

2008 – 2009 Ritchie County High School Band Handbook

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Ritchie County School District

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COURSE OBJECTIVES AND GRADING PROCEDURES

Introduction

This handbook is provided as an informational tool to help you with any questions you may have concerning the Ritchie County High School band program. These policies and rules are not intended to reflect or evoke a negative attitude, nor are they drawn up as a reaction to past problems. As with all great organizations, we need these guidelines to keep the Ritchie County High School functioning smoothly and positively. The band program will develop coordination, cooperation, teamwork and self-discipline to a degree not possible in academic subjects. This activity demands and develops concentration that can be used in many aspects of student's lives. Success cannot be attained without the benefit of hard work and dedication.

The RCHS Band has a strong tradition in obtaining high levels of performance that will continue with the schools growth. In a concentrated and unified effort the students at Ritchie County can make this a very successful year, adding to and strengthening past achievements. It is the goal of the band staff to make the tenure of each student in the RCHS Band an enjoyable experience, producing a love for music that will last a lifetime.

CALENDAR

<i>Date</i>	<i>What</i>	<i>Where</i>
July 28	Drums Across the Tri-State	Charleston, WV
August 3- August 8	Band Camp	4H Campgrounds
August 22	Meet the Band	Harrisville, WV
August 25- Nov. 6	Evening Rehearsal Start	RCHS
August 29	Football Game (St. Marys)	St. Marys, WV
September 5	Football Game (Calhoun)	RCHS
September 9	Country Roads Parade	Pennsboro, WV
September 12	Football Game (Clay)	RCHS
September 19	Football Game (Braxton)	RCHS
September 20	TOB Band Competition	Kingwood, WV
September 27	USSBA Ritchie County HS	Ellenboro, WV
October 3	Football Game (Homecoming)	RCHS
October 10	Football Game (Lincoln)	Clarcksburg, WV
October 11	USSBA Western PA	Indiana, PA
October 17	Football Game (Doddridge)	West Union, WV
October 18	Band Competition	Ripley, WV
October 24	Football Game (Tyler)	Sistersville, WV
October 25	USSBA Baldwin HS	Pittsburg, PA
October 31	Football Game (Williamstown)	RCHS
November 1	Tri-State Marching Festival	Huntington, WV
November 7	Football Game (Roane)	Spencer, WV
December 16	Winter Concert	RCHS
TBA	Ellenboro Christmas Parade	Ellenboro, WV
TBA	Pennsboro Christmas Parade	Pennsboro, WV
TBA	Harrisville Christmas Parade	Harrisville, WV
TBA	Pep Band (Boys Basketball Game)	RCHS Gym
TBA	Pep Band (Girls Basketball Game)	RCHS Gym
January 10	All- State Audition	Fairmont, WV
February 3	Student Recitals	RCHS
February 7	Solo and Ensemble	Parkersburg, WV
March 31	Pre-Ratings Concert	RCHS
April 1-2	WVSSAC Ratings Festival	Parkersburg, WV
TBA	Band Trip/Concert Competition	TBA
May 15	Band Banquet	RCHS
May 24	Graduation	RCHS

RITCHIE COUNTY BAND ORGANIZATION

Marching Band

The Marching Band is made up of students from the all performing groups in the band organization. The Marching Band performs at all football games, pep rallies, homecoming activities, community events as designated by the district, Marching Festivals and Marching Competition.

Marching Rebels Responsibilities:

- Attend all Marching Rebels performances
- Attend all Marching Rebels competitions
- Attend all scheduled rehearsals during the school year.
- Be enrolled in the class unless special permission is given from Mr. Tignor

Concert Band

The Concert Band is a symphonic performing group made up of student musicians who earn placement by audition. The Concert Band performs advanced symphonic literature at several concerts and at WVSSAC/WVMEA Ratings Festival each year.

Concert Band Responsibilities:

- Perform a Solo or participate in an Ensemble at Region Solo and Ensemble Contest
- Participate in the All-State Auditions process
- All Concert Band performances
- All Concert Band competitions
- All scheduled Concert Band rehearsals during the school year.

Only students meeting their requirement of participation in Concert Band will be eligible to good on the Concert Band Spring Trip.

Jazz Combo

The Jazz Combo is made up of any students interested in learning how to play jazz. The Jazz Combo performs jazz literature at the concerts during the year and may compete at local Jazz Competitions each year.

Winter Percussion

The Winter Percussion is made up of students from the all performing groups in the band organization. The Winter Percussion performs at all basketball games, community events as designated by the district, and Indoor Percussion Competition.

Color Guard

Color Guard is made up of 9th-12th grade Band students who earn placement by audition. Color Guard Members must also be a member of a performing group or enrolled in the color guard class. Membership in the Color Guard is at the discretion of the Band Director and Color Guard Instructor. The Color Guard is a vital part of the Marching Band Program and Color Guard Members are governed by the same performance and rehearsal criteria as the Marching Band.

RULES, POLICES, AND PROCEDURES

Band Rules

- **Always Be Respectful** - Students must be quiet and attentive when the directors stand on the podium. Raise your hand before speaking out in class. Please ask for permission to enter the office. Unnecessary attention demands made in class is a selfish behavior and not in line with everyone's musical goals. Have the proper respect for those in authority. Be polite.
- **Achieve All Goals, Be Prepared** - A pencil is a musician's tool. Band students are never allowed to use ink or erasable pens. **PENCILS ONLY!** Always have one in class. Bring your own instrument and music to school everyday. Keep your supplies up-to-date (reeds, valve oil, swabs. etc.). Supplies - Keep your agendas organized and up to date. Students will need their agenda in class everyday. Give your very best. Be positive and full of smiles.
- **Always Sound Good** – As a young musician you must be aware that the way you play on a daily bases is the way you will play on special events such as concerts and audition. Always feel that people are listening to you play a concert. Make it special every time you play. Be aware when it is our turn to play and never play out-of-turn. Play with good characteristic sound. In addition, practice everyday to sound better. Make a real effort to learn and improve daily.

Band Policies

1. Everyone will act in a civilized manner, and there will be no horseplay.
2. Do not lean, stand, rock or put your feet on a music stand. Treat the band hall property with respect.
3. No GUM, food, candy, or drinks are allowed in the band hall.
4. Please straighten the chairs and stands when you are finished in a practice room.
5. Make sure all of your equipment is properly put away in the designated areas.
6. Make sure the area around your chair is clean before you are dismissed.
7. Each student will be assigned one instrument slot. The slot should be used for band related items **ONLY!**
8. When you are asked to put a stand in the stand rack, make sure you do it properly.
9. All students must be in the band hall area during after school activities.
10. All couples must be visible to the director or band parent at all times. Couples may be with a larger group of students.
11. Please knock **BEFORE** coming into the offices.
12. Student must remain on campus between after school and after school practice.
13. Use inappropriate language will not be permitted.
14. Do not touch or mess with anyone's instrument but your own. **(Including Percussion and Piano)**
15. Learning can only take place when your attention is on what is being taught. Talking when not called on, getting out of your seat, or handling your neighbor's property is disturbing to the learning of others as well as to yourself.

Discipline Policy

If you choose not to abide by the school and band hall rules one or more of the following consequences will occur:

1. Verbal Warning.
2. Teacher/Student Conference
3. Teacher/Student/Parent conference.
4. Teacher/Parent/Student/Principal conference and probable change in schedule to different elective

If you choose to abide by the school and band hall rules one or more of the following will occur:

- 1. You will be a part of a great band program.**
- 2. You will get to play some high-quality music.**
- 3. You will get to participate in band trips.**
- 4. You will become an outstanding musician.**
- 5. You will have respect from those around you.**

THE USE OF TOBACCO PRODUCTS OR THE CONSUMPTION OF ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES OR ILLEGAL SUBSTANCES WHILE IN ATTENDANCE AT ANY BAND REHEARSAL, PERFORMANCE OR BAND ACTIVITY WILL RESULT IN IMMEDIATE SUSPENSION FROM ANY BAND ACTIVITY UNTIL DISCIPLINARY ACTION CAN BE DETERMINED BY THE RITCHIE COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT.

Classroom Procedures

Entering the classroom:

- Enter quietly and place your carry-in items in the correct spot.
- Quickly and quietly get instruments out and leave the case in the back of the room or neatly under your chair.
- Look at the board for instructions
- Prepare music for the rehearsal and check to make sure you have all your music and a pencil.
- Remain quiet until the beginning of class.

End-of-Class / leaving our classroom:

- A few minutes before class ends a **director will direct you to put your instrument away.** (*Woodwinds make sure you swab out your instruments.*)
- Orderly take your instruments to the storage room **then return to your seats.**
- Wait patiently for dismissal, or further instruction. Do **NOT** stand by the door. Return to your seat and wait for the bell. **The director, not the bell, will dismiss you.**
- As you leave collect your carry-in items.

Seating / Leaving the classroom:

You are expected to stay in your seat during the entire class. If you need help, raise your hand and wait for me or another director to acknowledge you. Do not call my or another directors' name.

You must have the your passbook to leave the classroom.

Only one person may leave at a time.

Questions / Instrument Problems:

If you have a question or need help, raise your hand and wait for me or another director to acknowledge you. Do not call my or another directors' name.

Tardy:

It is expected that all band members will be in their chairs with their instruments fully assembled before the tardy bell begins to ring. If a student fails to comply he or she will be marked tardy.

GRADING GUIDELINES

Daily Work/Participation

Participation: Successfully participating in all scheduled rehearsals, performances and Band activities

Each student will begin every grading cycle with a “100” daily average. Students may lose points for any of the following:

- Failure to bring instrument
- Failure to bring music or other required materials
- Failure to use a pencil
- Poor posture or hand position while playing
- Lack of participation in classroom activity
- Failure to follow directions
- Any action, physical or verbal, by a Band Student that disrupts rehearsal, performance or any scheduled Band activity.

Performances/ Attendance

Attendance: Attending all scheduled rehearsals, performances and Band activities

Attendance grades are reduced for the following reasons:

1. Unexcused absences from any rehearsal, performance or scheduled Band activity.
2. Unexcused absences from performances or competition may result in forfeiture of rights to continue to the next level of competition or from attending future Band trips or events.

Performances (ALL PERFORMANCES ARE REQUIRED)

- a. Students will receive a “100” for each concert performance.
- b. Students will receive a “0” for an unexcused absence from a performance.

Required Performances and Other Grading

1. Playing tests – A students will be asked to perform selected music for the band.
2. Pass-offs- A Student all be asked to play their music to a near faultless performance.
3. Recorded Playing tests – A students will be asked to record onto a cassette tape selected music.
4. Throughout the year selected bands will be required to participate in pep rallies. Pep rallies are counted as a performance grade.
5. Required after or before school sectional/rehearsal will be counted as a grade.
6. Participation in the All-State Audition process will be required and counted as a performance.
7. Participation in the Solo & Ensemble will be required and counted as a performance.

Academic Eligibility

Every student participating in band must have a G.P.A. greater than 2.0 at the end of the semester. If any student falls below that G.P.A., that student will be ineligible to participate in the band activities in the coming semester.

REHEARSAL & PERFORMANCE GUIDELINES

Band is a team activity. Our Band's successful performance depends on 100% participation and effort from each member of every performing group. The following guidelines have been established to help us make the most effective use of our limited rehearsal time. Follow these guidelines to achieve your musical goals, support your band teammates and present the best possible performance to our audience!

Rehearsal Guidelines

- You are responsible for having your horn, music and any other supplies necessary for you to participate in band rehearsals.
- You are responsible for asking questions if you don't understand something...ask your band teammates, your Drum Majors or your Directors, they are here to help you.
- You are responsible for being on time for rehearsal.
- You are responsible for your conduct during rehearsal - and will be held accountable when what you are doing or saying disrupts rehearsal. Use common sense: Work when it's time to work and have fun when it's time to have fun!

Performance Guidelines

Performances are extremely important to our organization. They are the ultimate goal and testing of our rehearsals. For this reason, band members are expected to be at ALL performances. Your absence from a performance affects the entire band.

- Remember at all performances, whether they take place at Ritchie County School District facilities or off-campus, you represent the Ritchie County School District and are governed by all Ritchie County School District school policies.
- You are responsible for having your horn, music and any other supplies necessary for you to participate in any performance. This includes loading and unloading your horn and band uniform on trips away from Ritchie County.
- You are responsible for being on time for performances. On time to a performance does not mean showing up at the designated time. You will need at least an extra 10 – 15 minutes to get your horn out and ready to play.

Music Competitions & Festivals

The primary goal of the Band is to teach you to appreciate music in all its forms. Music competitions are a way to measure and compare your musical performance skills with others. They are an exciting and intense part of our Band program...but they are not the only goal we have.

What Do I Need to Remember?

- **The Ritchie County High School Band is governed by the policies of the State of West Virginia, Ritchie County School District and the WVSCCA rules regarding competitions.**
- **Only students that are academically eligible may participate in competitions and overnight trips.**

Information about Region and State tryouts and Region and State solo and ensemble contests will be provided to you as those deadlines approach.

What If I have to Miss a Rehearsal, Performance or Scheduled Band Activity?

A band works the same way as a musical instrument does. To have a member missing is like missing a key on a horn; it just doesn't sound the same.

By joining the RCHS Band, you have made a choice to become a member of an extracurricular activity that requires practice, dedication and teamwork. Your reward for this choice will be a chance to increase your musical skills and be a part of a proud and successful tradition. The habits of responsibility that you will form in Band will last you a lifetime.

Your Band teammates understand that there are some circumstances that are beyond your control that will cause you to miss a rehearsal, performance or scheduled band activity. **Exceptions to the following guidelines are made only with the approval of the Band Director.**

Excused Absence Guidelines

Reason for Excused Absence: A family emergency

- Bring a note from your parent or guardian explaining the nature of the emergency.

Examples of a family emergency:

- A death in the immediate family.
- A critical illness or injury to a member of your immediate family.

Reason for Excused Absence: Illness or Injury

- Bring a note from your parent or guardian explaining the nature of the illness or injury.

Reason for Excused Absence: Unchangeable Event

- Bring a note from your parent or guardian explaining the nature of the event within the following timespans: **1 week's notice before the rehearsal or 3 week's notice before a performance**

Example of an unchangeable event: A wedding or family reunion.

Unexcused Absences

- Work schedule conflicts are **not** an excused absence from **required** rehearsals or performances.
- Other extracurricular events (excluding school-related events) are **not** an excused absence from **required** rehearsals or performances.

EXCEPTIONS TO THE GUIDELINES FOR EXCUSED ABSENCES ABOVE ARE MADE ONLY AT THE DISCRETION OF THE BAND DIRECTOR.

FOOTBALL GAME GUIDELINES

Pre-Game

Football game performances are a great way for you to show off all your hard work and practice on the half-time music and marching drill! **You are at football games to support the Ritchie County football team, show your school spirit and entertain the crowd at half-time and during the game.**

Your Directors will give you this information about our football games:

- **When and Where the Band will meet for Pre-Game Warm Up.**
- **What you need to be wearing when you meet before the game.**
- **What equipment you will need to have for the game.**
- **When and Where the game will take place.**
- **Transportation information.**

PRE-GAME WARM-UP

Pre-game warm-up is when you will **FOCUS** mentally and physically for the performance ahead.

Warm-up includes:

- Tuning and Warming Up Instruments
- Last Minute Instructions from Directors and Drum Majors (on Drill, Transportation, Etc.)
- Pre-Game Checklist

Post-Game

- **It is your responsibility to:**
- Transport Your Horn and/or Other Equipment Back to the Band Hall.
- Transport Your Music Back to the Band Hall.
- Transport your Uniform back to the Band Hall.
- Make sure your transportation home is available immediately after the game.

You are not allowed to leave a game before the scheduled group departure unless authorized in advance by a Band Director.

FOOTBALL STADIUM DO's:

- DO** Remember that you are on stage; from the moment you enter the football stadium. Conduct yourself like the winners that you are!
- DO** Have a great time and support our team!
- DO** Give your best performance at half-time and in the stands!
- DO** Conduct yourself with pride and show respect for the opposing team, their band and supporters as well as stadium officials.
- DO** Show outstanding respect during the National Anthem and the playing of either school's Alma Mater or Fight Song.
- DO** Wear your entire Band Uniform, completely buttoned, zipped and snapped, unless instructed to do otherwise by a Band Director. That includes after the game, until you remove your uniform and return it to the uniform room in the Band Hall.
- DO** Watch the Drum Majors and Directors for cues to play or instructions.
- DO** Stay in your assigned seat in the stands.
- DO** Ask a Director, anytime you need to leave the stands, for any reason, including a restroom break.
- DO** Remember to watch out for your horn. Damage to horns caused by neglect will be charged to you.

AT THE FOOTBALL STADIUM DO NOT:

- DO NOT** Play your horn in an unauthorized or offensive manner. Your Drum Majors and Directors will make it absolutely clear what is appropriate. Spirit yells and/or drum cadences will be directed and appropriate.
- DO NOT** Chew gum in uniform.
- DO NOT** Eat or Drink in Uniform. Exceptions: Water/Soft Drinks or Hot Chocolate will be provided to you in the stands.

- DO NOT Allow anyone other than a Band member to walk through or sit with the Band. This rule is to protect your valuables and maintain the uniform look of the Band - no exceptions.
- DO NOT Demonstrate any public display of affection while in uniform.
- DO NOT Use inappropriate language or act in a manner that will embarrass your community, school or the Ram Band.

TRANSPORTATION GUIDELINES

Out-Of-Town Trip and Away Games

- IF YOU ARE PLANNING TO RIDE HOME WITH A PARENT OR GUARDIAN, BOTH YOU AND THE PARENT/GUARDIAN MUST SPEAK WITH A BAND DIRECTOR BEFORE YOU LEAVE, AND PROVIDE A LETTER STATING THE YOUR CHILD WILL BE RIDING HOME WITH THE STUDENT'S PARENT.
- IT IS YOUR RESPONSIBILITY TO MAKE ARRANGEMENTS FOR THE TRANSPORT OF YOUR HORN, MUSIC AND UNIFORM.
- YOU MAY NOT RIDE HOME FROM ANY SCHOOL-SPONSORED EVENT WITH ANYONE OTHER THAN A PARENT OR GUARDIAN WITHOUT A NOTE FROM YOUR PARENT OR GUARDIAN.
- NO STUDENT MAY LEAVE WITH ANOTHER STUDENT OR BOYFRIEND/GIRLFRIEND WITHOUT A PARENT OR GUARDIAN ACCOMPANING THEM.

BUS GUIDELINES:

- There are no girl/boy seats on the bus.
- Couple may not seat across from one and another.
- Only radios/CD players with headphones are allowed on buses.
- No gum, food or drinks are allowed on the buses. If and when timing of a trip requires that we eat on the bus, trash bags will be provided.
- The Directors may post bus sign-up sheets. No changes to bus sign-up sheets will be made without a Director's permission. Roll will be checked before departure.
- Keep the bus clean.
- Show respect for drivers and chaperones.
- YOU ARE RESPONSIBLE FOR TRANSPORTING YOUR HORN AND/OR OTHER REQUIRED PERFORMANCE EQUIPMENT TO AND FROM THE LOADING AREA.

CONCERT ATTIRE

Concert Uniforms

Attire for Concert Performances and Competitions for boys and girls:

Men

Black slacks (**no jeans**).
White Dress Shirts
Dress shoes (**no athletic shoes!**)
Ties

Ladies

Black Pants or Full-Length Skirt
White Blouse or Shirt
Dress shoes (**no athletic shoes!**)

On days of pep rallies or special performance that are less formal the students need to wear their band shirt and blue jeans (that have no wholes).

Unless otherwise indicated, this is our uniform for all band performances we want students at an early age to be able to dress for success. *Remember:* “You only get one chance to make a 1st impression.”

Marching Uniform

The Ritchie County High School Band Uniform should be treated with respect and worn with pride. The marching band uniform consists of several parts, some issued by the band and others that must be provided by band members. It is important that all parts be standardized or “uniform” within the band. It is our position that the condition of one’s uniform reflects the pride one has in our program.

What Do I Have to Remember?

- All uniforms (including Guard and Drum Major) are stored in the band hall when not in use for a performance. You are responsible for keeping all parts of your uniform in good condition.
- You are responsible for hanging up your uniform correctly after performances.
- Uniforms must be kept neat and clean while in student’s possession. One of the directors must be informed before you take a uniform from the uniform room. Uniforms may be washed separately in cold water. Turn the jacket inside out when washing.
- When not in use on band trips (while riding the bus, etc.), the uniform is to be kept hanging in its bag for protection.
- Uniform repairs or additional dry cleaning needed because of neglect or abuse on your part will be charged to you.

Band uniform parts provided by students

- Solid white gloves (ordered through band department)/2 pair for brass students.
- Solid black socks
- Solid black marching shoes (ordered through band department)

Wearing of uniform

- Hair must not touch the collar of the jacket and must be above the top of the ear or pulled behind it. No visible hair on forehead. Some of you may need hairpins.
- Shoes must be cleaned for every marching performance.
- Socks must be solid black for every marching performance.
- Uniform bag must be used to carry the uniform when traveling.
- Jewelry - no jewelry is to be showing while in the marching uniform.

FACILITIES AND INSTRUMENT CARE

Band Hall

Everyone is encouraged to use the Band Hall facilities; therefore it is everyone's job to assist in keeping it neat and clean. Keeping our facilities neat and clean will allow us to show the pride we have in our band. All cases will be stored in their assigned slots. These cases must be clearly labeled with your name with the label visible when placed in your slot. Students are responsible for keeping band room and their individual storage clean and neat. Only band students are allowed in the band hall and practice rooms. Everyone will act in a civilized manner, and there will be no horseplay.

Lost items (clothes, books, binders, etc.) that are found in the band hall will be sent to the school's lost and found. Textbooks will be taken to the front office. All other items will be thrown away.

When you think about it, the condition of the Band Halls is a reflection on the condition of the Band. The Band Halls should look as disciplined, proud and organized as you do when you perform. It is easier to concentrate on your music education in Band Halls that are in good condition.

What Do I Have to Remember?

- You are welcome in the Band Halls to rehearse or practice **only when there is a Band Director present.**
- No Gum, Food or Drinks are allowed in the Band Halls.
- **Students that are not a member of the RCHS Band are not allowed in the Band Halls without permission from a Band Director.**
- Do not use your Band locker to store school books, papers or personal items. You have an assigned school locker for that purpose.
- The bookshelf at the entrance of the band hall may be used as a drop off for books during rehearsal. Since you are assigned a school locker, do not leave anything in the bookcases after rehearsal.
- Any unauthorized items in your Band locker or left in the Band Hall will be **thrown away.**
- All trash (paper, broken reeds/drum sticks, etc.) is to be deposited in the waste baskets provided.
- Absolutely no student is allowed in the Band hall closets/library without permission
- Practice & Ensemble Rooms are designed for practicing, not social gatherings.
- To enter the Band Office, please knock, and if you are invited in, you may enter. Otherwise, they are off-limits to students. The office is not a hallway or student lounge!
- Students may not use the phone without permission. The telephone is not available to non-band members and is not to be used for general personal calls, but should be used to call parents for rides, etc. All calls will be limited to 3 minutes. No student will use the phone to make non-local calls unless you have permission. All non-local calls will need to be made in the main office during school hours.

Acts of vandalism or the willful misuse of school property will be dealt with severely and appropriately. Every band member is responsible to help the directors monitor and control vandalism, which includes writing or carving on walls, destroying music, or the breakage of school property.

Music

Each student will need a binder with plastic inserts in which music is to be stored in the music. Each student will also be supplied with his/her own copy of all music to be rehearsed and/or performed. Extra copies will be \$.25 per page.

Instrument Responsibility

Musical instruments purchased by the Ritchie County School District are available for your use during the school year and we are proud to offer this service to advance your musical education. The choice to use a school-owned instrument carries a big responsibility: **You are responsible for the care and maintenance of the instrument while you are using it.**

What Do I Have to Remember?

- Instrument repairs needed because of neglect or abuse on your part will be charged to you.
- You will provide your own mouthpieces, reeds and other supplies as necessary.
- Reeds will be available for purchase from the Band Directors at cost.

Your instruments are expensive and delicate. As responsible band members you should never leave your instrument unattended. In addition, no one shall hold or otherwise operate or handle another person's instrument. This includes all percussion equipment. It is suggested that all personal instrument have proper insurance coverage. RCHS is not responsible for any instrument left overnight. Be sure to take your instrument home every night. Also keep on record the make, model and serial numbers of your instrument.

Repair

We are very fortunate to have representatives from music stores come to Ritchie County every other week. Instruments still under warranty will be repaired by the music store from which they were purchased. A music shop will pick up and repair all school-owned instruments and return them to the school. ****Please DO NOT take a school-owned instrument to a music store for repair.** In so doing, you will personally assume responsibility and liability for repair done incorrectly. If you play a school-owned instrument and it needs it to be repaired, bring it to a band director and explain the problem.

Supplies

All supplies (reeds, valve oil, etc.) will be available for purchase at Ritchie County High in the band hall. These prices are lower and the quality higher than you might find at a music store. Because of distance, time, and price considerations, it is not recommended that you drive to a music store to purchase supplies. Students may usually purchase necessary supplies on credit. We will keep records showing how much each student owes. *A hold will be placed on the report card of students who still owe money at the end of each semester.*

Please make all checks payable to Ritchie County High Band Boosters. All money must be placed in an envelope with the student's name, amount of money enclosed, and item(s) to be purchased written on it. Envelopes will be available in the band hall.

OTHER IMPORTANT INFORMATION

Band Boosters

The Boosters is organized for charitable purposes supporting the students, events, and activities of the Ritchie County High School Band. Currently, meetings are held on the first Monday of each month during the school year. We highly encourage parents of band students to join and participate in the booster club.

Fundraising

Students will have the opportunity to participate in group fundraising programs to help offset the cost of trips and other fees. All students who participate in the fundraiser will benefit *equally* from the total amount of funds raised by the group. **Those students who choose not to participate in the group fundraiser** may be charged the full amount of the trip and not receive a fundraiser discount. Any student that receives a scholarship from the band booster must participate in fundraising, or forfeit eligibility to receive another scholarship. Information regarding trip costs and deposit deadlines will be issued in band classes well in advance of the due dates.

Private Lessons

All Ritchie County Band members are **strongly encouraged** to take Private Music Lessons. Lesson times and financial arrangements are made between each student and the Private Lesson teacher.

Why Should I Take Private Lessons?

Private Lessons will allow you to receive additional individual attention on fundamental musical skills. You will receive a percentage of individual attention during group rehearsal and sectionals, but Private Lessons will help you strengthen and focus your musical technique, embouchure and musical expression. Private lessons are especially important for those students who plan to enter solo or ensemble music competitions, but they are a great idea for any Band member.

Band Jacket & Letters

To letter in Band, you must do **one** of the following:

- Perform at the WVMEA All-State Band Concert.
- Earn two ratings of a I on a solo at the WVMEA Solo & Ensemble Festivals.
- Be a Senior Band Student that has not earned a Band Jacket in any previous year.

Contact Information

E-mail- subsonic2ba@yahoo.com
Phone- Office - (304) 869-3526

Website: www.marchingrebels.net
Home - (304) 643-5571

Current Medications:

Name of drug	dose	route	time	used to treat
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Any activity restrictions: No ___ Yes ___ Describe: _____

Any diet restrictions: No ___ Yes ___ Describe: _____

Family Physician's Name and Phone # _____

Date of last physical exam: _____

I hereby give the RCHS Band Director, his/her designee, or a school employee permission to administer basic first aid for my child if needed. I also give the RCHS Band Director, his/her designee, or a school employee permission to transport my child to the nearest medical facility for treatment in the event of an emergency illness or injury.

I realize that I am responsible for updating the RDHS Band Director or his/her designee of any health conditions and/or medication changes that develop after this form is completed. I am responsible for ensuring that my child has any medications that he/she may need.

I do further authorize the RCHS band director to seek medical attention for my child in case of an emergency. I understand that I am responsible for expenses that may arise from such treatment, until such time as a legal decision is made to release me from that responsibility.

Any medical information disclosed on this form will be kept confidential and only disclosed for the medical benefit of my child. This form will be used as basic health information for emergency medical treatment.

Signature of Parent/Guardian _____

Subscribed and sworn before me this _____ day

of _____.

Notary Public in and for the State of West Virginia