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North Oakland Concert Band
Community Education Resource Center
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Band Member Policies

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Membership

Membership in the band depends on the band's needs and is subject to the discretion of the Conductor, Personnel Manager and Section Leaders. It is within the discretion of the Conductor to limit the size of any section in the interest of maintaining balance within the group. A prospective member may be asked to audition or might be encouraged to join a different section or to become a substitute.

Membership Dues

The membership dues are \$10 for the fall semester and \$10 for the winter semester. The dues are payable during the first month each semester and are collected by the Treasurer. If a member has special circumstances or financial hardship, he/she can request a waiver of the dues from the Conductor.

Rehearsals

Rehearsals are held Thursday evenings from 7:15 to 9:45 ordinarily in the Lake Orion High School Band Room or alternatively in the Scripps Middle School Band Room on Scripps Road in Lake Orion. The first rehearsal is usually the first Thursday after Labor Day. Everyone is notified in August of the first rehearsal date and time. The preliminary season schedule is also announced in August. The most up-to-date information is available on the band's web site at www.nocb.org.

Attendance

The cohesiveness and excellence of the band depends on the presence of every member at rehearsals and performances. It is expected that band members will make every effort to attend each rehearsal. If you have to miss a rehearsal, you are expected to inform the Personnel Manager and your Section Leader. You may be asked to get your music folder to rehearsal if others in the section need it. Members who miss rehearsals or are tardy on a regular basis may be asked to leave the band. Every member must note the dates and times of the season's scheduled concerts. If you cannot make a performance you must inform your Section Leader by the first rehearsal before the upcoming concert so that a substitute can be found. In the event of bad weather rehearsal may or may not be cancelled. Please check your email or the band's web site before coming to rehearsal. If in doubt, contact the Personnel Manager.

Concert Dress

The concert dress code will be announced prior to each performance. Your attire must be professional looking and appropriate for the event and audience. Shorts and skirts should be medium or long length. Unless stated otherwise, the concert dress is as follows:

Halloween Concert		Costume appropriate for children, not too scary or risqué.
Formal	Men:	Black tuxedo pants and jacket, white shirt, black bow tie, black socks and shoes.
	Women:	All black dress or black pants and top with sleeves, nylons, black shoes.
Casual	Men:	Khaki shorts or long pants, NOCB polo shirt.
	Women:	Khaki shorts, skirt or long pants, NOCB polo shirt.

Music

Each member is responsible for his or her music and folder. Band members are encouraged to take their music home to practice. If you choose to leave your music after rehearsal, please put your folder in the music box. If you have to miss a rehearsal or concert, you may be asked to make sure your music folder gets to the rehearsal or concert. Music must be cared for and returned promptly when requested by the Band Director or Librarian. Band members will be charged \$1.00 for every piece of original music that is not returned.

Conduct

Band members are expected to conduct themselves in a responsible, professional manner. Failure to do so will subject the member, at the Board's discretion, to temporary or permanent removal from band membership. In particular, public school and band policy prohibit (1) alcohol in any rehearsal or performance, and (2) the use of tobacco products in any school facility.