NEW CANEY ISD HIGH SCHOOL BAND HANDBOOK

SIGNATURE PAGE

FOR STUDENTS PARTICIPATING IN THE HIGH SCHOOL BAND
GRADES 9 – 12

The following handbook is provided to help us have a band program that is enjoyable, smooth running, and educational for all of its members. Making expectations clear at the beginning of the school year can help make that possible. This handbook includes information about general rules and regulations of the band program, academic eligibility rules, rules relating to U.I.L. competition, school-owned equipment, insurance, individual equipment, alternates, band hall policies, uniform procedures, calendar, attendance policies, and the fund-raising system.

The following may seem overwhelming, especially to those of you new to our band. Please know that as a result of clear expectations and consistent enforcement of regulations, our band has been able to be the successful organization it has grown to be, and that your child will want to be a part of. It is this positive experience that we strive to achieve for all band members, and it can only be achieved through cooperative teamwork on the part of the directors, parents and students.

- **I have read and understand the New Caney ISD Handbook and will abide by its rules and regulations. I also understand that my student will travel with the band to all scheduled rehearsals, performances, contests, and various district events.**

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Student's Last Name, First (Printed) **Student Signature and Date**

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Parent's Name (Printed) **Parent Signature and Date**

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Band Permission to Release Publicity Information

Student's Name _____ **School Year** _____

- **I hereby give my permission to New Caney Independent School District personnel to use photos of my son/daughter in local or Houston-area newspapers, television, and other news media to publicize concerts, competition results, and honors/achievements of members of the Band.**

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Signature of Parent or Guardian **Date**

New Caney ISD
High School Band Handbook

New Caney High School, New Caney TX
Porter High School, Porter TX

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ARTICLE I

PURPOSE OF THE ORGANIZATION

The purpose of the New Caney ISD Band Program is to encourage quality performance, high academic standards, loyal school spirit, and high personal values among its members. Through the development of instrumental technique, musical knowledge and understanding, leadership, cooperation, self-discipline and sportsmanship in each individual member, the New Caney ISD high school bands will fulfill their purpose for the benefit of New Caney Independent School District and the communities of New Caney and Porter. Students wishing to be members of the New Caney ISD high school bands must meet all standards set forth in this handbook.

ARTICLE II

OBJECTIVES

The objectives of the New Caney ISD Bands shall be as follows:

1. To develop and maintain a very high standard of musicianship to be performed at contests, school functions and other special events as determined by the director.
2. To increase and develop character and responsibility and to maintain high moral standards.
3. To develop leadership, loyalty, and good sportsmanship.
4. To encourage good conduct and support interest in all fine arts, sports, and other school activities.
5. To represent New Caney ISD at school functions, community functions (on campus and/or off campus), and major athletic functions.

ARTICLE III

GENERAL RULES AND REGULATIONS

1. **DISCIPLINE**: All students are to conduct themselves properly at all times. Display of temper, profanity, flagrant violation of rules, etc., will not be tolerated. Any behavior, which is not conducive to good citizenship, could result in the student's dismissal from the band program.
2. **ATTENDANCE**: is expected at all rehearsals, performances, concerts, and competitions.
3. **TRAVEL**: It should be understood, by both parent and student that the competition bands will be involved in and may require both in and out-of-district traveling. This may include a limited number of overnight trips for some competitive events (students who participate in these organizations are expected to participate in the travel).
4. All band members represent the school and community and are expected to conduct themselves in a manner in keeping with the following regulations when traveling in or out of the district
    a. Be on time for all trips.
    b. Dress as directed.
    c. Be mannerly.
    d. Avoid excessive noise on the buses.
    e. Stay on the same bus, both going and coming, that you were assigned to.
    f. Return equipment to its proper storage place upon returning to the school.
5. If a student is required to leave from an event or activity, the parent/guardian of the student must provide written notification to the instructor prior to the student leaving, and the student may leave ONLY with the parent/guardian stated in the written notification. STUDENTS MAY NOT LEAVE WITH ANYONE EXCEPT A PARENT OR GUARDIAN. A telephone call confirming the written notification is also desired. Because the majority of our trips are short, we prefer that students both go and return with the entire group. We try to avoid use of a private motor vehicle.

ARTICLE IV

MEMBERSHIP AND STUDENT LEADERSHIP TEAM

Students who will be in grades 9 - 12 the following year are eligible to sign up for the High School Band, providing they meet the qualifications stipulated below:

1. Membership to the NCISD High School Band Program shall be allowed on the basis of audition, scholarship, conduct, and character as well as their willingness to learn and participate in the functions of the band. A teacher recommendation form may be a factor in the conduct and character ratings.
2. A transfer student who is currently a member of a band may audition privately for the Director upon his/her transfer into the NCISD campus to determine their band placement for the year. A letter or statement of recommendation is recommended (but not required) from his/her former band director to determine proper band placement.
3. A member who was dismissed in good standing and wishes to rejoin the band must schedule a conference with the director and, pending the decision, may try out at the next scheduled audition.

STUDENT LEADERSHIP TEAM / OFFICERS

The government of the NCISD Band shall be in the control of the Leadership Team, consisting of the NCISD bands leadership team Members and Directors. A quorum composed of two-thirds of the Executive Council and

the High School Directors must be present for any action to be taken. The Directors and the High School Principal have the discretion to interpret and enforce this handbook.

It shall be the duty of the Leadership Team to:

1. Supervise all affairs pertaining to the interest of the NCISD high school bands in conjunction with the director of bands.
2. Meet once a month and/or when necessary.
3. Perform their specific duties as assigned by the band directors (uniform captain, equipment manager, librarian, etc...)

LEADERSHIP TEAM REQUIREMENTS

Failure to abide by these requirements may result in suspensions and/or demotion of a council position.

1. Be ambitious, determined, maintaining pride in oneself as well as in the organization
2. Learn everything expected of the organization.
3. Cooperate with the Directors and with other officers.
4. Maintain an 80 overall average and pass all grading periods.
5. Must not be placed on Directors' probation or any type of school suspension.
6. Maintain a sense of responsibility for the organization and wear the New Caney ISD High School Band uniforms with pride.
7. Set high standards and always work to perfect your level of performance and ability.
8. Be a good representative of the organization and set good examples. Remember, if you lead, people will follow. Leadership team students must lead in the right direction.
9. Assume responsibility to see that each section performs at a high degree of proficiency.
10. Attend officer camp, practices, meetings, and performances as approved by the Directors.
11. Maintain 100% positive attitude offline *and* online. Any student leader that makes any negative remark towards the band program, a band student, another NCISD teacher, or anything deemed negative towards NCISD High School and the New Caney/Porter community will immediately be demoted from their position on the first major or minor offense.

ARTICLE V

GRADING POLICY

DAILY PARTICIPATORY GRADE (40%) [daily] - Will consist of having all necessary supplies and equipment and participating fully and positively. Each band member will begin each nine weeks with 100 points. His/her daily grade will be determined by the following deductions if necessary.

MAJOR PERFORMANCE GRADE (60%) [test]- Including all performances and some rehearsals. A major event could be considered a concert, contest, community performance, marching festival, UIL, or any director-deemed scheduled performance. Major grades can include scale tests or music pass offs.

IMPORTANT NOTE: The student must provide the director with advanced notice for any missed practices or performance. If the student misses any scheduled performance for any reason without proper notification to the director of bands, the resulting grade will be a 0 for the major performance grade. Attendance is a major part of the band program success, and every student is expected to attend every performance. A major performance is a one-shot opportunity to receive pass/fail credit. Special exceptions will be made in critical circumstances as

deemed by the director of bands (i.e. automobile accident). A death in the family does not require an absent request form and is immediately excused.

(a student must come personally to the band director and request an opportunity to make up the major grade for partial credit 5 days after the scheduled event. See NCISD grading policy for more details)

ARTICLE VI

ACADEMIC ELIGIBILITY RULES

A student who is enrolled in a school district in this state or participates in a U.I.L. competition shall be suspended from participation in any extracurricular activity sponsored or sanctioned by the school district of the U.I.L. after a grade evaluation period (six weeks grade reporting period) in which the student received a grade lower than the equivalent of 70 on a scale of 100 in any academic class other than an identified honors or advanced class (as listed in New Caney Independent School District Handbook).

The suspension continues for three weeks, at which time the student's teacher shall review the grades of the suspended student. At the time of the review, the suspension is removed if the student's grades in all classes, other than an identified advanced or honors class, is equal to or greater than a 70 on a scale of 100.

Throughout the school year, the band directors conduct regular grade checks. This system requires students to individually keep track of their class averages and assignments on an ongoing basis. The system greatly helps band student eligibility.

ARTICLE VII

RULES RELATING TO U.I.L. COMPETITION

1. No student may take part in any University Interscholastic League competition, who at the time of the contest, has not been a regular attendant of the school for fifteen calendar days, or since the sixth day of the current school year.
2. No student shall take part in any U.I.L. contest after the end of the fifth consecutive year following his/her enrollment in the eighth grade, fourth consecutive year following enrollment in the ninth grade, and/or third consecutive year following enrollment in the tenth grade.
3. No school may issue and no student may receive an award for participation in interschool competition in excess of $50.00 (or the equivalent in value) during his/her high school enrollment in the same high school. Additional symbolic awards not to exceed $8.00 each may be presented for each additional interschool activity each year.
4. Students must abide by all other rules as set forth by the University Interscholastic League in Austin, TX.

ARTICLE VIII
ATTENDANCE

Attendance policies are to be set by the directors of each program.

ATTENDANCE

1. All band students must abide by the attendance policies.
2. Attendance is required at all rehearsals, sectionals, and performances.
3. Absences and tardies will be excused only on an individual basis as determined by the directors of the program.
4. Examples of UNEXCUSED absences and tardies include, but are not limited to:
    a. Work at a job without prior schedule conflict resolution
    b. Oversleeping
    c. Transportation not arranged
    d. Anything deemed unexcused by the assistant principal
    e. Family trip
    f. Orthodontist or doctor appointment (unless illness requires immediate appointment)
    g. Tutorials (The directors are 100% supportive of these, but students need to utilize days off and available times in the afternoons.)
5. All absences and tardies are to be reported by the parents in writing to the directors. In case of illness or family emergency, an explanatory phone call is appropriate – prior to the rehearsal or performance if possible.
6. Unexcused absences and tardies may result in, but are not limited to:
    a. Grade reduction
    b. Demerit period
    c. Loss of performance status
7. Students will use school transportation both to and from band functions (unless directors assign other transportation).

ARTICLE IX
EQUIPMENT

SCHOOL-OWNED EQUIPMENT

The band member is financially responsible for all equipment and/or materials checked out to him/her for personal use. Equipment is to be used, not abused.

- A $75 NCISD district maintenance fee will be charged to each student who has an instrument checked out to them. Students and parents will be responsible for paying this fee upon receiving the instrument to the band director on campus.
- No charge will be made to the student if the instrument becomes damaged due to normal wear and tear.
- Damages caused by fire, theft, accident, or abuse will be charged to the student.
- All equipment and materials must be kept in their proper storage location when not in use.
- School-owned instruments are furnished by the school for the purpose of avoiding large expenditures to the parent and to provide well-rounded instrumentation for the bands.

- Students who use a school-owned instrument will be expected to practice this instrument a reasonable amount of time each day.
- Failure to do so may result in the instrument being taken up and re-issued to a student who will make better use of it.

INSURANCE

New Caney ISD School District does *not* provide insurance for individually or school-owned equipment. Although not required, *insurance is highly recommended*. Forms for a group musical insurance policy are available from the band directors. Another option is to cover it through your homeowner's policy.

INDIVIDUAL EQUIPMENT

Students will be required to purchase some materials for their uniform such as shoes, socks, etc., as well as all materials necessary to perform their instruments, such as reeds, drum sticks, valve oil, mouthpieces, etc.

ARTICLE X
MARCHING BAND

All band students who are registered for any band class at the New Caney ISD high school bands are expected to participate in Marching Band.

The only exceptions would be a student playing a school sport that conflicts with Marching Band. Any other conflicts with Marching Band should be addressed immediately. When summer band starts, we are already committed to marching a specific number of students based on those students who have informed us of their intent to march. Our show is professionally written by high-end drill writers, and the numbers cannot be changed.

ARTICLE XI
BAND HALL POLICIES

A clean, well-kept band hall demonstrates pride toward the bands. Please do your part to keep your band hall clean. The following policies are for your benefit and for the protection of your property.

1. No gum or tobacco in the band hall.
2. No food or drinks in band hall. The only exception is water.
3. Do not enter the directors' offices without their permission. Never enter the Band Office unless a director is present.
4. Do not touch, handle, borrow or use anyone else's instrument, uniform, or personal belongings.
5. Do not touch or operate any school-owned equipment – especially the stereo equipment, metronome, tuner, and portable speaker system without director permission.
6. Do not deface or mark on in any way music stands, walls, etc.

THANK YOU FOR HELPING US KEEP OUR GREAT BAND HALL LOOK SUPER AWESOME AND INSTRUMENTS LOOKING FANTASTIC!!!

ARTICLE XII

UNIFORM PROCEDURES

WEARING THE UNIFORM

1. Always wear and treat your uniform with pride. The uniform should be worn as a complete unit at all times when in public. The only exceptions to this will be when a director instructs you that you may remove your hat or coat. You will be required to wear your band shirt under your uniform so that you may remove the coat.
2. Band students must wear official black band shoes and black socks (student purchases).
3. When in uniform, please remove jewelry and hair ribbons. Nail polish, if neutral in color, is acceptable. This contributes to the overall uniform appearance of the band, both on and off the field.
4. Band students with longer hair will need to put it up under their hats during performances.

ALTERATIONS

Never cut any material from the band uniform!!! Hem your pants so that the crease does not "break" when you are standing straight up with your BAND SHOES on. The pants should come to the top of the band shoe. Uniforms will be fitted to students at school; however, parents are responsible for the alterations. Again, please remember—DO NOT CUT ANY MATERIAL.

UNIFORM CARE

1. Band uniforms are issued directly prior to a performance and turned in immediately after the performance. We suggest your students learn to properly hang their uniforms when they turn them in to avoid having to step out of the return line. With 150+ students turning in their uniforms, the return process will run smoother.
2. Keep the jacket zipper closed to help retain the shape of the jacket and the "wings" must be folded in also during storage. Always hang the pants by the crease.
3. Everyone is required to have a garment bag; please label your bag. Tape your name under your hat brim.
4. KNOW YOUR UNIFORM NUMBERS! Memorize them if possible to save time; HOWEVER, THE NUMBERS WILL ALSO BE POSTED USING AN ALPHABETIZED LIST.

ARTICLE XIII

MARCHING BAND COSTS

Fair Share Activity Band Fee – The purpose of the Fair Share Band Fee is to help with the various expenses that are necessary to run a quality band program that are **in addition to** the district budget of the program. To operate a "competitive" program, the band directors offer an activity fee that is budgeted to items where everyone in the band benefits. These expenses include educational clinicians and consultants by top professionals in the field for the entire band on all various instruments including the color guard. Other covered expenses may include additional marching competition items, additional contest entry fees and expenses; band leadership conferences; and many additional items, including marching props, competitive marching coordinators, designers, choreographers, drill writers, and so much more. The Fair Share Band Dues system

divides the costs of services and supplies that benefit **all Band members** among the entire Band membership. When all band members pay their Fair Share Dues, the costs can be held to a reasonable amount.

- Fair Share Activity Band Fees for the school year are determined by the directors of each campus at New Caney ISD. All students that participate in the competitive marching band program in some way are required to pay all fees determined by the band director of the campus.
- All students are required to purchase all required materials for the band program at your campus - performance gear such as shirts, shorts, shoes, bags, flip folder, lyres, etc.
- All payments for band fees are due no later than the **first football game**. Parents are more than welcome to pay their band fees before the deadline and at band registration.
- **We will never turn a band student away in the event of a financial hardship**. It is important to communicate with your band director and create a payment agreement that works for you and your family.

PRIVATE LESSONS

Private Lessons are highly encouraged. Payments are to be made directly to the private lesson teacher on the day of their lesson and are determined by the private teacher. Lesson prices can range from $20 to $30 a half-hour depending on the teacher's level of expertise. Commitment forms for private lessons are available upon request from your band director.

COLOR GUARD:

All color guard fees are due at registration plus cost for shoes, shirts, and accessories. Other costs, such as a Spring Trip cost, are to be determined at a later date by the color guard instructor.

REFUND LIMITATIONS

The New Caney ISD High School Bands are not responsible for and can not provide a refund of band costs due to a student who chooses to leave the band program during the school year. Furthermore, refunds cannot be made to students who are unable to participate in band trips due to ineligibility.

ARTICLE XIV

LETTER JACKETS

The member:

1. Must be enrolled in the band class.
2. Must have participated in all non-UIL concerts and parades for three years.
3. May only receive one jacket. No student will receive a jacket from more than one organization
4. Extra patches or lettering on the jacket must be purchased by the student.

To receive a letter jacket in the band program, the student must either A) earn a cumulative total of 100 points via the letter jacket point system or B) complete three successful years of NCISD high school band and enroll to be active in the fourth year as a senior.

5 - any office held

3 - marching section leader

5 - TMEA all-district band

10 - TMEA all-region band

20 - TMEA all-area band

100 - TMEA All-State band *(the All-State Band is very difficult to make and the highest honor a band student could have. An All-State student is immediately awarded a letter and a jacket for band)*

5 - participating in district solo and ensemble contest 15 points for a division I on a class I solo or ensemble

10 - Division I on a class II solo or ensemble

5 - Division I on a class III solo or ensemble

25 - Division I at TSSEC

15 - Division II at TSSEC

10 - Division III at TSSEC

10 - Participating in Jazz Band

15 - Participating in various ensembles each semester, such as Indoor Drumline for the Spring semester

2 points per game performed at for Pep Band/Bastketball Band

10 points for attending private lessons for an entire year

25 points for each year in the NCISD High School Band program.

The point system will be evaluated at the beginning of each semester. (for example, if a student has 95 points in January and earns 20 points at UIL in February, that student will be fitted for a letter jacket the *following* semester when the district approves letter jacket fitting)

ARTICLE XV

LOSS OF MEMBERSHIP

Being a member in one of the NCISD high school band programs is one of the highest privileges a student can have. Membership in the NCISD high school band may be forfeited for the following reasons:

1. Failing to provide proper and current information.
2. Violating the law as determined by the student code of conduct and drug policy in the student handbook.
3. Being placed on probation more than two times in one school year for scholastic or disciplinary reasons. (A member must not fail a grading period more than twice in a year.)
4. Failure to cooperate with the director, or being disloyal to the organization as determined by the director.
5. Using inappropriate language anywhere while a member of the NCISD High School Bands.
6. Missing any performances during the year unless excused by the director.

7. Having excessive absences. If the director determines that the number is excessive, he will have a conference with the student and his/her parents.
8. Being assigned to T.L.C. after becoming a member.
9. Failing to maintain requirements for membership.
10. Consistent and problematic disciplinary issues that are not corrected in a timely manner after being warned.
11. Any major or a series of minor infractions made by any student as listed in Article XV concerning social media

ARTICLE XVI

SOCIAL MEDIA

Any social media and online actions by any band student that are considered to be substantially or foreseeably disruptive to the NCISD high school environment - lewd, vulgar or offensive, and/or advocating violence or illegal activity - will be subject to the consequences listed below:

1st offense: Results in director probation. Parent contact will be made and the student will receive assistance and counseling by the directors to learn better opportunities for appropriate digital citizenship.

2nd offense: Immediate removal of the band program.

If the offense constitutes a major offense as deemed by the director of bands, the student may be removed immediately in only one offense. It is very important to the band program that students portray acceptable online social media behavior. The NCISD high school bands uphold the highest standard in digital citizenship by consistently practicing good integrity and values pertaining to online social media.

An offense could be one of the following:

- General inappropriate language of a profane or sexual nature
- Profane or inappropriate language or remarks directed toward bandmates, teachers, other NCISD high school students, staff, coaches, as well as athletic administrators and representatives from other schools
- Demeaning statements about or threats to any third party
- Incriminating photos, statements, or language in reference to violence, drug or alcohol use, bullying, or any other inappropriate behaviors
- Creating a serious danger to the safety of another person or making a credible threat of serious physical or emotional injury to another person
- Indicating knowledge of an unreported felony theft or property damage
- Indicating knowledge of an unreported school or team violation
- Engaging in or indicating knowledge of cyber bullying and/or harassing another student or staff member
- “Liking” any of the above comments or photos on Facebook or any other social networking sites indicates your approval of such comments and thereby holds you to the same standard. Should you choose to “Like” such comments/photos made on social networks by your friends, the consequences outlined below will apply.

- “Retweeting” or marking a tweet as a “Favorite” on Twitter also indicates your approval of inappropriate comments and thereby holds you to the same standard. Choosing to retweet or favorite an inappropriate comment or picture will subject you the consequences outlined below.
- “Subtweeting” is not permitted under any circumstances. The notion that you are choosing not to identify the victim of your bullying or inappropriate comments DOES NOT preclude you from the below consequences.
- Other inappropriate behavior as deemed so by NCISD High School administration.

In the past, inappropriate use of social media by NCISD High School students participating in athletics and other co-curricular activities has resulted in the suspension from practices, games and other events. In an effort to foster good sportsmanship and to deter the need to enforce such discipline, the high school band programs recommend the following guidelines as best practices for the use of social media by band students. For the purposes of these guidelines, social media means any form of electronic communication through which users create online communities to share information, ideas, personal messages, and other content, including, by way of illustration and not limitation, social networking sites such as Twitter, Facebook, Instagram, and others.

NCISD band students respect the right of its students to use social media. However, it is important for band students to understand the need to exercise care in setting appropriate boundaries between their personal and public online behavior and to understand that what may seem private in the digital world can often become public, even without knowledge or consent. Band students who use social media must remember that any information posted reflects on the entire NCISD High School community and, as such, is subject to the same behavioral standards set forth in the University Interscholastic League (UIL) Rules and Regulations; District Board Policies; and state and federal law.

<u>GUIDELINES - BEST PRACTICE FOR SOCIAL MEDIA USE:</u>
These guidelines are intended to provide a framework for New Caney ISD band students to conduct themselves safely and responsibly in an online environment. As a band Student-Athlete or co-curricular participant, you should:

1. Be Aware that Privacy Settings are NOT Foolproof. NCISD high school students are highly encouraged to use privacy settings on social media sites. However, NCISD High School students should be aware that privacy settings are not foolproof. Although social media sites provide their users with privacy improvement updates, the changes occur frequently and can get complicated. Even if you diligently monitor your privacy settings, it’s best to assume that anything you post may potentially be seen by your school, your parents and strangers.

2. Avoid Posting Confidential Information. Be aware of the kind of information you are posting on social media sites. Posting information such as your date of birth, address, phone number, class schedule, social security number, bank account number, etc. is NOT recommended. Once such information is posted, it becomes the property of the social media site.

3. Avoid Unprofessional Public Profiles. Any information you put on social media sites is considered public information and may be viewed by members of the public. Be mindful of the image you create for yourself online. Potential, current and future employers as well as college admissions recruiters may access the information you put on social media sites.

4. Avoid Posting Illegal Activities. Photos posted via social media become the property of the social media site. You may delete the photo from your profile but the photo remains on the social media site’s server. Internet search engines such as Google or Yahoo may still find that image long after you have deleted it from your

profile. In addition, even if your profile is set to private, a friend can always download and save incriminating photos that third parties, such as the authorities, can use against you in the future. NCISD high school band students should avoid the following:

- Incriminating photos or statements depicting violence; hazing; sexual harassment; vandalism; stalking; underage drinking; selling, possessing, or using controlled substances; or any other inappropriate behaviors.

5. Avoid Bullying\Threats of Violence. While NCISD high school band students have a right to free speech, that right is NOT unlimited. Bullying is a serious issue and is not limited to student-to-student interactions. Vicious treatment and hateful words often lead to violence, suicide, depression, and discrimination. NCISD band students should avoid the following:

- Derogatory language or remarks about teammates, coaches, students, staff members, athletic administrators, or representatives of other schools;
- Demeaning statements about and/or threats to any third party; and
- Creating serious danger to the safety of another person or making a credible threat of serious physical or emotional injury to another person.

NCISD High School band students should be aware that if their conduct is deemed inappropriate, such conduct may be subject to discipline, not only by school authorities, but also by law enforcement agencies.

6. Avoid Lying, Cheating & Plagiarism. All information posted on social media sites is considered public information. It may be viewed by third parties and used against you. It is best to assume that anything you post may be seen by your school, your parents and your peers.

NCISD High School band students also participating in athletics and other co-curricular activities should be aware that their online actions have consequences. While the NCISD campuses don't actively monitor student social media accounts, they have the right to act on information provided by third parties (i.e. students, parents, & community members). NCISD also has a right to investigate students; social media sites in the event of allegations of inappropriate online conduct. Pursuant to the Texas Education Agency Code and applicable federal and state case law, NCISD has a right to discipline students for online conduct which is related to a school activity or attendance and is:

1. substantially or foreseeably disruptive to the NCISD high school band environment;
2. lewd, vulgar or offensive; and/or
3. advocating violence or illegal activity. In addition, students should be aware that, in certain circumstances, their online conduct may be subject to criminal prosecution.