



TVHS Band & Color Guard Handbook

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“The more you give, the more you get, the more you get, the more you have to give, what are YOU willing to give?”

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Introduction

It is the intent of this handbook to explain the elements of the band program and responsibilities of all of its members. It is important that we understand our respective positions and that we share a common goal in order for the organization to be vital. That goal is excellence in all aspects of the program. It can only be achieved with complete cooperation on the part of everyone involved.

Philosophy / Mission Statement

Performing ensembles like the marching band, color guard, concert bands, winter guard and drum lines are an integral part of TVHS and are recognized as a school organization. It is open to all students enrolled in Band, Percussion, and Color Guard classes, or by enrolling in our groups as an extracurricular activity.

Any student who becomes a member of the band and guard program does so because:

- they wish to become better performers as well as good citizens
- they are interested in giving service to the high school through performance
- they desire to consistently promote and enhance the dignity and reputation of the organization
- they are dedicated, hard workers
- they respect tradition and school culture
- they cultivate a family atmosphere on and off school premises

Students learn many things by participating in a high school band/color guard program. Some of them are not necessarily about music. It is the goal of this program to help students learn about commitment, responsibility, dependability, and punctuality in the process of teaching them how to play and perform music as an ensemble.

Definition of Ensembles

The Golden Valley Regiment/Advanced/Marching Band: The Fall season is one of the most spectacular and interesting times of year for the band program. The Marching Band plays for all home football games (pregame, halftime shows, and pep tunes during the game), field show competitions and the Temecula Christmas Parade. Other performances may occur throughout the school year and the students of the Golden Valley Regiment are expected to participate. The marching band is a part of the 6th period Advanced Band, and 4th period Percussion/Color Guard classes in the Fall semester.

Intermediate/Concert Band: The Fall Concert Band is open to all students at TVHS regardless of audition. Group members are expected to endeavor toward the acquisition of knowledge of various forms, styles, and eras of music through their own daily practices as well as the large group rehearsals in the Spring. The musical concepts covered in classes are most often represented in the performances scheduled for this group. The performances generally include, but are not limited to: Fall, Winter and Spring concerts, Spring Band Festival, after school performances at school events, and Graduation. These performances are the culmination of the course objectives.

Beginning in early November, Concert Band students will have after school rehearsals on Mondays from 3:45-5:00 PM. This will be in preparation for the Winter and Spring concerts.

Jazz Band: Jazz Band is an extracurricular club ensemble that is open to all students at TVHS. Rehearsals are on Tuesdays after school, from 3:45-5:15, starting on August 23, 2022. Jazz Band will perform with the 5th period Concert Band in October, as well as with the combined Concert Band for the remainder of the school year.

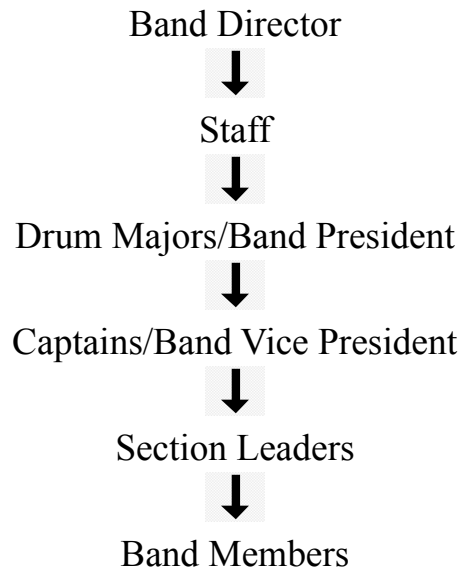
Winter Drumline: The Winter Drumline ensemble is open to any TVHS student to audition. The Winter Drumline is a branch ensemble from the Marching Band. The ensemble performs several competitions and exhibitions throughout the Spring season.

Winter Guard: The Winter Guard is open to any TVHS student to audition. Members of this group are expected to apply themselves toward excellence in visual performance. These performances include, but are not limited to, dance and equipment work based on predetermined themes. The ensemble performs several competitions and exhibitions throughout the Spring season.

Winter Drumline and Winter Guard have their own handbook of policies, which outlines the Code of Conduct and Ethics for the Percussion and Color Guard Performing Circuits.

Chain of Command

The following chain of command covers: The Golden Valley Regiment Marching Band, Color Guard, Concert Band, Jazz Band, Winter Drumline, and Winter Guard:



Student Leadership Responsibilities:

Drum Major(s): Serves as the governing student leader for all public performances of the Marching Band, which most often involves conducting as well as the delivering of commands from a member of the band staff. Also responsible for taking student attendance at each marching band rehearsal and performance. It is common practice that a drum major is chosen through an audition / interview and attends a director-recommended leadership camp.

Secretary/Librarian: Duties include organization and operation of the music library, maintaining a current and accurate inventory of music, recordings, and equipment.

Captains/Section Leaders: Serves as rehearsal leader for small group practicing and acts as the role model for his/her section both on and off the field. There are 5 captain positions: Front Ensemble, Battery Percussion, Color Guard, Woodwind, and Brass.

Band President (a year-round position): Provides student leadership and direction to the Marching Band, Jazz Band, Concert Band, and Winter Ensembles throughout the year. Responsible for organizing, communicating, and leading student activities (social gatherings, band camp activities, etc.). Represents the music department to all school, school district, and parent/community events. Will guide band members to grow, learn, and have fun.

Keeps track of attendance at the beginning of rehearsal; contacts members that are late/absent.

Maintains the morale of the group – making sure everyone feels welcome and accepted.

Maintains order and takes roll on bus trips; informs directors/chaperones of any problems.

Responsible for cleaning the bus - pick up leftover articles and trash.

Band Vice President (a year-round position): Assists the Band President with any and all duties as listed above; takes charge in the absence of the Band President. Keeps the band hall neat and organized, free from all trash. Helps to enforce our no food/drink/gum and dress code policies in the band room and at rehearsals. Assists the chaperones in every way possible.

Policies

1. Attendance / Punctuality

All members in the band organizations must attend all rehearsals and performances. Absence from any rehearsal or performance must be covered by a written/parent email excuse presented to the band director BEFORE the rehearsal, or two weeks prior to a performance.

Schedules are posted well in advance on our calendar at CutTime.net. Keep in mind that absence requests are approved at the director's discretion. They are usually granted in the case of illness, serious unavoidable conflict, or emergency. Work, social activities, family events and other similar conflicts must be avoided by making all parties to whom one is responsible well aware of the rehearsal/performance schedule for the year to which he/she has made a commitment.

This is in the best possible interest of all members of the organization. Absence requests should be dated and contain your name, date to be absent, reason for the absence, and your parent or guardian's signature. The director will then determine if the student's request is valid or not. Punctuality to all rehearsals and performances is a vital part of our success.

Members should arrive **at least** 10 minutes prior to the start of any activity and be in their assigned places with all needed materials at the starting time.

*Absence from rehearsal during the week of a performance, regardless of an excuse or not, may result in that student not performing in the next performance. This is not necessarily a punishment but the natural consequence of not being prepared for a successful performance. For example, changes could be made to the show during a missed rehearsal. The absent student will no longer be prepared to perform those spots in the show, or know the new material.

Afternoon Rehearsals and Evening Performances (Marching Season, Aug. - Nov.)

The Golden Valley Regiment rehearses Mondays and Wednesdays, 6:00-9:30 PM, Non-football game Fridays, 3:45-5:00 PM, and Saturdays, 8:30 AM-1:00 PM. By visiting www.CutTime.net students and parents can get updated times and dates for rehearsals and performances.

On competition days students will typically have a shorter practice, followed by an opportunity to eat, load their instruments and equipment onto the truck and bus, and depart for that day's competition.

On Friday nights (and some Thursdays), the Golden Valley Regiment participates at all home football games. Students will have rehearsal before each football game starting at 5:00 PM on the practice field before attending the game.

It is imperative that all students attend all rehearsals and performances. When students are missing, they are not learning. Additionally, they are missing out on valuable information and performance experience. Worst of all, when parts are not being played and positions are not being filled, everyone notices. **All performances and rehearsals are an integral part of a complete musical experience and education.**

2. Code of Ethics

You are representing yourself, your school, and your community when you are with the Golden Valley Regiment and the other TVHS performance ensembles. Collectively, we must establish a tradition of distinction, honor, and pride. The following code must be adhered to and supported at all times.

You must act in accordance with established laws of the state and the rules of Temecula Valley High School.

- A. Students MUST remain academically eligible throughout the year!** A student must maintain a 2.0 and have no more than 1 F in order to perform. This status is established ONLY by the grades submitted at each grading period - report card grade and progress report grades. If a student is ineligible based on these grades, that student will REMAIN ineligible until a grade change form is approved by administration.
- B. Students must adhere to the CIF Code of Conduct:**
1. Place academic achievement as the highest priority.
 2. Show respect for teammates (band members), opponents, officials and coaches.
 3. Respect the integrity and judgment of game officials (and judges).
 4. Exhibit fair play, sportsmanship and proper conduct on and off the playing field (and stage).
 5. Maintain a high level of safety awareness.
 6. Refrain from the use of profanity, vulgarity and other offensive language and gestures.
 7. Adhere to the established rules and standards of the game to be played (or performances).
 8. Respect all equipment and use it safely and appropriately.
 9. Refrain from the use of alcohol, tobacco, illegal and non-prescriptive drugs, anabolic steroids or any substance to increase physical development or performance that is not approved by the United States Food and Drug Administration, Surgeon General of the United States or American Medical Association.
 10. Know and follow all state, section and school athletic rules and regulations as they pertain to eligibility and sports participation. See # 1.
 11. Win with character, lose with dignity.
- C.** Students must also abide by any codes of conduct and policies set forth by the organizations we compete within, such as the WBA, CSBC, SCPA (Winter Line) and WGASC (Winter Guard). The SCPA and WGASC codes and policies are included in the Winter Program Handbook.
- D.** Any reports (whether oral, written, formal, or informal) of misconduct involving a student that meets the following criteria will result in: an internal investigation, reporting the matter to the appropriate external authorities as may be necessary, and taking appropriate and effective remedial action:

1. Any misconduct of a sexual nature or potentially classifiable as a sex offense under applicable law, including without limitation so-called “victimless” activities such as prostitution, pornography, and indecent exposure;
2. Any misconduct in which actual or suggested sexual relations is an element;
3. Any harassing conduct pertaining, in whole or in part, to an individual’s sex, gender, sexual orientation, or gender expression; and
4. Any conduct involving harm to a minor.

3. Social Media Policy

The Temecula Valley High School Band recognizes and supports the rights to freedom of speech, expression, and association, including the use of social networks. In this context, however, each student must remember that participation in the TVHS Band Program is a privilege. As a member, you represent the school district, your school, your parents, your staff and director. You are expected to portray yourself, your peers, your school, and the school district in a positive manner at all times.

Below are the social networking guidelines, which provide the following direction for social networking site usage:

- Everything you post is public information – any text or photo placed online is completely out of your control the moment it is placed online – even if you limit access to your site. Information (including pictures, videos, and comments) may be accessible even after you remove it. Once you post a photo or comment on a social networking site, that photo or comment becomes the property of the site and may be searchable even after you remove it. As stated in the movie “The Social Network,” “The internet is not written in pencil, it’s written in ink.”
- What you post may affect your future! Many employers, college admissions officers, and athletic recruiters review social networking sites as part of their overall evaluation of an applicant. Carefully consider how you want people to perceive you before you give them a chance to misinterpret your information (including pictures, videos, comments, and memes).
- Similar to comments made in person, the TVHS Band program will not tolerate disrespectful comments and behavior online, such as:
 - Derogatory language or remarks that may harm other TVHS band students, teachers or coaches; and band students, directors or representatives of other schools, including comments that may be disrespectful to opposing bands/teams.
 - Incriminating photos or statements depicting violence, hazing; sexual harassment; full or partial nudity; inappropriate gestures; vandalism; stalking; underage

- drinking, selling, possessing, or using controlled substances; or any other inappropriate behavior (including the use of profanity).
- 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 school violation – regardless if the violation was unintentional or intentional.

Social media outlets will be used as communication devices. They will also be used to encourage involvement with family, friends, fans, colleges, and recruiting outlets.

If you are ever in doubt of the appropriateness of your behavior or online public material, consider whether it upholds and positively reflects your own values and ethics, as well as those of TVHS and TVUSD. Remember, always present a positive image and refrain from doing anything to embarrass yourself, your team, your family, or our TVHS community.

In short, understand that freedom of speech is not unlimited. The online social network sites are NOT a place where you can say and do whatever you want without repercussions. The information you post on a social networking site is considered public information. Think about who you represent: yourself, your family, your peers and directors, and your school. Like it or not, people are going to associate everything you post with you and what you represent. Protect yourself by maintaining a self-image of which you can be proud for years to come.

Official TVHS Band Account Guidelines

1. The only official social media services used by the TVHS Band Program are Facebook, our Website, CutTime and Instagram.
 - a. Facebook: TVHS Band and Color Guard
 - b. Web Site: tvhsband.com
 - c. Instagram: @tvhsbearsband
 - d. Cut Time: CutTime.net
2. No other accounts speak on behalf of the THVS Band Program.
3. No other official TVHS Band social media services will be used and no additional accounts will be created by students or families which utilize “TVHS Band” or any offshoot thereof.
4. Day to day use and upkeep of social media accounts is done by Mr. Jim Turner. Anyone can submit something they would like to be posted, but it must be approved by Mr. Turner, Historian, Mrs. Reale, Booster President, or Mr. Cowee.
5. All posts must relate, however slightly, to the TVHS band program. This policy is interpreted broadly by the booster board and directors, but posts clearly off-topic will not be posted.
6. Personal attacks or offensive remarks will not be posted under any circumstances.
7. All postings must be free of copyright restrictions that limit distribution.

Individual Account Guidelines

Members of the TVHS Band Program are permitted to maintain and update personal social media accounts (Facebook, Twitter, Instagram, TikTok, GroupMe, etc.), provided they adhere to these guidelines when posting on individual accounts:

1. Use good judgment and be respectful of other people and organizations, including the TVHS Band Program
2. Never post about drugs, alcohol, participation in illegal events, or disrespectful views regarding our band organization, band staff, or parent booster organization.
3. Humor is acceptable in moderation, provided it is inoffensive.
4. Bullying in any conceivable form will not be tolerated.
 - a. ***Bullying is*** “any aggressive and unwanted behavior that is intended to harm, intimidate, or humiliate the victim; involves a real or perceived power imbalance between the aggressor or aggressors and victim; and is repeated over time or causes severe emotional trauma. Bullying includes cyber bullying. Bullying does not include ordinary teasing, horseplay, argument, or peer conflict.” Should a student be aware of any act of bullying committed by another student that takes place in school, on school property, at a bus stop, on a school bus, or at any school activity, he or she should immediately report this incident to Mr. Cowee first, then administration.
 - b. ***Cyberbullying is*** using information and communication technologies, such as cell phone text messages and pictures, internet, email, social networking websites, defamatory personal websites, and defamatory online personal polling websites to support deliberate, hostile behavior intended to harm others. Any authorized or unauthorized use in school or out of school of computer software, computer networks, communication technologies, information technology, and related technologies, which disrupts or interferes with the educational process in any manner is prohibited. Should a student be aware of any act of cyberbullying committed by another student that takes place in school or disrupts the educational process at school, he or she should immediately report this incident to Mr. Cowee first, then administration.

4. *Uniform Code*

- A. You are to care for and wear the uniform appropriately on and off the performance field. No jewelry, make up (with the exception of Color Guard) or sunglasses should be worn with the uniform.
- B. Certain actions in uniform will cause a loss of respect by those that view it. Even actions that may seem somewhat innocent or harmless truly do make a difference. Therefore, there is to be NO eating, gum chewing, cursing, running, horseplay, or public displays of affection in uniform.
- C. Always travel in groups of two or more when in uniform. We are part of a team of musicians and as a part of a team we enjoy the luxury of never having to walk alone. We support one another and our strength comes from within.

5. *Rehearsal Code*

- A. It is important that rehearsal be handled as a performance. Practicing with the desire, intensity, and focus of a performance is the only way to develop the level of excellence and endurance needed for excellence in performance.
- B. It is important that you are prepared both physically and mentally for all rehearsals. Be punctual and ready to rehearse at the first instruction.
- C. Commands are absolute! Do not leave a given command position unless instructed to do so by the director, staff member or Drum Major(s). Rehearsal is not over until dismissal, whether formal or informal.
- D. Be supportive of each other. Discreet assistance is appreciated. Be consistent and **maintain a positive attitude**. Frustrations will occasionally occur. Handle them professionally (not emotionally) or seek the assistance of an instructor, section leader or the Drum Major(s). Most often frustrations are not directly associated with you personally as their source, so when possible, analyze your situation as objectively as possible. Remember that we are all on the same side working, toward the same goal.

6. *Traveling - Competitions and Day Trips*

- A. Be punctual and prepared.
- B. Assist with the loading and unloading of your instrument and other equipment to and from the truck. Help fellow band members and Band Booster Parents in the traveling process. Always help with general cleanup of the band room, buses, and any other facilities that may have been used. Students WILL NOT be dismissed after a football game or band competition until the equipment is put away and the room clean.

- C. Be courteous to those around you. Be silent until instructions are complete. During any trip, music and other noise should be kept at a moderate level during travel. There should be no screaming. This must be monitored by the bus driver, chaperones, and band staff. Support their decisions.
- D. Members are responsible for any valuables left on the bus.

7. *Traveling - Overnight Trips*

Overnight trips are a privilege extended to members of the Golden Valley Regiment. Since the Band and Color Guard represent both the town of Temecula and Temecula Valley High School, the Code of Conduct will be strictly adhered to. Since student behavior directly affects the image of the Band and Guard, students in violation of the Code of Conduct will be potentially sent home at parental expense. Students will also be referred to the Temecula Valley High School administration for further disciplinary action.

On overnight trips, students are expected to:

- Have their parents verify the contents of the student's bags, prior to call time. Parents will make sure students have what they need, as well as no inappropriate or illegal items.
- Follow all directions from instructors and chaperones courteously and respectfully.
- REPORT ON TIME to designated checkpoints as indicated by the director. When at the hotel, students are responsible for making sure their roommates get to the checkpoints on time, including curfews and breakfast.
- Provide chaperones with their cell phone numbers. Keep their chaperone's cell phone number with them at all times.
- Stay out of hotel rooms not designated for Temecula Valley High School.
- Stay out of rooms designated for the opposite sex.
- Only TVHS High School students, staff, and chaperones are allowed in hotel rooms.
- You NEVER walk alone! Follow the buddy system. No student should be left alone in his or her hotel room, or at the competition.
- Students are not to use their hotel phone, and cannot receive mail or packages delivered to the hotel for ANY reason.
- During free time, students may be permitted to go sightseeing with chaperones ONLY. All students must remain in groups and at least one member of each group must have a cell phone.
- Students are not permitted to ride any form of public transportation or use UBER/LYFT during their free time. They must stay within walking distance of the hotel with their chaperone.
- Be in their rooms, ready for room check at the 10pm curfew time.
- No ordering from Doordash, GrubHub, Delivery Services, etc.
- Make no excessive noise in the hotel (music playing, shouting, running, etc.).

- Follow all directions from instructors and chaperones courteously and respectfully.
- Abide all rules of the hotel. Be considerate of other guests in the hotel.
- Appropriate swimwear must be worn at swimming pools.
- Keep the buses CLEAN and follow all other bus rules of courtesy.
- Any student leaving the trip early or not riding the bus home **must check out with only Mr. Cowee**, and sign the release documents before being officially released from the trip.
- Prior to checking out of hotel rooms at the conclusion of the trip, rooms must be checked by a chaperone. No student may leave his/her room until their room has been cleared by their chaperone. After the room is cleared, students must report to the bus with their roommates.
- Have great sportsmanship! Someone with ears is listening to your every word so: Cheer loudly and sincerely for other bands. Never gossip negatively about your placement, another band's show, or placement.

While students are off site on a school sponsored trip, ALL TVUSD Board of Education policies and Temecula Valley High School rules are in effect. These rules include, but are not limited to:

- No smoking/vaping
- No consumption of alcohol, marijuana
- No weapons
- No use of any drugs or medications unless specifically listed on the medical form.
- No inappropriate physical contact
- All dress code rules followed
- All rules regarding bullying, social media posting, and cyberbullying will be followed

Consequences could include:

- Contacting parent/guardian
- Student sent home at parent expense
- Exclusion from future trips
- School disciplinary action
- Expulsion from Golden Valley Regiment ensembles

8. *Professionalism*

- Generally speaking, have pride in yourself and your organization.
- Courtesy to others will earn the respect of your peers as well as all who see you. While the band is in the stands during competition, stay fairly quiet while other bands are performing. Watch the show, as you would like to be watched, with courtesy and respect.
- When awards are announced, clap for all bands. Keep up the spirit. Accept our result graciously, regardless of the outcome.
- Stand at attention for the national anthem.

9. Performance Assessment

Students will be assessed periodically on their knowledge of the marching band music and drill. If any student demonstrates drill or music that is unsatisfactory, that student may be asked not to participate in performance(s) until his/her knowledge of the drill or music is at or above satisfactory. This is necessary to guarantee the safety of all students on the field and holding students accountable for their participation in this activity.

- A. Students will be expected to have the music for the National Anthem, Alma Mater, the Fight Song and various pep tunes memorized before the first football game.
- B. Students will be tested as individuals/groups on their understanding of drill sets and formations in the marching band show.
- C. Students will be assessed on their accurate memorization and musicianship skills playing the performance music.

10. The Band Room/ Facilities

Our music program uses many TVHS facilities. These facilities include: the band room, practice and storage rooms, theater, stadium and the practice field. Any students using these facilities are expected to conduct themselves appropriately and use these areas to further their music education.

Rehearsal Areas – Band/Choral Main Rooms and theater. Nobody should be in the practice rooms or closets or backroom areas without permission from the director(s) or staff members.

- **No Food, Drink, or Gum!!!** ONLY Water.
- **Clean Up** - Leave the area better than you found it.
- **No Horseplay** – To guarantee a safe learning environment for everyone. No trick skating/biking during marching season please.
- **Equipment** – Students will only be permitted to use school equipment that is issued to them, or their personal instruments.

Music Lockers – Students needing a locker for their instrument will be assigned one by the director, appropriate for their size instrument. **With Mr. Cowee's permission**, students may use a combination-only lock on their music locker. **Mr. Cowee must have the combination code**, or the lock will be cut off. Music lockers are to be used for instruments, music, and anything related to the student's music education.

Music lockers are not to be used as a school locker and should not have:

- Clothes, Shoes, Jackets, etc. (the exception being rehearsal clothes and gear)
- School Books (it is not the responsibility of the director to keep the room unlocked between classes so that you can get your books)
- Electronic devices (TVHS Band/TVUSD is not responsible for lost or stolen items)
- Food or Drink (this includes empty or full containers)

Students who choose not to follow these facility guidelines will have their privileges revoked and may face administrative referral.

11. Equipment Responsibilities

The regulations that follow pertain to all school-owned instruments and equipment. The school has provided, in some cases, quality instruments that are used by the students at little to no cost. It is the obligation of the student to be completely responsible for the care and cleaning of their instrument.

Any repairs that the school will not cover are due to student negligence. Expenses from unavoidable accidents, repairs, maintenance or wear due to continual usage will need to be shared with the borrowing student and the school.

Any student that needs to use a school instrument and plans on taking said instrument home must fill out an Instrument Loan form to be signed by both the student and his/her parent/guardian to be returned to the director before the instrument can be relinquished to the student.

See Maintenance Agreement for District Owned Musical Instruments for details.

1. In accordance with current TVUSD hygiene guidelines, to prevent the spread of germs, and for the safety of your instrument, you may only play or hold an instrument that is your personal property, or your district-issued instrument.
2. All instruments must be stored in assigned places in the Music lockers.
3. Each instrument must be kept in a cleaned condition and in working order. (periodic inspections will be made.)
4. Each instrument must be placed in the case and latches must be fastened.
5. All percussion instruments must be maintained in a clean and workable condition and must be stored in a percussion cabinet. Drumheads, mallets, etc. will be replaced only if broken through normal usage. Percussion students will provide his or her own sticks for practice at home and performances.
6. The student is responsible for any damage caused by leaving the instrument unattended or not maintaining the equipment properly.

Flags, poles, sabres, and rifles must be maintained in the following manner:

1. Each member is responsible for the storage of his or her equipment in the facilities provided.
2. No equipment can be exchanged or used by anyone not assigned to that piece.
3. Members will be held responsible for any lost or damaged equipment.
4. Flagpoles must have protective caps on both ends.
5. Rifles and sabres will also be protectively taped where deemed appropriate by the instructional staff.

12. Uniform Care

1. The uniform should be cleaned and pressed when it is returned at the end of the season. You have been issued a top-quality uniform; let's keep it in the best possible condition.

2. Uniforms will be issued to band members early in the Fall season. Uniforms will be returned after the Christmas Parade at the end of the first semester. The date and time will be announced closer to the collection.
3. Plumes will be kept at school and issued to students at performances.
4. No alterations will be made without the permission of the band director or the uniform chairperson's approval.
5. To retain shape, hang uniforms on hangers provided.
6. Uniforms should be hung (on a hanger!) in the provided garment bag and stored at home.
7. No uniforms or pants of uniforms should be kept lying around the band room, school, bus, etc.
8. You will be responsible for all issued uniform parts and expected to replace fully any parts damaged beyond normal wear or unavoidable accident.

THE BAND IS ONLY AS SHARP AS ITS UNIFORMS. IT ONLY TAKES ONE POORLY KEPT UNIFORM TO HURT THE ENTIRE BAND AND ITS REPUTATION!

13. Fundraising

This activity provides a wonderful experience for every student. The Golden Valley Regiment and Winter Programs are only able to operate at our level of excellence because of the funding efforts of ALL band families and our Band Booster Board.

While we do not charge fees and NO individual student will be penalized for an inability to make donations, we cannot operate without the financial support of each member via donations and various fundraisers throughout the year. The money raised through fundraisers is used to cover the costs for the purchase of new instruments, music, drill, staff salaries, transportation, performance fees and many other items needed for the band to function.

We hold various fundraisers throughout the school year. It is expected and encouraged that ALL students will participate in ALL fundraisers. Participating in various fundraisers over the year will benefit the organization as a whole.

For more information on upcoming fundraisers that you and your parents should be aware of, please contact Mr. Chuck Stigers, VP of Ways and Means, vpwaysandmeans@tvhsband.com

14. Varsity Letter Policy

GOLDEN VALLEY REGIMENT VARSITY LETTER REQUIREMENTS:

Students who meet all requirements will earn the following awards:

First year: Official Varsity letter for jacket, certificate at Band Banquet

Second year: GVR chevron pin, certificate at Band Banquet

Third year: GVR chevron pin, and patch for jacket or sweatshirt, certificate at Band Banquet

Fourth year: GVR chevron pin, patch, framed commemorative certificate at Band Banquet

STUDENTS MUST ACCRUE: 100 points during this school year

AND meet the following:

Basic Requirements to qualify for a Varsity Letter, students must:

Maintain an A- average in Band/Guard/Percussion class for two semesters

Maintain a 2.0 GPA and stay eligible to perform

Participate in fundraisers relating to your specific ensemble

Participate in games, competitions, parades, contests, and festivals

Have no outstanding uniform, fundraiser or ASB account charges from the band

Have no excessive amount of EXCUSED absences from rehearsals

Have NO UNEXCUSED absences from a performance

Excused absences fall into 3 categories:

- Family Emergency (Funeral, other emergency only family business)
- Personal illness, with proper parent communication
- Director's discretion (2 weeks notice), must have parent communication to Mr. Cowee only.

Unexcused: The following will NOT be excused towards earning a letter:

- Family vacations/reunions
- Tickets to shows/concerts
- Work (employment) and school work (the ONLY exception is the school board meeting required for 12th grade government class or another arrangement with Mr. Cowee)
- Birthdays and birthday parties
- Outside activities- youth sports, club activities, study groups.

100 points= to achieve a letter, each calendar year, cannot be accrued year-to-year.

___ **50-** Marching Band- all season, with requested donations to program (no performances missed)

___ **25-** Winter drumline/winter guard- all season, with requested donations to program

___ **10-** Concert attendance of a professional or semi-professional orchestra/band/dance group (turn in program for proof of attendance)

___ **5-** Concert attendance of a community band or TVHS feeder program
Valley Winds, jazz at the MERC, TMS/MMS concert, etc.
(turn in program for proof of attendance)

___ **5-** Participation in fundraisers: (meet minimum sales amount set by Boosters)
Sphere Letters (5), See's Candy (\$25), W.F. Chocolate (\$120), etc.

___ **5-** Basketball band attendance to play at a boys/girl's game during the spring
(maximum of 25 points earned, plus you get community service hrs.)

___ **20-** Jazz Band Participation, at least 80% attendance during rehearsals

___ **20- *More points*** be chosen/elected to a student leadership position AND fulfill all duties.

___ **20-** Membership in a community band or participation in solo & ensemble festivals.

___ **10-** Play all 12 major scales in one octave in under two minutes on a video assignment.
NEW students can do natural minor, harmonic minor, dorian or blues scales for an
additional 10 points for each!

TOTAL POINTS: _____ **Director's total and approval:** _____

TVHS BAND & COLOR GUARD HANDBOOK AGREEMENT

I, _____ have read and fully understand the policies
Student's First and Last Name (Print)
and expectations of the TVHS Band and Color Guard Handbook. I accept the responsibility as a participating member of the Band/Color Guard and all expectations that go with it.

I agree to and understand all policies including:

1. Attendance/Punctuality Policy
2. Code of Ethics
3. Social Media Policy
4. Uniform Code
5. Rehearsal Code
6. Traveling - Competitions and Day Trips
7. Traveling - Overnight Trips
8. Professionalism
9. Performance Assessment
10. The Band Room/Facilities
11. Equipment Responsibilities
12. Uniform Care
13. Fundraising
14. Varsity Letter Policy

Student's Signature _____
(Please Write)

Parent/Guardian Name _____
(Please Print)

Parent/Guardian Signature _____
(Please Write)

Please sign and return this Handbook Agreement Form to Mr. Cowee. You will not perform until this is signed and turned in.