

**BURGES HS BAND**  
**Syllabus 2018 Fall Semester**  
**Additional Band Information**

Band is a performance and music skills class. Students that do not plan on performing should not be in band. Students that do not plan on being at rehearsals should not be in band.

**Band Periods 1,2,3,4.**

**Grades are divided as follows:**

40% Content Mastery. Music tests – Skills-performance of scales, arpeggios, interval studies and other

40% Content Understanding. Quiz/Exams on music theory, history

20% Content Engagement. Performance/Concerts/Rehearsals, Daily grade

**Daily Grades** – Class participation is a big part of band. If a student is not playing their instruments he/she is not demonstrating musical skills such as – playing with a well-supported tone, recognizing a good instrument tone, demonstrating knowledge and correct performance of rhythms, intonation, balance within a section and across the band, key signatures and many other aspects.

**Daily grades** – Will be given weekly. Check the band webpage for current assignments

**Quiz and test grades** – Will be given weekly and is usually on selections of music.

**Skills tests** – Will be given weekly covering scales, articulation, arpeggios and other music fundamentals.

My main objective is to have students master the assignments. Students that come in for extra help will be allowed to retake most tests/quizzes and daily grades until mastered.

Many test/quizzes will come from the The Foundations for Superior Performance method book which will be provided. Not all of the books are in good shape and *I encourage students to purchase their own*. Scales, scale studies, arpeggios, interval studies and other fundamentals will be tested. Many tests will be on “SmartMusic”. Tests must be taken during the assigned time frame. Students may retake tests as many times as they would like until the last week of the 9 weeks. Retakes will not be allowed during class or during regularly scheduled rehearsals. Students may- and are encouraged- to purchase a “Smartmusic” subscription so that they may practice at home.

**First 9 Weeks**

Music tests will be done in parts or in their entirety. The following songs will be tested for accuracy and memorization.

Journey of Man Part 1, Journey of Man Part 2, Urban, Journey of Man Part 3 the Burges Fight Song and the Back to Basics Warm- Up.

There will also be daily grades from Scales, arpeggios, etudes. Students will also count and perform rhythms from material I will provide.

**Performances** – Performances demonstrate to others the skills you have learned in class.

**Second 9 Weeks**

We will continue as before but students will play off music for concerts and some stands music that may be played on the field.

**Zero Period**

This class is a mixture of Band and PE. The fall semester goes toward PE credit and will include marching, stretching, movement, running, “push ups” and other physical activity including tests for marching.

## **BAND INFORMATION**

**Marching Band – Zero Period.** This class period counts toward PE credit. Students must have a physical and the forms with it. Students will march, run, do “push ups” and other physical activities. Tests will be given on marching skills and execution of drills. Students in the percussion, brass and woodwind classes should also be in this class. After marching season, Zero period will be used for sectionals, testing, full concert band rehearsals and in the early spring semester for the jazz band. Students will be enrolled in both “Zero” and the instrument family class – brass, percussion or woodwind. Attendance for rehearsal is extremely important. Excessive absences may cause a student to lose their marching position. Students that do not have a marching position will still participate, even if ineligible. Ineligible students may practice but are not allowed to perform. Students that must go to tutoring must come to rehearsal first. Excessive absences for zero period may result in the removal from the performance and competition groups.

**Absences** – Students will have one week to make up assignments, it is the responsibility of the student to check on work missed. Exceptions can be made for multiple, consecutive days due to illness.

**Phones and electronic devices.** – Students will be given opportunities to use their cell phones and other devices. Students may use their phones to view marching coordinates, listen to music clips of their music for band class or for solo and ensemble related practicing. Students may also use phone “apps” for tuners or metronomes. Phones are not to be used for texting or for other purposes during class. The EPSID is encouraging use of electronic devices but students are not to misuse them.

### **Monday Night Rehearsals**

We rehearse every Monday night during football season from 6-8:30 PM. The rehearsals are not optional. Rehearsal ends at 8:30 and students should be completely finished putting away equipment by 8:45. Please pick them up on time. I will wait until the last student is picked up- please do not take advantage of it.

### **Forms**

Please fill out Travel release, Medical release, The UIL Acknowledgement form. All are available on the band webpage.

### **Rehearsal Schedule**

The weekly schedule is on the band webpage. If it is not up to date by Friday morning, please feel free to call or text and I will take care of it.

Uniform Care, Bus and Stands Behavior and Class Behavior will be discussed with students and instructions will be passed out. Discipline problems in band are not common.

## BURGES MARCHING BAND SUPPLY LIST 2018

**MARCHING SHOES** - The shoes are the "SUPER DRILL MASTERS" BLACK. **No other shoes will be allowed!**

Olivas Music does NOT have them in stock and it takes about 10 days for delivery. Students will need the shoes by August 30, preferably earlier to make sure they are the right size and shoe. Berties Music may also have the shoes but they probably don't keep them in stock either. Two day and next day shipping can cost more than the shoes- order early!

**GLOVES** - LONG, BLACK, SURE GRIP GLOVES. 2 pairs of gloves are needed. Percussion players do not need gloves.

**FLIP FOLDER** - The marching band music folder is the flip folder. Extra windows should be purchased. (For flute, the flip folder and lyre are combined into one and it is called "the flutists friend").

**LYRES** The lyre holds the flip folder to the instrument. Lyres for tuba and percussion are optional.

**SOCKS** Long, black, solid color socks without stripes or logos. Socks may be purchased from any location, the music stores do not carry them.

**INSTRUMENT** - Students are encouraged to have their own instrument. If a student is not able to purchase or rent an instrument from an outside source, the EL Paso ISD offers instruments for student use at a cost of \$45 per school year. Payment of the instrument fee will be done in the Burges business office next to the entrance Mustang. Students are responsible for the care and upkeep of the instrument and may have to pay for a replacement if the instrument is lost, stolen or damaged.

**BINDER with page protectors** - 1 inch Black binder (with pockets would be best) and Page Protector windows.

Daily supplies such as reeds, sticks, valve oil etc, are the student's responsibility.

The band shoes, gloves, flip folder, lyre and extra windows for the flip folder can be purchased at:

Olivas Music East - Zaragoza, West - Thunderbird

Whites Music Box- N. Mesa near Resler, also in Las Cruces

Bertie's Music - Lomaland

The band website, [www.burgeshsband.com](http://www.burgeshsband.com) is where you can find weekly rehearsal schedules, performance and competition schedules, necessary forms, calendars, booster information, contacts and other information. I will send an email to parents when I need to distribute information. If you do not have email, I will print out the information, just have your son or daughter let me know. There is an information form on the front page of the website for parents to give me their information to be included in the emails.

### REMIND

I will be using a text message to get information out quickly. To be included on the text receiving end, use the information below to sign up. Send a text to this number (859) 905-3986 and enter the "@ \_\_\_\_\_" in the subject area of the text. You will get a reply to include your name and then press send again. It is recommended that you sign up for the section that your child is in and for Marching band and for Parents.

Brass enter	@12bce
Woodwinds enter	@0495
Percussion enter	@ 545be
Flags enter	@c882b
Marching Band	@69024
Parents	@7060a

If you would like to volunteer, please fill out the online EPISD VIPS form.

If you any questions or need more information, please contact me from the information below.

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