

**PAMPA ISD  
HIGH SCHOOL BAND  
CONTRACT, RULES, AND GUIDELINES  
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**PRIDE n.** 1. A title earned by the Pampa High School Band because of hard work, determination, excellent discipline, and superior performance. 2. Delight or satisfaction in one's own, or another's achievements, in association with, etc. 3. Proper respect for oneself; sense of one's own dignity or self-respect.

## **Article I – PURPOSE & MISSION STATEMENT**

### **PURPOSE**

The “Pride of Pampa” High School Band provides students the opportunity for success through the cultivation of life, social, and leadership skills in a safe environment. The “Pride of Pampa” High School Band provides students the opportunity to discover their creative potential through the exploration, performance, and enjoyment of the universal art of music.

### **MISSION STATEMENT**

The Pride of Pampa Band is a Family, one that is built on the qualities of Respect and Mutual Cooperation. We, as members, accept our own Personal Responsibility to this organization by bringing our best to every rehearsal and performance. We Enjoy what we do and we realize that Music is an Art. We work hard to *Be the Greatest* that we can be in all things. We are The Pride of Pampa!

## **Article II – BAND MEMBERSHIP**

In order to participate in the Band, a student must be classified as a freshman, sophomore, junior, or senior for the current school year.

## **Article III - MAINTAINING MEMBERSHIP**

Members of the Band must be able to attend all summer activities as assigned by the Director.

A Band member must be in good physical condition and must be able to participate in strenuous activities. The student must pass a physical before beginning their freshman and junior years of marching band, as well as annually turning in a medical history form. The student must turn in a medical release form signed by his or her parent/guardian in order to travel with the Band. He or she must advise the Director of any pre-existing conditions that would limit or prohibit complete participation in all activities.

Band members must also consent to participate in mandatory drug testing in accordance with school district policy.

Band is a fall and spring semester commitment. Failure to complete either semester will require a conference with the director if a student wishes to enroll in a subsequent semester.

As members of the "Pride of Pampa" High School Band, Band members must maintain passing grades according to UIL standards. If a Band Member is on the failure list for the first six-weeks grading period, he or she will not be able to compete or perform with the marching band for the remainder of the season.

Band members MUST abide by all PISD rules and regulations as spelled out in the Student Handbook and Code of Conduct. Members must promote, maintain, and uphold good working relationships with ALL Band members and the Directors.

A student's participation in Band may be restricted by a Director or Administrator if he or she:

- has three or more discipline reports/referrals on file for the current school year.
- was placed in In-School Suspension more than once during the current school year.
- was in the Alternative Education Program during the current school year.
- was placed on Out-of-School Suspension or Expelled during the current school year.
- failed one or more classes during two six-week periods for the current school year
- has outstanding fees or fines for the current or previous school year.
- has ever been selected for the Band and then quit for any reason other than health problems.

Directors and School Administrators retain the right to dismiss a member by joint decision.

## **Article IV – BAND MEMBER RESPONSIBILITIES**

Respect and cooperation among the Band members is required. A Band member is a role model and leader not only for his or her campus but for the entire school district as well. Therefore, he or she should set the example in attitude, speech, behavior, and academics. Gossip and immature behavior has no place in the Pride of Pampa Band. If a Band member feels there is a problem within the Band, he or she must first talk with the Director to attempt to resolve the issue.

Band Leadership Team (L.T.) members will be appointed. This role will be filled based on the member's leadership, academic achievement, attitude, reliability, and experience. The BLT will be expected to assist the Directors at practices or sectionals and may be appointed to additional duties as necessary.

Band members must wear and maintain uniforms as directed. Uniforms, or any part of the uniform, are not to be worn at any times other than those designated by the Directors. Uniforms are not to be worn by anyone other than the Band member to whom it has been issued. No jewelry will be worn while performing. Hair will be pulled back.

## Article V – BAND EXPENSES

Travel – Expenses for Away football games and marching contests, including meals and transportation, are paid for through the band budget and supplemented by the band boosters when necessary.

Uniforms & Supplies – Each member will be required to purchase accessories for the Band uniform including, but not limited to: black marching shoes, black socks, black gloves, and a band travel shirt. Additionally, band members will be required to purchase or furnish a flip folder for holding music in the stands. Shoes, gloves, shirts, and flip folders will be ordered through the Band Boosters. Loss of or damage to any part of the uniform or its parts should be reported to the Director immediately. The replacement/repair cost may be the responsibility of the Band member if deemed necessary.

Equipment – Usage of school owned equipment, including but not limited to instruments, is a privilege. Students and parents/guardians must sign and return an instrument usage form before receiving a school instrument. Loss of or damage to equipment should be reported to the Director immediately. The replacement/repair cost may be the responsibility of the Band member if deemed necessary. Normal wear and tear (including, but not limited to, repadding, spring replacements, flushing, and lubricating) will be paid for through the band's repair budget. Damage caused by negligence or improper handling may be charged to the student responsible for the instrument.

Payments – Band members will be given a bill and payment due dates for any expected costs. Payment must be made in full by the specified dates. If full payment is not submitted, the Band member may not be allowed to participate. **Payments are non-refundable and cannot be returned should a Band member quit or be dismissed.**

## Article VI – PRACTICES & PERFORMANCES

### Practices

Practices shall only be called by the Director. A schedule for practices will be set and given to the Band members at the beginning of the fall semester. If a Band member is involved in other extra-curricular activities he or she must notify the Director in advance (at least one day's notice) of missing practice. Appointments, work, etc. should not be scheduled during practice time. It is the director's discretion as to whether or not an absence is considered excused.

Band members must stay for the duration of practice. Pride of Pampa Band Members do not leave rehearsal early, barring extenuating circumstances discussed with the Director.

Cell phones must be turned off and put away at the beginning of practice and are to remain so unless permission is given by the Band Directors for their use.

Failure to attend and participate in practices fully, either in marching or concert season, may result in limitation of performance privilege, loss of a marching spot, or other consequence deemed appropriate by the Directors.

### Performances: Games, Concert, & Contests

Band members will attend all Varsity Football Games.

Band members may not consume any food or drink in uniform, with the exception of water.

Band members may not use cell phones during any part of a game in progress unless permission is sought and granted by the Director.

Band members will remain with the Band at all times. They may not leave the designated area to visit with family or socialize with friends who may be sitting in the stands, etc.

### Unexcused Absences

Any grade related to a missed performance or rehearsal may be made up through the approved written assignment received from the Director. However, the written assignment only replaces the grade in the gradebook – it does not guarantee that there won't be any impact on performance privileges.

### Leaving Early

Extenuating circumstances may require a Band member to leave a game or contest with a parent or guardian. Should this need arise, a written and signed note must be hand-delivered to the Director by the parent or guardian before the Band member will be allowed to leave. Band members will not be allowed to leave an event with a person other than a legal guardian without prior arrangements with the Directors, a signed note by the legal guardian, and a photo ID for the non-guardian.

### Conflicting Schedules of School Activities

We strive to make the band schedule as friendly and flexible as possible toward other activities. However, there are times when scheduling conflicts arise. Students should first take the conflict to the Director and sponsor of the other activity so that we can try to find any means of accommodating both activities for the student. However, should no means of accommodating both be reached, the Director, sponsor of the other activity, and Administration will determine which event takes precedence in any given situation.

## **Article VII – TRAVEL**

The Band represents Pampa ISD when it travels. It is very important to be a stellar example of how students at PHS should act and behave. The Band has a great reputation and is expected to maintain it. Band travel etiquette includes the following:

- All rules outlined in the PISD Code of Conduct apply
- No loud or obnoxious behavior

- No external speakers (CD, MP3 players, cell phones, etc.) – If a Director can hear a student’s music from headphones he or she will ask the student to turn it down. If the student refuses, the Director reserves the right to confiscate the item.
- Electronic Games in use during travel must be rated “T” or below
- Any form of video must be rated PG-13 or less
- Band Members should BE ON TIME to avoid being left behind.
- Band Members should always listen for directions; adjustments do have to be made on occasion – be flexible
- Band Members are expected to treat all people with respect regardless of age, employment, position, or authority
- Band Members are expected to leave stadiums, restaurants, etc. in a clean and orderly condition
- Band Members must adhere to district dress code while present on a school sponsored trip

## **Article VIII – ABSENCES & TARDINESS**

Excused absences are those due to personal illness, death in the family, emergency, authorized participation in an official school function, or religious functions. Unexcused absences may result in probation or dismissal from the Band.

## **Article IX - GRADES**

Grades will be given in alignment and reflective of District and Campus policies. Grades will be assigned based on student performance and participation.

Rehearsals, Concerts, and Performances – Rehearsals, Concerts, and performances count for a significant portion of the Semester grade. Students must be present to receive full credit. In the event of an emergency, students will be able to complete an alternative assignment at the discretion of the directors.

Pass Offs – Students are required to pass off contest music before participating in Marching Contest and Concert & Sight Reading Contest. Students will receive advance notice regarding all Pass Offs and will be given ample opportunity to Pass Off their music. Students are allowed and encouraged to retake Pass Off tests as necessary to demonstrate mastery of their music. Failure to Pass Off music may result in a student being prohibited from participating in contest.

## **Article X – CLASSROOM EXPECTATIONS**

Students will conduct themselves in a manner conducive to keeping an educational and professional atmosphere in the classroom. Expectations of daily classroom behavior are as follows:

- Students will enter the classroom quickly, quietly, and calmly, retrieve appropriate materials and sit in their designated seats

- Students will not handle or touch anyone else’s instrument, including color guard equipment
- Students will not play with, touch, or handle percussion equipment without permission from the Director
- Students will handle equipment, instruments, and music stands with care
- Students will follow directions given by Directors or substitute teachers immediately and respectfully
- Students will not have gum, food, or drink (other than water) in the classroom
- Students will keep lockers free of clutter and non-band items
- Students will refrain from rough-housing, horse-play, and running in the band hall
- Students will not bring non-band members into the band hall without permission from the Directors

## **Article XI - INJURIES**

If a Band member is injured, he or she must provide a Doctor’s note for excusal from physical activity, but will still be expected to attend all practices and games/contests.

## **Article XII – PARENTS/GUARDIANS**

A commitment is required from parents/guardians to provide transportation to and from practices as well as before and after home and away games and contests. Parents/guardians should schedule a conference with the Director during school hours if they have a concern about any issues that may arise.

## **ARTCILE XIII - BAND BOOSTERS**

The Band Booster Organization is made up of parents and other community members who volunteer their time, talents and skills, and financial support to assist and enrich the experiences of the students in the “Pride of Pampa” High School. Established in 1960 to raise money for the band’s historic trip to Chicago, it has evolved into an indispensable organization that serves our band needs in countless ways. A team of ten officers (usually a husband/wife pair) shares five offices - president, two vice-presidents, secretary, and treasurer. These officers meet regularly with the directors to plan fund raising projects and other activities to benefit the students in band. Each officer chairs various projects throughout the year, works with the other officers in additional fund raising projects, and serves as official chaperones for the spring trip. Below is a brief description of some of the projects and services that the Pampa Band Boosters do for the band.

Band Carnival – This is an annual event that the booster club has run for nearly 40 years. It is our largest fund raising project and requires the help of both students and parents. Depending on the “Pride of Texas Shows” schedule it is usually held the first or second week in June. Students are responsible for clean up around the food tables and complete midway and parking lot clean up each night when the carnival closes.



Booster officers with help from the band parents organize and run the “silent auction,” organize and help in all operations of the food trailer including cooking, food prep, taking orders, and providing homemade ice cream, and help with other logistic and set-up/tear down details before the carnival opens and after it closes.

Yard Signs – The booster club delivers yard signs for each student when the band has officially earned “The Pride.” These signs will be displayed in the front yard of all band members’ homes until the end of the school year. Students are to return yard signs in May.

Band Banquet – The band banquet includes many special traditions and requires virtually year-long preparation. While the second vice president chairs this project, its success relies largely upon the help of all the booster officers and other band parents working together.

Miscellaneous – Throughout the year the booster club helps with many other activities such as water and equipment handling at football games, preparations for concerts and U.I.L. contests, and chaperoning other band trips and competitions. By providing these and many other services, the Band Boosters hope to not only keep parents informed and involved but also to help them feel a part of the success and pride of the Pampa Band’s activities and accomplishments. We encourage all of our band parents to get involved and help in any way that they can. Without a doubt much of the success of the “Pride of Pampa” High School Band is due to the positive influence and contributions of the Pampa Band Booster organization.

## **Article XIV - CONDUCT**

Band membership is an honor and therefore, its members should strive to maintain high standards.

### INFRACTIONS

The following list of infractions are to serve merely as examples and are not meant to be exhaustive:

#### Absences

- Unexcused
- With prior permission (unless school activity)

#### Behavior

- Disrespect for authority
- Disrespect for other Band members
- Dishonesty
- Inappropriate language
- Poor attitude
- Failure to follow directions
- Off-task during practices/games/performances

#### Classroom Conduct

- Referral filed in office

#### Grades

- Each failing grade on progress reports or report cards

#### Punctuality

- Late for practice
- (Unexcused absence if more than 15 minutes late)
- Late for inspection

#### Uniform/Appearance

- Missing pieces of uniform
- Minor infractions
- (Hair not pulled up, jewelry, etc.)

#### Other

- Talking/checking/texting on cell phone during practice or game/performance
- Chewing gum at practice or game
- Eating during game/performance

Failure to abide by the standards described above will result in the following corrective actions being taken:

1. Warning
2. Parent Phone Call
3. Probation/Behavior Contract
4. Removal from Band

Any of the following conduct may result in a student being immediately dismissed from the PHS Band program at the discretion of the Director and campus Administrator:

- Stealing
- Suspension from school
- Serious disciplinary action by administration
- Possession, consumption, or being under the influence of drugs/alcohol

## **Article XV – LETTERING**

A student may letter as a member of the high school band program if they satisfy at least one of the following requirements:

1. The student successfully auditions and earns a spot in the ATSSB All-Region Band or TMEA All-Region Jazz Band and participates in the corresponding Clinic and Concert Weekend
2. The student competes in the regional-level of the UIL Solo and Ensemble Contest, advances to the UIL State Solo and Ensemble Contest (TSSEC), and performs at TSSEC.
3. The student maintains active membership in the High School Band program for four (4) continuous years

## **Article XVI - PARENT/STUDENT UIL MARCHING BAND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT FORM**

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No student may be required to attend a marching band related practice for more than eight hours outside the academic school day per calendar week (Sunday through Saturday). This provision applies to students in all components of the marching band. **Exception:** For schools that begin instruction prior to the fourth Monday in August the limit of eight hours of rehearsal outside of the academic school day per calendar week shall begin on the Tuesday immediately following Labor Day. Schools under this exception shall be limited to eight hours of rehearsal outside of the academic day per school week (12:01 AM on the first day of school of the calendar week through the end of the school day on the last day of instruction of the school week) until the Tuesday immediately following Labor Day.

On performance days (football games, competitions and other public performances) bands may hold up to one additional hour of warm-up and practice beyond the scheduled warm-up time. Multiple performances on the same day do not allow for additional practice and/or warm-up time.

Examples of Activities Subject to the UIL Marching Band Eight Hour Rule.

- Marching Band Rehearsal (Both Full Band and Components)
- Any Marching Band Group Instructional Activity
- Breaks
- Announcements
- Debriefing and Viewing Marching Band Videos
- Passing Off Marching Band Music
- Marching Band Sectionals (Both Director and Student Led)
- Clinics for The Marching Band or Any of its Components

The Following Activities Are Not Included in the Eight Hour Time Allotment:

- Travel Time to and From Rehearsals and/or Performances
- Rehearsal Set-Up Time
- Pep Rallies, Parades and Other Public Performances
- Instruction and Practice For Music Activities Other Than Marching Band And Its Components

NOTE: More information about Marching Band practice limitations can be found at:  
[www.uiltexas.org/music/marching-band](http://www.uiltexas.org/music/marching-band)

## **Article XVII – PAMPA HIGH SCHOOL EXTRACURRICULAR PARTICIPATION AGREEMENT**

I understand that, as a student participating in extracurricular activities, the District expects my behavior to be exemplary and to reflect the finest attributes of the total student body at all times and places. I agree to comply with and be subject to team and/or organization rules, constitutions, charters, and by-laws. By signing the acknowledgement page, I affirm that I have read and agree to the terms of the Pampa Independent School District's Extra Curricular Participation Agreement.

Further, I understand that my child's participation in extracurricular activities will be subject to and governed by the terms set forth above.