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### I. REQUIRED MATERIALS

1. Instrument including: mouthpiece, ligature, neck strap, reeds etc.
2. Woodwinds: 3 working reeds numbered, cork grease (if needed)
3. Brass: Valve or rotor oil, slide grease
4. All music passed out by your director
5. A 3 ring binder
6. A pencil
7. Optional: disinfectant spray, clear plastic sheets for your binder, metronome/tuner (not on your phone), highlighters/markers
8. Remind app: 7th Grade code is: @dms7th2020  8th grade code is: @dms8th2020
9. Flipgrid app: We will get you all the codes for this app at a later date, but it will be a testing tool for students to use at home.
II. **CLASSES**

A. **BAND CLASSES**

1. 3rd hour Band - This is our 7th grade band, a prerequisite of this class is to take a full year of band in 6th grade or at least one (1) semester of beginner band in 7th grade.

2. 4th hour band - This is our 8th grade band, a prerequisite of this class is to have taken a full year of 7th grade band or a full year of 7th grade beginner band.

3. Band Practice Skills (6th hour) - This class is for any student in either 3rd or 4th hour band. The purpose for this class is to obtain a higher level of skill on their instrument and learn new skills like music theory, music history, and new musical styles.

4. Beginner band (6th hour) - This is reserved for any 7th grader that did not take band in 6th grade, or was asked to take another year of band by one of their 6th grade band directors. In this class students learn a band instrument. Instrument choice is left to the discretion of the band director.

III. **RULES, POLICIES, PROCEDURES**

A. **CONDUCT STATEMENT**

Because of the many contacts a bandsman makes in public, he/she must act as a goodwill ambassador for the school. It is expected and requested that each student act like a lady or gentleman at all times. Polite and courteous behavior is a credit to the organization and the school. Bandsmen are encouraged to cultivate an attitude of good discipline and attention during rehearsal. Each rehearsal should be a musical learning experience for each student. Each performance can be only as good as its best rehearsal. Constant disturbances by any bandsman show lack of interest and respect to the band, and therefore he/she should find another place or activity to hold their attention and respect.

B. **CLASS RULES**

1. Allow teaching / learning to happen.
2. No food or drink during band rehearsal or performances. No eating or drinking on the carpet in the band room.
3. No throwing any in-animate objects at anytime in the band room or bus or near any band equipment.
4. Name tags with name, address, and Durant High School Band on all instrument cases.
5. Only directors and authorized persons will be allowed in the office, music files, cabinets, cases, etc...
6. Instruments that need any repair must be repaired at the earliest available time.
7. No one is allowed to use anyone else’s property.
8. No one should use school equipment that isn’t checked out to them unless a director is present and has given temporary permission.
9. Do not leave trash on the floor or on the stands.
10. Do not get up once seated for class, rehearsal, or performance unless acknowledged by a director or in case of an emergency.
11. Any behavior that directly violates the policies of Durant Middle School may be subject to removal from the program, suspension, or removal from the school.

C. BUS RULES
1. Bus Clean up is the duty of all band students. If a bus is left dirty, the students who rode that bus will be responsible for cleaning all buses on the next band trip.
2. Everyone must ride to the performances with the group. Special permission may be obtained for extenuating circumstances for a different form of transportation home. Permission will be granted after the director receives a written request, signed by the parent.
3. Parent Sponsors – There must be at least two parents per bus on every trip. Their responsibilities will be to make sure that role has been called, help maintain proper conduct, and to report any misconduct directly to the band director.
4. General Rules – No Glass Containers on the bus; Any drinks must be in containers with screw on lids; Nothing out of the window (hands, arms, or trash); No climbing over seats; No sitting on the back of the seat or in the aisle; No loitering or standing in the aisle; Earphones are required for portable stereos.
5. Misconduct – If a parent sponsor reports misconduct on the bus, action will be taken by the director.
6. Any behavior that directly violates the policies of Durant Middle School may be subject to removal from the program, suspension, or removal from the school.

D. POLICIES
1. Anything left in the band hall is left at your own risk. The band will assume no responsibility for any personal items in the band room. This includes your instrument, combs, curling irons, clothing, books, etc.
2. Any use of tobacco, alcohol, drugs, or any inappropriate behavior is strongly discouraged, using, or being under the influence of the above during class, rehearsal, performance, in the band hall, or while in uniform while in public, will leave that person subject to expulsion from the band program along with school disciplinary action.
3. Cell phone use is strictly prohibited while on school grounds, per the Durant Middle School Policy. During school sanctioned trips, we reserve the right to take a phone if being used inappropriately.
4. Anyone found stealing will be dismissed from band.
5. Practice rooms are for practicing, lessons, and try-outs only.
6. Any abuse of property (school, your own, or other) must be repaired, replaced, or reimbursed immediately. Fines will be collected for partial damage or repair that would be best done at a later date.
7. Raise your hand to be acknowledged in class.
8. Reed players are encouraged to have four playable reeds, marked and rotated daily.
9. Wind players do not disassemble instruments in class unless absolutely necessary.
E. PROCEDURES

1. All horns go home during extended breaks.
2. No student is to leave a horn on the floor, especially in walkways.
3. Keep any schedules, or event bulletins until the last day of said event.
4. Don’t put things in cases that don’t belong unless there is a special compartment for it. This will prevent costly repairs.
5. Woodwind players: ALWAYS take your reed off of your mouthpiece after every practice session, or performance. Not doing so can lead to mold, or worse, maggots.
6. If you ate any food right before class, please rinse your mouth out. Anything in your mouth will get blown into the horn resulting in: sticky pads, mold, rust rot, and costly repairs.
7. If your instrument needs to go to the shop get it to me by Thursday or Friday.
8. If you need to purchase any materials, get me the money by Thursday or Friday.
9. If you need an extra copy of music, please let the band secretary know by writing on a piece of paper: the title of the piece, your instrument, and what part you play (1st, 2nd etc.)
10. If you do not have proper equipment for the day, you run the risk of failing a quiz or moving down a chair. Bring all materials to class all the time.

IV. GRADING AND ATTENDANCE

STUDENTS WILL BE GRADED ON 2 FACTORS: PARTICIPATION AND PERFORMANCE

A. GRADED POINT ASSIGNMENTS

1. Concerts, Football Games, Parades, Contests - 200 possible points
2. Scheduled rehearsals outside of class - 200 possible points
3. Chair Tests - 100 possible points
4. FlipGrid Grades - 100 possible points
5. Scale Tests, daily grades, online quizzes - 50 possible points
6. SEOBDA all district Tryout - 200 points

B. ATTENDANCE

1. Daily - You are considered late if you are not in the room once the bell rings per the Durant MS attendance policy
2. All tardiness and absences will be reported to the office daily.
3. If a student misses a test day, they will be required to make up the test outside of class, either after school or during encore. Missing a test date also results in them being last chair for that test cycle.
4. Attendance is required for all performances, outside scheduled rehearsals, and tryouts.
5. Excessive absences could result in students not being allowed to participate in school events, or possibly, being removed from the program.
6. Valid excused absences from performances include: death in the immediate family, family emergency, or a doctor’s note stating why the student could not participate.

C. INELIGIBILITY
If you have a 59 or below in any given class you are either on probation or ineligible. If you are ineligible, it means you are unable to perform at any contests, go on any trips, or do any activities outside of school. Since a band is dependent on each and every player being present, your ineligibility causes the whole group to suffer. Keeping your grades up is vitally important to your directors and your peers. If I find you on the ineligibility list, I will check with your teachers to make sure you are doing all you can to get your grade up. Failure to do so may result in removal from the band program.

C. DETENTION

Detention is reserved for those who did not follow a teacher’s rules and policies, or the policies of Durant Middle School. Being in band is a privilege reserved for those who conduct themselves appropriately. Excessive detentions will not be tolerated, and will result in conferences with students and parents, and possibly removal from the program.

V. SCHEDULE AND FEES

A. FEES

1. Fees for the 2019-2020 band year are $75, below is a break down of the fees:

   1st Semester $25
   T-shirt: $15
   Band party fund: $10

   2nd Semester $50
   End of year Trip Fee: $40
   Band party fund: $10

2. Fees can be paid all up front or by the deadlines on the schedule. We will have 3 fundraising opportunities for them throughout the school year as well. Your fees roll over every year, including when you go to high school, so take every opportunity to fundraise that you can.

B. SCHEDULE

On the Next page you will find our schedule for the year, please put this somewhere you can always find it. These dates are solid, but new dates may be added later, I will make sure you have plenty of notice if any thing new is added. Please review it carefully, we do not not consider vacations to be valid excuses for missing performances. If you notice a problem, please let us know at your earliest convenience.
## 2019-2020 DMS Band Schedule

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<th>Description (where event takes place)</th>
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<td>August 15th</td>
<td>All Day</td>
<td>First day of school</td>
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<td>6-8 pm</td>
<td>Pie Supper (Choctaw Event center)</td>
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<td>August 29th</td>
<td>5 pm</td>
<td>Horn rental night (DIS)</td>
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<td>September 3rd</td>
<td>7 pm</td>
<td>Band Booster meeting (HS)</td>
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<td>September 19th</td>
<td>all day</td>
<td>$15 T-shirt money due (DMS)</td>
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<td>October 1st</td>
<td>7 pm</td>
<td>Band Booster Meeting (HS)</td>
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<td>5 pm</td>
<td>8th grade band night (PL field, SE)</td>
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<td>October 8th/10th</td>
<td>TBA</td>
<td>Homecoming parade (downtown)</td>
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<td>November 9th</td>
<td>8am-4pm</td>
<td>SEOBDA District contest (DMS)</td>
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<td>7 pm</td>
<td>Band Booster Meeting (HS)</td>
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<td>November 11th</td>
<td>TBA</td>
<td>Veteran’s day parade (downtown)</td>
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<td>December 3rd</td>
<td>TBA</td>
<td>Christmas Parade (downtown)</td>
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<td>All Day</td>
<td>$25 in dues is due (MS)</td>
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<td>2 pm</td>
<td>Christmas Concert (HS)</td>
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<td>Dec 16-18</td>
<td>TBA</td>
<td>Play for the school (DMS)</td>
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<td>January 6th</td>
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<td>First day of Second Semester</td>
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<td>January 7th</td>
<td>7 pm</td>
<td>Band Booster Meeting</td>
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<td><strong>$January 24-25</strong></td>
<td>TBA</td>
<td>SEOBDA clinic/concert (SOSU)</td>
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<td>7 pm</td>
<td>booster/incoming freshman meet #1 (HS)</td>
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<td>February 12th</td>
<td>7 pm</td>
<td>booster/incoming freshman meet #2 (HS)</td>
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<td><strong>$ February 16th</strong></td>
<td>TBA</td>
<td>OU Trombone Day (OU campus, for low brass only)</td>
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<td>February 23rd</td>
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<td>Patron’s Concert (HS)</td>
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*Denotes events that are optional.*

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<td><strong>OSSAA District contest (SOSU)</strong></td>
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<td>Band Booster meeting (HS)</td>
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<td>$50 in band fees due (final payment)</td>
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<td>March 16-20</td>
<td>All Day</td>
<td>Spring Break</td>
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<td>Sparkler Audition Clinic (HS)</td>
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<td>*March 30th (8th gr.)</td>
<td>6 pm</td>
<td><strong>Evening of Jazz (HS)</strong></td>
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<td>7 pm</td>
<td>Band Booster Meeting (HS)</td>
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<td><strong>Evening of Percussion (HS)</strong></td>
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<td><strong>Spring Concert (HS)</strong></td>
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<td><strong>Jazz Fest (Choctaw HQ)</strong></td>
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<td>Sparkler Spring Show (HS)</td>
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<td>Band awards banquet (HS)</td>
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<td><strong>Durant Solo/Ensemble Contest (DIS)</strong></td>
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<td><strong>Play for the school (DMS)</strong></td>
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<td>last day of school/graduation</td>
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Dates that are in bold and underlined are performances

*Dates that are italicized indicate when payments are due*

(8th gr.) means 8th grade students only

* For students who sign up/audition for group/event. Not all students will be involved

$ Incurs extra fees for registration/uniform/equipment/spending money. Details will come as events get closer.
D.M.S. BAND MANUAL CONTRACT AND CONTACT SHEET

I, ____________________ and ____________________,

(Student name)  (Parent Name)

have read through and understand the terms of this manual.

By signing and returning this contract, we accept the conditions and responsibilities set forth in this manual.

By giving my contact information, I elect to receive email updates and phone calls if needed.

Parent Name: _________________ Email: _________________

Phone: (       )        - Does this number receive text?  Yes       No

________________________  __________________
(Parent Signature) (Date)

This form needs to be returned no later than Wednesday August 21st