



# ROCKVALE BAND

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## 2021-22 Rockvale Band Handbook

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### Band Membership

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To be a member of the Rockvale Band, students and parents must:

- Enroll in the proper band class period
- Complete all forms and payments by the due dates
- Agree to comply with the terms of this handbook
- Agree to comply with the rules and regulations of Rockvale High School
- Remain in good standing, both academically and behaviorally, with Rockvale High School teachers and administration
- Attend all camps, rehearsals, performances, and other scheduled band functions

### Materials

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**Class Materials-** have the following items at each rehearsal:

- 3 ring binder w/ page protectors
- Pencil
- Instrument, in good working condition
- *Foundations for Superior Performance* (winds only)
- Woodwinds- Reeds and reed case (1 spare reed minimum at all times, preferably 3)
- Brass- mutes, as needed
- Percussion
  - Large practice pad (Offworld Invader, 12" Evans ReelFeel)
  - Marching snare sticks (IP- FSIJ or equivalent)
  - Concert snare sticks (IP-LD or equivalent)
  - Marimba mallets (IP-1003 or equivalent)

**Marching Band Materials-** have the following items at each rehearsal:

- Music (in 3-ring binder w/ page protectors)
- Instrument
- Coordinate sheets (on lanyard)
- Appropriate shorts/athletic pants
- Low top athletic shoes and socks (no crocs or sandals)
- Large personal water jug

**Uniform Parts-** students are expected to provide the following to complete the uniform:

- All-black athletic shoes (every part of the shoe must be black; must be athletic shoe, i.e. no Converse, Vans, etc.)
- Long black socks
- Black athletic shorts

## Fees and Forms

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**Member Contribution- \$400** each year of membership, broken up into three payments. Payable with cash or check (made out to Rockvale High School Band). Contributions are non-refundable.

This contribution provides 70% of the operating budget necessary for a successful high school band:

- Bus transportation to games (~\$10,000/year)
- Band shirts and uniform parts (~\$10,000/year)
- Music and equipment purchases (~\$4,000-12,000/year)
- Staff for camps and sectionals (~\$7,000/year)
- Marching band show design (~\$4,000/year)

**School Instrument/Stick Fee- \$50** additionally for all percussionists and anyone using a school instrument (oboe, bassoon, tenor sax, bari sax, mellophone, marching baritone, tuba, etc.). This covers regular instrument maintenance costs.

**Sibling Discount- \$50/student** for any family with more than one student in the band.

**Forms-** available at [rockvaleband.com](http://rockvaleband.com)

- Registration Google Form (resubmit each year)
- Medical Form, notarized (resubmit each year)

### Due Dates

5.22 Contribution #1 (\$100)  
 School Instrument/Stick Fee (\$50, if applicable)  
 Registration Google Form  
 Medical Form

7.27 Contribution #2 (\$150)

8.20 Contribution #3 (\$150)

### Fee and form drop-off:

Rockvale High School  
 6545 Hwy 99  
 Rockvale, TN 37153

To drop off forms & payments during the summer, contact the directors at [rockvaleband@gmail.com](mailto:rockvaleband@gmail.com)

## Expectations & Grading

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### Marching Band Uniform

- Uniform fittings will occur during band camp.
- The full uniform shall include: band shirt, black athletic shorts, long black socks, jacket, pants, band hat, all black athletic shoes.
- A uniform inspection will occur prior to every game or performance.
- When in uniform, students are expected to:
  - Act professionally and respectfully
  - Keep uniform in pristine condition
  - Not wear excessive makeup
  - Not remove uniform pieces in public unless the entire band is instructed to do so

### Concert Band Uniform

- "Concert black"- includes black collared shirt and slacks for gentlemen and similarly formal blouse/pants/skirt/dress for ladies.

### Bus Expectations

- Students will travel by bus for out-of-county away games and will provide their own transportation for in-county away games. Check the calendar for call times and travel plans for all games. Detailed itineraries for each game will be emailed and made available in the band room.
- Bus sign up lists for the year will occur prior to the first bus trip. Rutherford County Schools' rules and regulations for bus behavior will apply on all band bus trips. Chaperones will supervise each bus on trips.
- If we travel by bus, students must return by bus unless **THEIR parent/guardian** signs them out in person. Bus sign out slips will be available on trips and must be signed by the parent/guardian and the bus chaperone.

### Grading

- Students will be at all scheduled rehearsals and performances in order to receive full marks for their grades.
- Student grades will be derived from attendance at all rehearsals and performances, assessments (playing & written), and daily participation.
- The grading scale will follow the system currently in place by Rutherford County Schools. Grades can be viewed anytime by visiting the school's Skyward portal.

## Required Events

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The following events are required of members of the Rockvale Band. Check the calendar at [rockvaleband.com](http://rockvaleband.com) for current dates & times for all events.

**Band Camp-** This 5-day camp allows us to prepare properly for the marching band season. We learn music for the stands and field, bring in additional staff to teach sectionals, and learn how to march for the half-time show.

**After School Rehearsals-** After camp is completed, we have weekly after-school rehearsals throughout the fall, and dress rehearsals before each concert. Rehearsals are never canceled due to inclement weather unless specifically communicated. In the event of rain or lightning, we will rehearse indoors.

**Football Games-** We play at every home and away game. Students will meet in the band room (or other designated location) at the designated call time in full uniform and will stay for the entirety of the game.

**Concerts-** students will meet in the band room at the designated call time in “concert black”.

Schedule all vacations and appointments around these events. Additionally, students must set their work schedules around these events. Work is not an excusable reason for absence.

**Excessive absences from rehearsals and/or performances will result in a student's dismissal from the band program.**

**Contact Us-** Life happens (i.e. unforeseen illnesses and emergencies); contact the band directors as soon as possible (24hr notice preferred) if you know your student will not be able to make a rehearsal or performance.

## Private Lessons

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In order for our band to reach the highest levels of achievements, every member must seek to improve their individual musicianship. We are very fortunate to have a high-quality private lesson program on campus both during and after school hours. All Rockvale Lessons Staff are vetted through Rutherford County Schools' background check program and are leading professionals on their instrument.

All band students are highly encouraged to participate in the lessons program. We can work with our teachers to find an affordable solution for all students.

To enroll, to find more information, or to contact our lessons staff, visit the band website.