

Creekside Int. Band Handbook Addendum 20-21

The following items are clarifications and/or adjustments to the 2020-21 school year due to the impact of Covid-19 on our schools. As new information is presented, we will assess, monitor, and reformat our approach to your child's band experience.

Part II: Performance Ensembles

Concert Bands

- The expectation for before-school rehearsals will be communicated at a later time.
- The expectation for a required concert at the end of each semester will be reviewed and communicated at a later time.

Beginner Band

- The expectation for a required concert at the end of each semester will be reviewed and communicated at a later time.

Part III: Universal Expectations

Travel Guidelines

- Protocols for the district, Fine arts division, and campus will be reviewed and communicated at a later time. Band students will not take trips for the Fall 2020 semester.

Part IV: General Information

Required Daily Supplies

- Mask

School Owned/Issued Instruments

- In efforts to lower the risk of spreading germs, students who play a school owned instrument will be individually assigned an instrument beginning Fall 2020. Students will no longer share a school owned instrument between one class period and the next.

Uniform Guidelines

- We are uncertain of the concert expectations and settings for the 2020-21 school year. It is recommended that families purchase a formal set of clothes as appropriate concert attire.

Part V: Concert Season

Ensemble Requirements

- The expectation for a required concert at the end of each semester will be reviewed and communicated at a later time.

Rehearsal Schedule

- We understand and are very considerate of families who have opted to enroll their child in "Clear Connections" and may not be comfortable attending an in-person rehearsal. We plan to keep these rehearsals at a minimum number of students in a large space that

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allows appropriate social distancing. In addition to the prep and setup, students will be asked to complete the CCISD “self-screen check”, wear a mask when we are not playing our instruments, and wash their hands before entering the room.

- An outside of school rehearsal (sectional) schedule is currently being reviewed and considered by directors and campus administrators.

Attendance Guidelines

- Required attendance will continue to serve as an important guideline for our band program. The progress, experience, and spirit of our program weighs very heavily within these rehearsals. We will take and consider each child’s situation individually if rehearsal attendance is uncertain.

Performance Expectations

- Performance settings will be handled carefully this school year. The format of the concert will be communicated at a later time.

Region Band

- Region band auditions will take place virtually for Fall 2020. Details for audio submission and procedures will be communicated at a later time.
- Region band preparation and rehearsals will be scheduled with safety in mind. Along with rehearsals, we plan to provide additional video and audio content to assist your child’s preparation.
- We will not offer a region band clinic/concert during the Fall 2020 semester; as per TMEA policies and guidelines, any in-person TMEA affiliated event can be considered after Jan. 10, 2021.

Solo & Ensemble Contest

- Preparation may or may not begin in November. Directors will provide necessary information at a later time.

Spring Trip

- The details of a band spring trip are not confirmed. This trip will be considered alongside known conditions and safety among the community and state.

Grading Policies

All grading policies and adjustments will reflect district and campus wide decisions. Band directors will continue to grade according to the band rubric.