at a designated time in the hall to prepare for football games. Once all students are prepared and equipment loaded, students will then be transported to and from the football game regardless of being home or away. Upon returning to the band hall, students will return their uniform to the uniform room. Student will be dismissed once the band hall is clean, equipment is placed in the proper places, and all uniform parts are returned.

Parent/Guardian Expectations

Please be available, or make arrangements, to pick your child up after an event/practice at the appropriate time. The directors and student leadership team is required to stay until every student has a ride home. **All students should be off campus within 30 minutes after an event or practice concludes. Please communicate with us, using email or remind, in advance if there is an issue picking up your child within 30 minutes after the conclusion of an event or practice.**

Grading Policy

Grades are broken down by major grades (test grades) and daily grades. The percentage of the breakdown on how grades are averaged are presented below:

60% - Major Grades

40% - Daily Grades

Band Fees

Band fee information is located on our website (www.newcaneyband.org).

Band Letter Jacket Requirements

The point system for earning a letter jacket is in the NCISD Band Handbook. Anyone who has entered his or her fourth year in the program will receive his/her jacket under the assumption that he/she will be in band the full year. If the fourth year is not completed, the jacket must be returned to the director. Their school obligation will not be considered cleared until the jacket is returned. It is the student's responsibility to confirm the earned points with a director.

Parent/Guardian Acknowledgement Signature

*** Handbook is located at the following website below. Please let us know if a printed copy is required. ***

www.newcaneyband.org

1. Go to the website
2. Click on the "Handbook" link located near the top of the page.

THIS PAGE MUST BE RETURNED BEFORE AUGUST 18, 2023

I, the undersigned parent or guardian of _____,
(student name)

have read the New Caney Band Handbook and understand the rules and regulations of both the NCISD Band Handbook and New Caney High School Band. I agree to the stipulations set forth in the handbook, and also expect my child to abide by them.

Finally, I give my child permission to travel with the band on any school sponsored band trip that may occur during the 2023-2024 school year.

(Parent/Guardian Signature)