

Washington Band General Policies and Procedures

Joining the band

- All band instrument musicians are welcome to voluntarily join the Washington Band.
- The director and section leader will schedule time to hear new musicians play our “Eye Chart” upon joining the group. Mostly, this is to determine seating and whether our group is a good fit.
- Seating is based on ability and seniority.

Rehearsal Procedures

- Rehearsals are generally every Monday evening, 7:30-9:00 p.m., from the first Monday of February through the December Christmas Concert. Exceptions include Monday night concerts, weather-related cancellations, and rehearsals that are canceled at the discretion of the officers.
- Rehearsals are at the Washington Band Hall at 35 North Lancaster Street, Annville.
- Band members are expected to arrive early enough to warm up adequately before 7:30.
- Attendance is taken at rehearsals. Members are expected to inform the Director in advance if they need to miss a rehearsal. The Director can be contacted at 717-383-0951, band@washingtonband.com, or via Facebook.

Music

- Band members are expected to leave all music at the Band Hall. If a musician wishes to take music home to practice, he/she should notify the Director or Librarian.
- All markings should be done in pencil.

Concerts

- Concert dress includes a white short-sleeved shirt, long black pants, black socks, and black shoes. For outdoor concerts, any jacket or coat that is necessary to keep warm is acceptable.
- Musicians should plan to arrive 30 minutes before concerts. We begin tuning 15 minutes before each concert unless otherwise announced.
- Except for the Spring and Christmas Concerts, musicians should bring their own stands. For outdoor concerts, music clips or clothes pins come in handy. Bring mutes or any other necessary accessories.
- This is a voluntary organization. No one (Director included!) is paid for his/her participation.
- No one is required to play every concert. Members are expected to indicate which concerts they can play on the sign-up sheets that are available at rehearsals.
- Band members are required to attend at least four rehearsals before playing a concert. Exceptions are rare and made at the discretion of the Director and Officers.

Meetings

- Every month, usually on the second Monday of the month, the band holds a meeting immediately after rehearsal.
- All band members are encouraged to attend meetings.