



China Spring Intermediate Band

Dear Band Parents/Guardians,

Welcome back, students and parents! We are so excited to get to know you and we welcome you to the Cougar Band Family! This letter includes some important information that you will need for this year. If you have any questions or concerns, please be sure to reach out to Cole Alex at callex@chinaspringisd.net

Instrument:

Students must have their instruments and supplies ready by August 19th. The supply list for your student's instrument is stapled to this letter, and it is also located with more information about local music stores at cscougarband.com/6thgrade. If you have not already purchased an instrument, we will be having two fall instrument drives. The first one will be on Thursday, August 7th (Music and Arts) from 5-7PM at the CSI Cafeteria. The second one will be on Tuesday, August 12th (Tarpley Music) from 5-7PM at the CSI Cafeteria. They will be able to help you with instrument renting/purchasing needs. If you have questions about specific instrument purchases, please email the director who will teach that instrument (listed on the back of this page).

Band Fee and cost throughout the year:

There is a \$20 band fee that will be due on September 1st. This fee provides your student with a binder/page protectors to put their music in, and our Cougar Intermediate Band T-shirt that they will need for the winter concert as well as our spring trip. It also helps us stock the classrooms with extra instrument supplies to help keep all of the instruments up and running throughout the year. This payment can be made through myschoolbucks or with cash/check. If you write a check, please make it payable to CSI Band! There will also be a \$30 trip cost due in February of 2026. This will allow your student to travel with us to the Pride of Texas Music Festival where they will be provided a buffet and games after the contest.

Communication:

You can sign up for our email list by going to cscougarband.com/6thgrade and signing up on our 6th-grade mailing list! Make sure you sign up for the 6th-grade list and not our high school list that is at the bottom of the page. If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to reach out!

Grades:

Tests and Performances (50%)

This will consist of class tests (either written or played) or performance (concerts, contests, etc). Performances are a vital part of your band experience---it is like taking a test in public. Therefore, extenuating circumstances are the ONLY excuse for missing a performance. (Extenuating circumstances are an occurrence out of the control of most reasonable people.) A missed performance for anything other than an extenuating circumstance will result in a "0" for that event. Remember, you are part of a team, and if you are not there, the team cannot be excellent. If you cannot attend a concert because of an extenuating circumstance, we need notification AT LEAST a week in advance if possible. Communication by email is best to the director of your students corresponding class from the parent/guardian explaining the reason for your absence. Performances are posted well in advance so that you can make arrangements to be at the performance.

Daily Grades (50%)

This is the most reliable indicator of the progress you are making in class. It is an ongoing process of evaluation that will lead to success and excellence. The daily grade will reflect your full participation in daily rehearsals and logging practice times at home. By "full participation" we mean: instruments and everything you need at your seat ON TIME to begin rehearsal and stay completely engaged in the band objectives.

Important Dates:

We have some fun events planned for your students this year and we wanted to give you a heads up on the dates so that you can put them in your calendar! Concerts are required to attend, so please save these dates.

August 7th: Music and Arts Instrument Drive 5-7PM @ CSI Cafeteria
August 12th: Tarpley Instrument Drive 5-7PM @ CSI Cafeteria
August 18th: Instruments/Materials DUE in Class
September 1st: Band Fee DUE
December 18th: Winter Concert (CSI Gym, 9am)
May 7th: Spring Concert 7PM at CSMS PAC
TBA: Solo and Ensemble Contest (Times TBA)
TBA: Pride of Texas Music Festival (Times TBA)

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