

Farmington Music Department
Instrumental Music
2005 – 2006
Handbook
6th Grade Beginning Band
7th Grade Middle School Band
Farmington Jr. High Band
Farmington Sr. High Band
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This handbook is a statement of policy and philosophy of the Farmington Public Schools Band programs. It is the responsibility of both band members and parents to be familiar with this information contained in this handbook.

Purpose of the instrumental music program

The primary purpose of the instrumental music program is to provide young people with the tools for life-long success. This is accomplished through the medium of music – performance of music on a wind or percussion instrument.

Music is unique as an art in that it must be performed in order to exist. Since performance is so important to a full understanding of music, emphasis will be placed on actual performance on a specific instrument. The Arkansas State Department of Education provides a curriculum framework for instrumental music. This directs the goals of the band for the individual student. These goals are 1) teaching the student to play an instrument with full musical understanding and 2) providing opportunities for performance within ensembles of various sizes.

Part of preparing the student for life-long success is providing an opportunity to learn the values of discipline, teamwork, responsibility and citizenship. Of necessity, the band members must learn the discipline of music from the standpoint of striving for excellence in performance and practice. Performing at 50% accuracy- getting half of the notes and rhythms correct in a given place of music – is unacceptable. The concept of being part of the team is part of utmost importance. The “I” gives way to the “WE”. We either succeed together or reach mediocrity individually. Responsibility- having everything that

you need, be in the right place, and at the right time is a must to succeed. Citizenship – we are the most visible group on campus and in our community. We are the most widely traveled group in our school. We must always hold ourselves to the highest standards of respectful behavior because we are always representing our group, our school, our community and our state to others. Our reputation is very respectable. Remember, it takes years to build a good reputation and just seconds to destroy one.

In addition to teaching music and citizenship, the band program provides the student with the opportunity for self-expression, creativity and social and emotional development.

The band program has an obligation to the school and community. We are the largest spirit group on campus. To that end, we perform at football games, home basketball games, pep rallies, parades, etc. We are to promote school spirit and community spirit at all of these performances.

Finally the benefits of music instruction in the band program are not limited to a select number of students- All students have the privilege and opportunity to pursue an interest in music in the Farmington Public Schools.

Qualifications for Band Membership

Beginner Band – Anyone in the sixth or seventh grade that wishes to begin the study of a band instrument may enroll in Beginner Band.

Middle School 7th Band – Students in the seventh who have successfully completed beginner band may enroll in Middle School Band.

Jr. High Band – Students in the eighth and ninth grade who have successfully completed middle school band may be enrolled in the Jr. High Band.

High School Band – Students Sophomore through senior classes who have successfully finished middle school band that wish may enroll in High School Band.

Membership in any of the above bands is gained by audition and/or the discretion of the directors.

Any student earning an “F” in band in a nine-week grading period will be placed on probation. To retain membership in band, the student must earn a “B” or better the next nine-week grading period.

Any student earning an “F” in band for any semester will no longer be eligible for band membership and be dropped from the program the preceding semester.

Band Member’s Responsibility to the Band Program

- To be present at each rehearsal and performance or to be properly excused from such in accordance with the band attendance policy.
- Put forth a true effort 100% of the time to learn and improve daily.
- Become responsible for and expect to assume the consequences for your

actions.

- Have respect for those in authority (directors, instructors, chaperones, student leaders, etc.)
- Follow all school and band rules and regulations.
- Cooperate with your fellow band members and share with them the responsibilities, privileges and rewards that are part of our program.
- Contribute positively to your music education and that of others by the best use of your talents.
- Participate in all band functions.

About the Rules and Procedures

Our program operates under the rules of the Farmington School District, the Arkansas Department of Education, Arkansas School Band and Orchestra Association and the Arkansas Activities Association. It is not the intent of this handbook to spell out each and every rule. At all gatherings of the band students, school rules and discipline procedures are in effect that are set forth in the Farmington School Handbook.

Additional procedures and penalties that are specific to the instrumental music program will be explained in this handbook.

There will be instances that the directors must make case by case decisions about certain situations – such as excused absences, etc. That will be for that situation only and these decisions **WILL NOT SET A PRECEDENT**.

Please trust that the decisions made by the directors will be with the best interest of the instrumental music program and the individual student in mind.

Hierarchy and Band Leadership

Cardinal Band members are held to the highest personal standards as representatives of Farmington Public Schools and the Farmington Community. This includes proper respect for authority at all times. Each student is expected to treat all adults with complete respect at all times. There is an established “Chain of Command” in our organization, and we have fewer problems and project a more professional image when it is followed. All problems should be addressed to the person just above you in the chain of command, which is as follows:

1. Band Directors
2. Drum majors and Drill Captains (*Jr. and Sr. High Only*)
3. Chaperones
4. Section Leaders
5. Band Members

When Chaperones are present for ANY EVENT, they will have authority to monitor student behavior as prescribed by the directors. If there is a conflict with a chaperone or student leader, the issue should be addressed in a professional manner with the Band Directors. In all matters concerning the Cardinal Band Program, the decisions of the directors are **FINAL**.

Remember, a positive, winning attitude is of utmost importance. The following quote by Chuck Swindoll sums up the importance of attitude.

“The longer I live, the more I realize the impact of attitude on life. Attitude, to me, is more important than facts. It is more important than the past, than education, than money, than circumstances, than failures, than successes, than what other people think or say or do.

It is more important than appearance, fitness or skill. It will make or break a company, a church, a home.

The remarkable thing is we have a choice everyday regarding the attitude we will embrace for the day.

We cannot change our past, we cannot change the fact that people will act in a certain way. We cannot change the inevitable. The only thing we can do is to play on the one string we have, and that is our attitude. I am convinced that life is 10% what happens to me and 90% how I react to it. And so it is with you...

The most important thing that YOU can bring with you into the instrumental music program is YOUR POSITIVE ATTITUDE!

General Band Rules

The Farmington Cardinal Band is a group which includes some of the best students in Farmington Public Schools. It is a group which represents our school in a very public way. Band students should remember that it is important to uphold the reputation of the Cardinal Band as a First Class Organization. Therefore, **FIRST CLASS BEHAVIOR** is expected. Anything less than the best is not good enough. To help band students exemplify their best behavior, the following rules will be in effect while participating in all Cardinal Band events and functions.

1. ALL School rules are in effect at ALL BAND Functions (all rehearsals, performances, trips, etc.)
2. Be where you are supposed to be.
3. No student should ever be alone. Groups of two or more are required, four is recommended.
4. Profanity will not be tolerated at any time.
5. No food or drinks allowed in the bathrooms.
6. You may not travel to and/or from an event with anyone other than the band, unless permission has been given by the directors to travel with band student's parents only.
7. Wear clothing that is appropriate and adheres to the school dress code at all times.
8. If a band student's behavior is found to be dangerous or inappropriate, that student may be removed from the performing group by the director.
9. DO NOT touch or play any other instrument other than your own.

Conduct

Because of the nature of the organization, band discipline must, of necessity, be strict. Band members are constantly on display and must always be aware of the importance of good behavior. The student should remember that they represent our organization, our school, our community and our state whenever we perform or appear publicly. You never get a second chance at a first impression. Any unbecoming conduct casts a direct reflection on our school and community and consequently, will not be tolerated. The misconduct of only one student can undo all of the good work of many other loyal band members. Excessive misconduct, therefore, will not be tolerated and can result in the disqualification of the student from the program.

The use of (illegal) drugs, alcohol or tobacco (in any form) will also not be permitted when the student is involved in any way with the band program. This includes all rehearsals, performances, trips, etc. with which the band is involved. If any student violates this policy, that student's parents will be notified at the earliest possible moment, and the student will automatically be disqualified from the band membership. This policy includes any and all illegal substances as well as the engaging in illegal activities. The use of profanity, especially while in uniform, will not be tolerated, and violation of this policy can result in the above penalties.

Attendance Expectations:

All rehearsals and performances of the Farmington Band Program are MANDATORY. This means that work schedules, other activities and all-non emergency personal matter ARE NOT excuses for missing practice or performance. Students should arrive a minimum of 15 minutes ahead of the announced starting time, so that events may start precisely on time. ONLY the directors may authorize an absence from a rehearsal or performance if notice of absence is given before an event. Band students who are not participating in a performance (for whatever reason) must still attend in uniform unless otherwise advised by the Band Directors. Unexcused absences will disqualify the student from receiving a band letter for that year and may also include disciplinary actions including, but not limited to, dismissal from the program and an affect on the final class grade.

Band Room Rehearsal Rules

1. No food, drink, candy or gum in the band room. Keep the area CLEAN.
2. No disruptive behavior. When the director stops the BAND, NO talking.
3. Take care of all extras before class.
4. Be in your place with ALL supplies/equipment ON TIME for rehearsal.
5. DO NOT leave your chair or area without permission from the DIRECTOR.
6. Do not play other people's instruments.
7. Personal issues concerning band will be handled after class, not during.

Clean – Up Policy

It is EVERY STUDENT'S responsibility to keep the band room, instrument rooms, practice rooms, uniform rooms, buses, and all other areas used or visited by the band cleaned and picked up. The rule is simple: Always keep the area that you use cleaner than when you found it.

Marching Rehearsal Etiquette

In order to have the most productive rehearsals possible, the band directors have established guidelines for etiquette during rehearsals. The following guidelines are needed to keep order, and thus make efficient use of rehearsal time. The few guidelines are absolutely necessary to avoid wasted time and undue lack of concentration.

- Due to the large arena in which work, it is essential that the majority of the talking be limited to the director staff.

- **Corrections** and **instructions** will come from the directors.

- Questions are expected and encouraged under proper circumstances. Simply raise your hand. Please avoid obvious questions.

- Don't second-guess the staff. If you have a problem, voice it after rehearsal is over.

- Do not let it affect your performance quality or attitude during that rehearsal. That would be a total waste of everyone's time.

- **BE ON TIME!** Never miss a rehearsal. If you are late, **YOU** are responsible for any changes made. This is done by checking with your section leader and command staff.

6th and 7th Grade Band

The sixth and seventh grade band will rehearse everyday at the middle school band room. It is during these two years that students will learn the musical requirements to continue to both Jr. High and Sr. High Band. Both sections of band will have daily class work and homework assignments. This will require them to practice at home on a regular basis.

Grading for both the 6th and 7th grade bands will be taken from playing test, written test and concerts. Sixth and seventh grade band students will be required to participate in a minim of 2 concerts during the school year. These will be a winter holiday concert and spring concert. Other performances opportunities are at the discretion of the band directors. These other opportunities are primarily for the 7th grade band.

End of Year Middle School Reward Trip

At the end of each school year, the Farmington Music Department will reward students by taking them to Silver Dollar City on a scheduled date to be determined each school year. This is a reward trip for band students who have participated in both marching and concert bands, fundraisers and other duties as a Farmington Band Student.

6th and 7th band students are eligible to go on the band trip only if they have completed the following requirements:

- Received a passing grade in band for the current school year.
- Have no unexcused absences from a concert performance.
- Have participated daily in class by being prepared with proper class materials.

If a student is unable to fulfill any of these requirements they will not be allowed to travel to Silver Dollar City with the band.

Jr. High Band

Football Season

The Farmington Jr. High Band will perform at every all home Jr. High football games and pep rallies during the fall. Each of these performances are required and band members will receive a performance grade for each game or pep rally during the season. Band is an academic class and these performances are part of our class work.

- The band will meet at the high school band room and go into the stadium as a group.
- The band is expected to perform during the entire game. This means that no student will be allowed to leave before the game is over.
- Uniform for football games will be the band polo, blue jeans and tennis shoes.
- While in uniform, members will wear the polo shirt buttoned, selves worn correctly and shirt tucked in. A shirt may be worn under the polo shirt only if it is a solid color – white, red or black.
- The Band will sit together at all performances. Only band members will be allowed to sit in the designated band area. Alumni, family and friends will be allowed at the discretion of the directors.
- Band students will not be allowed to leave the stands except in case of emergency during the game.
- The band will be given the third quarter off to get a drink and socialize. Soft drinks will be provided to the band students by the band boosters in the band room. Only one drink per band student.
- Band students are expected to be back in the band section ready to play at the beginning of the fourth quarter. This does not mean that students should be walking back to the stands when the fourth quarter starts. Students who are not

ready to play at the beginning of the fourth quarter will lose their third quarter privileges for the next game.

Jr. High Football Rain Policy

If it is raining or misting strongly, the band will stay in the band room until halftime. If it is still raining at halftime, the directors will make the decision to dismiss the band. Every effort will be made, however, to complete the performance obligations of the band at the game.

Jr. High Concert Season

The Jr. High band will have a minimum of 3 concerts during the fall and spring semesters. One concert will be held in December. A second concert will be at the ASBOA Region I Playing and Sight-reading competition. The third concert will be held late spring before the end of the school year. All performance dates will be scheduled as soon as possible. These dates will be also be posted on our band website. The dates will also be available in the Farmington Public School offices.

Each student will be required to perform at each concert. These are part of our curriculum. Performances cannot be made up if missed. The same attendance expectations are followed for concert performances as marching performances.

End of Year Jr. High Reward Trip

At the end of each school year, the Farmington Music Department will reward students by taking them to Silver Dollar City on a scheduled date to be determined each school year. This is a reward trip for band students who have participated in both marching and concert bands, fundraisers and other duties as a Farmington Band Student.

Jr. High band students are eligible to go on the band trip only if they have completed the following requirements:

- Received a passing grade in band for the current school year.
- Have no unexcused absences from a performance during football season.
- Have no unexcused absences from a performance during concert season.

If a student is unable to fulfill any of these requirements they will not be allowed to travel to Silver Dollar City with the band.

Jr. High Bus and Travel Policy

1. Every band member will ride the bus to and from games and other events.
2. All Farmington School District bus policies will be followed by the band students when being transported on the bus.
3. Each band member may sign-up for the bus he or she wishes to ride in the

following order (Band members may only sign up his or her name; you may not sign for another band member even if he or she are in the same grade):

9th Grade

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8th Grade

4. No object which could cause damage to the vehicle or injury to any person is to be tossed out of or thrown in the bus.
5. Trash is to be carried or passed up to the front of the bus. This includes cans and bottles. Deposit ALL of your trash in the cans when leaving the vehicle.
6. Band members will board the bus by class when instructed to do so by the directors.
7. Band members must remain silent during roll call going to and from games/events.
8. Radios and CD players may only be used if accompanied by headphones. What you want to listen to may not be what the people around you want to listen to. Each student is responsible for his/her own property. You take the risk of losing these items; The Farmington Band and its directors assume no liability for such losses.
9. If you wish to ride from an event with your parent you must bring a note to the directors stating that they will be picking you up from an event. Student must be seen with their parent before they are allowed to leave. Students MAY NOT ride with other students or friends.
10. Do not ask the directors to leave early or go somewhere else while at an event or performance. Everyone required to participate for the entire game/event. If everyone follows these simple guidelines and exercises good judgment, our traveling experiences will be pleasant ones.

Jr. High Band Grading

The Jr. High band students are graded on several different events and criteria during the school year. Each performance of the Farmington Jr. High Band is a graded performance on a scale of 100%. If a student is unable to participate due to an excused illness they will be allowed to play their music for the directors to receive credit for their absence. An unexcused absence from a performance will result in a failing grade of 0% for that performance. Performances include but not limited to:

Farmington Jr. High Halftime Performances

Farmington Jr. High Football/Basketball Pep-rallies

Winter and Spring Concerts

ASBOA Region I Playing and Sight-reading contest

Other band performances can be added to the band schedule at the discretion of the band director throughout the year.

Jr. High band students will be given a minimum of four chair test during the school year. This will be done at least once each nine weeks. Chair test will be administered by the band directors in a blind audition. Students will be given the tryout material and will have at least a week of outside class time to prepare tryout material on their own. Students will be graded on a scoring rubric standard provided by Arkansas State

Orchestra and Band Association (ASOBA). The total amount of points will vary from test to test by the amount of material being tested.

Class participation will also be graded. A student who does not come to band prepared to rehearse with the proper equipment, materials and attitude they will not receive a passing grade for that day's class work. Parents will be contacted by the band director if their student fails to participate in class. The Jr. High band will also be given written test as seen fit by the band director.

Jr. High Frontline

The Jr. High frontline for marching season will be drum major, flag line and majorettes. Each of these sections will be filled by after school practice and audition in the spring for the upcoming school year.

Eligibility requirements for frontline positions are as follow:

- Attend all practices to learn tryout routines and procedures.
- Successfully completed the 7th or 8th grade year in band.
- Only students currently enrolled in band will allowed to tryout. Students wishing to join band and tryout for frontline will be at the discretion of and only the band director
- Frontline membership is only for one season. Each member will have to tryout each year in order to retain membership on each line.
- Once a band student is selected to a frontline position the student must continue be actively enrolled in band for the school year to remain an active member of the frontline after tryouts. Failure to be an active band participant will result in removal from frontline membership.
- Flag line and majorettes will be required to attend weekly practices to learn routines for halftime marching season in the fall. If a student is unable to participate in these practices they will be removed from the squad.
- Frontline members are required to perform on their instruments in the stands during all home and away football games. Students are expected to play their instruments at all performances. Frontline activities are at limited to halftime of football games, marching contests and assessments. *Exception will be given to those students who are members of the football team, pom squad and/or cheerleader squad who have other duties during football games both home and away.*

Frontline tryouts will be judged by band directors, frontline instructors and other outside judges. All tryout results will be final.

Senior High Band

The Farmington Senior High band will perform at all High School home and away football games. Each student is required and expected to attend and perform with the band at these games. During the game the band will play during the first half and at

halftime. The band will be given the third quarter off to get a drink and socialize. Band students are expected to be back in the band section ready to play at the beginning of the fourth quarter. This does not mean that students should be walking back to the stands when the fourth quarter starts. Students that do not report back to the band before the beginning of the fourth quarter will lose their third quarter privileges for the next game.

High School Football Season Rehearsals

During football season the High school band meets every Tuesday night for practice (6 p.m. – 8 p.m.) Tuesday night is chosen because it is the night of several of the marching contests that the band attends each fall. Absence of any type from this rehearsal will result in a removal from the marching show the following Friday. This time of the week is when the band learns most of the marching drill for the halftime show.

All color guard members will also have their set rehearsal every Tuesday after school. This will allow them to work as a group on their routine for the halftime show. This includes both middle school and high school color guard members. Absence from this rehearsal will result in suspension of eligibility to perform with the group.

High School Football Third Quarter Policy

Band members may have a “break” during the third quarter to get refreshments and socialize with the visiting band. Students are expected to be in their seats ready to play by the end of the third quarter. Band students are expected to be back in the band section ready to play at the beginning of the fourth quarter. This does not mean that students should be walking back to the stands when the fourth quarter starts. Students that do not report back to the band before the beginning of the fourth quarter will lose their third quarter privileges for the next game. Also during this time, band students are expected to be in uniform at all times. If a student is found not wearing his or her uniform in a proper fashion, he or she will be sent back to the stands and his or his privilege of a third quarter break will be taken for the next game.

High School Football Rain Policy

If it is raining or misting strongly, the band will stay in the bandroom until halftime. If it is still raining at halftime, the directors will make the decision to dismiss the band. Every effort will be made, however, to complete the performance obligations of the band at the game.

Sr. High Bus and Travel Policy

1. Every band member will ride the bus to and from games and other events.
2. All Farmington School District bus policies will be followed by the band students when being transported on the bus.
3. Each band member may sign-up for the bus he or she wishes to ride in the following order (Band members may only sign up his or her name; you may not sign for another band member even if he or she are in the same grade):

Senior

Junior

Sophomore

Freshmen

4. No object which could cause damage to the vehicle or injury to any person is to be tossed out of or thrown in the bus.
5. Trash is to be carried or passed up to the front of the bus. This includes cans and bottles. Deposit ALL of your trash in the cans when leaving the vehicle.
6. Band members will board the bus by class when instructed to do so by the directors.
7. Band members must remain silent during roll call going to and from games/events.
8. Radios and CD players may only be used if accompanied by headphones. What you want to listen to may not be what the people around you want to listen to. Each student is responsible for his/her own property. You take the risk of losing these items; The Farmington Band and its directors assume no liability for such losses.
9. If you wish to ride from an event with your parent you must bring a note to the directors stating that they will be picking you up from an event. Student must be seen with their parent before they are allowed to leave. Students MAY NOT ride with other students or friends.
10. Do not ask the directors to leave early or go somewhere else while at an event or performance. Everyone required to participate for the entire game/event. If everyone follows these simple guidelines and exercises good judgement, our traveling experiences will be pleasant ones.

High School Uniform Care and Information:

At the beginning of marching season each high school band student will be issued a uniform which consists of the following parts:

Jacket

Pants

Gloves

Hat

Uniform Bag

Each student is FULLY RESPONSIBLE for having his or her uniform parts at each performance. The following is a list of other requirements of the uniform that are provided by the STUDENT. These will not be provided or sold by the directors.

Black Socks

Black Shoes (Completely black all over)

Black T-shirt (To be worn under jacket. Any other color shirts can be seen Under band jackets.)

Uniforms will be issued to students before a performance. The uniforms will then be checked back in after the performance. Uniforms will only be accepted if they have been correctly hung back onto hangers.

Rules While in Uniform

1. No visible jewelry at any time in uniform, including: Rings, watches, necklaces and earrings.
2. Only black colored clothing, including socks may be worn under the uniform.
3. All students are required to wear a band T-shirt under their uniform jackets.
4. Be aware of your surroundings, and try not to rub up against something that will stain the uniform.
5. If your uniform needs attention tell the uniform crew IMMEDIATELY! Contest afternoon is not the time to get your pants re-stitched.
6. Uniforms should always be placed on rounded hangers in uniform bag when not being worn, NOT WADDED UP IN BOTTOM OF BAG.

Sr. High Frontline

The Sr. High frontline for marching season will be drum major, flag line and majorettes. Each of these sections will be filled by after school practice and audition in the spring for the upcoming school year.

Eligibility requirements for frontline positions are as follow:

- Attend all practices to learn tryout routines and procedures.
- Successfully completed the 9th, 10th or 11th grade year in band.
- Drum major tryouts are only for students who have completed 10th grade year in band.
- Only students currently enrolled in band will allowed to tryout. Students wishing to join band and tryout for frontline will be at the discretion of and only the band director.
- Once a band student is selected to a frontline position the student must continue be actively enrolled in band for the school year to remain an active member of the frontline after tryouts. Failure to be an active band participant will result in removal from frontline membership.
- Frontline membership is only for one school year term. Each member will have to tryout each year in order to retain membership on each line.
- Flag line and majorettes will be required to attend weekly practices to learn routines for halftime marching season in the fall. If a student is

unable to participate in these practices they will be removed from the squad.

- Frontline tryouts will be judged by band directors, frontline instructors and other outside judges. All tryout results will be final.
- Frontline members are required to perform on their instruments in the stands during all home and away football games. Students are expected to play their instruments at all performances. Frontline activities are limited to halftime of football games, marching contests and assessments. *Exception will be given to those students who are members of the football team, pom squad and/or cheerleader squad who have other duties during football games both home and away.*

Band Equipment and Instruments:

Most students provide their own instrument, and it is their responsibility to maintain them in proper playing condition. Some students are assigned school or band program instruments, cases and equipment. In those cases, the band owns will provide maintenance and repairs for NORMAL use of those items. If, however, it is determined that an instrument or equipment has been damaged due to neglect or misuse by the student, it will be the responsibility of the student to bear the cost of repairing or replacing the instrument or item.

Fundraisers

The Farmington Band fundraisers happen throughout the year. High school band students work concession stands for University of Arkansas football in the fall and baseball in the spring. The Jr. High Band works parking lots for both football and basketball. There will also be small fundraisers periodically throughout the year as funds are needed. It is EVERYONE'S responsibility to help in these endeavors since EVERYONE benefits from the money raised. Points are kept for each hour a student works and those are then applied to the end of year trip for deductions off the total price to be paid to attend trip. The money is also used to pay for contest entry fees, contest videos and recordings, color guard flags and uniforms, senior plaques, etc.

General Responsibilities of Band Parents

The parents of a band student can be most helpful by encouraging home practice as well as reminding the student to have the proper equipment which is always clean and in good repair. Parents need to assist their student by making sure that transportation is provided to and from rehearsals and performances and see to it that the student is always punctual. Parents can help greatly by notifying the band director of absences or tardiness that could effect the student's participation in the band. Parents are also encouraged to participate in the band program by becoming an active member of the Band Booster Organization. This program will not run without the help of parents. The band directors can not cover

everything and need help and support that only parents can provide. At each university activity that we work a set number of parents is always needed.

Please do not use band as punishment. We must have all of our students at each rehearsal and performance. If your child has done something that you feel that they should be grounded at home for, please do not take away band. You are not only punishing your child but the entire group. We can not have a performance if there are holes in our marching show or concerts. The band directors will not excuse an absence due to grounding or other punishment.

ASSURANCE OF STUDENT READING

The best handbook in the world is useless unless it is read, understood, and enforced. For this reason, this form is included in this book. It should be signed and returned to the instructor with the understanding that you will be held responsible for following the policies contained therein. No student will be allowed to participate in the band until this form is returned to the band directors.

**ASSURANCE OF READING Farmington Cardinal Band Handbook
(parent/student copy)**

I have read and fully understand the contents of the Student Handbook and the syllabus and realize that this is a condition of my participation. I know that I will be held responsible for following the policies contained therein.

Parent Signature: _____ Date _____

Student Signature: _____ Date _____

Sign the bottom portion and return it to the band directors. This must be read, signed and turned in by the second week of classes.

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