

*JUDSON
HIGH SCHOOL*

***ROCKET
BAND***

MEMBERS HANDBOOK

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I. INTRODUCTION

The Rocket Band is the proud nickname applied to all the bands and colorguard in the Judson High School band program. Included are the marching bands, several concert bands and jazz bands. Additionally, Rocket Band members have the opportunity and are encouraged or required to participate as Band representatives in UIL solo and ensemble contests and in the District, Area and State band competitions.

Furtherance of the Rocket Bands' efforts toward excellence and accomplishment requires cooperation and dedication from the students, parents, directors and administration. The purpose of this handbook is to acquaint members and parents with the Judson Band Program and to provide information on its operation. This handbook sets out the Band goals, responsibilities and commitment of Band members, a clear, concise statement of the rules and requirements of the Band, and other general information, which will be of use to students and to parents. If you have any questions or concerns about any information in this handbook or about the Band generally, you may contact the Band director.

All Band members and their parents are requested to read this handbook thoroughly and must sign the consent and agreement to indicate their consent to and commitment to comply with the Band rules and requirements, as a condition of participation in the Rocket Band. Please keep this handbook for future reference and return the acknowledgment as required.

Some abbreviations and terms that will be used throughout this handbook and their meanings are as follows:

UIL University Interscholastic League

JISD Judson Independent School District

JHS Judson High School

Rocket Band unless otherwise indicated, the JHS band program or Band

Band functions..... are all official activities of the Band, both scheduled and called, and include all rehearsals (including during class periods and after or before school) sectionals, performances, competitions, exhibitions, required fundraisers (i.e., Rocket Review) and trips.

Band directorthe singular term is usually used in this Handbook, but in

many such instances, either the Band director or either of the assistant Band directors or the Band director and one or both of the assistants acting together do or can take the discussed action, etc.

II. GOALS, RESPONSIBILITY AND COMMITMENT

JUDSON BAND GOALS

JISD places strong emphasis on individual musical awareness and enrichment. The Rocket Band provides this awareness and enrichment through and prides itself on concert, marching and jazz band programs. The Band offers students all levels of music literature and musical skill that are both enhancing and challenging. The Rocket Band has been and will remain an active part of the JHS campus life and SPIRIT!

The Rocket Band continually strives for excellence by building upon past successes to achieve even greater success and accomplishment in marching, concert, and jazz band, and in individual performance. Each individual Rocket Band member should develop and mature in character, loyalty, dependability, dedication, leadership and musical skills while substantially contributing to the success of the Rocket Band. The Rocket Band seeks to enhance each member's high school experience, to provide each member the best possible music education and band experience and to help develop character traits that will positively serve those members throughout their lives.

BAND MEMBER RESPONSIBILITY AND COMMITMENT

The opportunity to participate in co-curricular activities in the JISD, such as band, is a privilege. Students who accept the privilege of participating in co-curricular activities must recognize that they are representatives of JISD and JHS and will be held to a higher standard of conduct in both school related and non-school related activities. Furthermore, the privilege of participating in the Rocket Band requires that each member be fully committed to the goals of the Band and to do all that is necessary to achieve those goals.

All Band members must follow all applicable state laws, JISD policies, JHS rules, UIL rules and Band rules and requirements at all times. Those laws, policies and rules, however, establish only the minimally acceptable behavior. To achieve the goals of the Band, far more than minimally acceptable behavior and minimal effort is required. All Band members must strive to further the goals of the Band and to meet their responsibilities to the Band. All Band members must, at all times, assume personal responsibility for improving their individual musical skills and each of the bands of which they are members by their actions and attitude. Specifically to those ends, all members should use every Band function,

rehearsals particularly and sectionals, to further their knowledge and ability as much as possible and to promote the Band's excellence overall. In every performance, all members should be prepared to, and should strive to, give their best possible individual performance and to make a significant and positive contribution to the best possible performance of the Band. Members must not undermine the efforts of the Band and the Band directors, instructors, officers, and student leaders through poor attitude or effort, or disparagement of any individual or undertaking, but rather, at all times, all members must cooperate with the Band directors, instructors, officers and student leaders and approach every undertaking with a positive attitude and full and sincere effort.

III. RULES AND REQUIREMENTS

To achieve the Rocket Band's goals, it is essential that all members comply with all Band rules and requirements. This section of the Handbook sets out and explains, as necessary, the rules and requirements of Band membership and clearly identifies and gives notice of the conduct for which Band members may be disciplined and the possible disciplinary measures that may be imposed. There are specific rules and requirements applicable to certain circumstances. The general violations specified in the following section may be covered or explained elsewhere but is included in that section to provide a general overview of prohibited conduct. It is the intent to provide in this handbook notice that any improper conduct in any circumstance may subject a Band member to disciplinary action.

Under JISD policy, the Rocket Band rules and requirements are independent of the student code of conduct of JHS and JISD. Violations of the Band rules and requirements that also constitute violations of the student code of conduct may subject a member to independent disciplinary action under both.

BAND DISCIPLINE PLAN (BDP)

For a violation of any State law, JISD policy, JHS rule, UIL rule, Rocket Band rule or requirement, the following disciplinary actions may be imposed:

1. Correction or counseling
2. Parental conferences or notification
3. Exclusion from a Band function or functions
4. Loss of marching band spot or concert band chair
5. Exclusion or removal from Band office or other position
6. Exclusion or removal from the Band

The disciplinary action imposed in each instance will be at the discretion of the Band director considering the nature and severity of the conduct, the circumstances of

the conduct, its frequency and prior warnings or action, consistency of action considering other situations, and other relevant factors.

In addition to possible disciplinary action for violation of or failure to comply with other specific rules and requirements, disciplinary action under the BDP may be imposed for any of the following:

1. Violation of any state law, JISD policy, or JHS rules regarding drugs, alcohol or tobacco.
2. Unexcused absence from any Band function.
3. Unexcused tardy from any Band function.
4. Failure to be properly prepared for any Band function.
5. Failure to properly care for or loss of any Band property including music, instrument or uniform.
6. Failure to check-off music.
7. Using, tampering with or improper treatment of another Band member's instrument, music, uniform, or other property.
8. Failure to timely check-in equipment.
9. Poor participation in any Band function.
10. Improper behavior at any Band function.
11. Improper behavior in or treatment of the Band hall or any Band or school property.
12. Disrespectful or other improper treatment of directors, instructors, or Band officers or student leaders.
13. Failure to follow the instructions and directions of Band directors, instructors, officers and student leaders.
14. Conduct, which has a negative effect on the morale or discipline of other Band members.
15. Conduct which has an incidental, but real, adverse impact on the reputation of the Judson Band, JHS or JISD.

ATTENDANCE AND BAND CALENDAR

To assist Band members in planning and scheduling, the monthly Band calendar will be posted in the Band hall and will also be given to every band member. **In addition, parents and students can go to the www.rocketband.com or Charmsmusic.org Website to see the calendar at any time.** Band members will be given advance notice of any changes in the monthly calendar. Band members are solely responsible for being familiar with the calendar and attending all scheduled Band

functions.

Because the Rocket Band functions as a “team” and counts on each member, each member’s prompt attendance at all Band functions is crucial to the success of the Band. Each Band member is responsible to be in the required location, properly attired (in the full proper uniform as required), with his or her instrument and all necessary music, equipment, etc. at or before the appointed time and in sufficient time to answer Roll Call.

Absence from or tardiness to a Band function, particularly a rehearsal, sectional or performance, may subject the member to discipline under the BDP, including the lowering of the member’s grade or loss of spot or chair for a first occurrence.

A member’s work/ employment, club meetings, or other rehearsals are NOT an excuse for absence from or tardiness to a Band function. Elective doctor’s appointments are to be scheduled at times other than when band has rehearsals.

The nature of the activity is such that no amount of individual effort can substitute for group participation. Any absence, whether due to illness or other circumstance, is impossible to make up. Therefore students who miss rehearsal repeatedly, regardless of the reason, compromise the progress of the group and cannot be allowed to continue to participate.

Any member who may have a problem attending a Band function must contact a Band director IN ADVANCE to satisfactorily resolve the problem or to arrange for an expected absence or tardy to be excused. If your absence is unexcused it will affect your participation grade and may result in the loss of your marching spot/concert chair. If you are absent from two rehearsals consecutively, and alternate will be placed in your marching spot. In either case you will have the opportunity to challenge back into your marching spot or concert chair.

Daily rehearsal excuses need to be filled out in the band office **24 hours in advance**. They are subject to director approval or disapproval. You must check with one of the directors to see if your absence is excused or not. Any member who may have a problem attending a Band function must contact a Band director IN ADVANCE to satisfactorily resolve the conflict. **You must also provide a written record of your absence. This is for your protection.** You may call us at **945-1106 during school hours**.

BAND HALL/REHEARSAL RULES

Band members should care for the Band hall as if it were their own home. Much time and effort are spent in our Band hall, thus proper care and treatment of the facilities will make its use more enjoyable. Rules applicable to rehearsals and to the use of the Band hall are as follows:

1. Rehearsals and classes start ON TIME. Have your instrument and proper equipment (mallets, reeds, etc.) and be ready to start on time.
2. You must have your music, set charts, mutes, and pencils. You will be assessed a fine for replacing missing items.
3. Follow all applicable laws and rules and teacher instructions.
4. Do not talk during rehearsals unless asked to do so.
5. Do not leave class without permission. Do not leave the Band hall when dismissed from rehearsal early.
6. Instruments, music, and equipment must be stored in the correct place.
7. Do not deface (write on, etc.) walls, stands, equipment or furniture.
8. Have respect for others and their property.
9. Do not use the Band hall as your playground.
10. Non-Band members are asked to stay out of the Band hall.
11. Do not consume drinks or food or chew gum in the Band hall.

Any failure to comply with these rules may subject the member to discipline under the BDP.

INSTRUMENT INSURANCE AND DAMAGED OR LOST PROPERTY

Members who use any JISD provided instrument must complete all the necessary forms required by JISD. Failure to complete the paperwork in a timely manner may result in the member losing the privilege of using JISD instruments and other possible action under the BDP. All students who use any Judson ISD provided instrument will be obligated to pay a \$50.00 annual rental fee imposed by JISD.

All members should insure their instruments; particularly members who use JISD owned instruments. Band members have the opportunity to insure their instruments at a minimal cost with insurance made available through an independent company, which runs from August 1 to July 31 of the following year.

Any damage to or loss of instruments, equipment or other property (other than normal wear) may subject the member to disciplinary action under the BDP and will be repaired or replaced at the sole expense of the responsible member.

ROCKET BAND UNIFORM AND APPEARANCE RULES

We have a beautiful white uniform that needs to be well taken care of during the year. Pride in our organization is an attitude that develops success!

A. Check Out

1. The Judson Band uniforms are the property of JISD. Your band uniform should be kept clean at all times. **A portion of your lab fee will be used to clean the uniform.** If the uniform is returned in an excessively unkempt condition, you will be responsible for paying an additional cleaning fee.

2. The uniforms may need to be altered when they are issued to you. **Do not** cut any material and please allow our uniform moms to do the altering.

3. Clean black shoes and plain, long black socks are to be worn with the uniform at all times. **Tennis shoes are not acceptable.** Clean black cotton gloves are to be worn during the marching season. Woodwind players may cut out the fingertips of the gloves in order to facilitate playing.

4. Always wear your Judson Band t-shirt and cotton shorts with your uniform. Do not come to the uniform room with jeans or other pants over your shorts for this slows down the line.

5. Remove all jewelry and put it away before you get in line. (Seniors may wear their senior rings.)

6. **Colored fingernail polish and make-up is not allowed when wearing the uniform.**

7. When hats are worn, long hair must be pinned up. There should be no hair hanging down past the collar. Without the hat, hair must still be worn off of the collar with a ponytail holder that matches the color of your hair.

8. Shoes should be cleaned and polished before EACH performance. (409 and AJAX gel products work well.)

9. If students forget an item, they may rent it for \$5. If you end have to rent an item more than two times you will have to replace the lost item at full price.

A note from the uniform parents

If for some reason you forget one of these things and are stopped by the parent at the door, please do not give them a hard time or stop in the door to fix it, just go to the end of the line and try it again. You should have all parts of your uniform that you own labeled with your name so that you may claim it if misplaced. We will have a limited of whites, shoes, gloves, and belts for those that have misplaced theirs. There is a loaner fee and usage charge for cleaning material. Anyone wearing colored nail polish or make-up will be sent back and asked to remove it. If you do not have rental fees, you must leave something of yours with us until you return the goods. You will still be charged a fine. It is not a lot to remember but it will make check out easier and smoother.

INSPECTION

Prior to ROLL CALL for all Band functions, Band members must be dressed in the complete announced uniform in accordance with the Rocket Band Uniform and Appearance Rules.

Inspections are held before boarding buses and at performance sites. If any failure to comply with the Uniform Policies or failure to have the proper instrument, equipment and music cannot be corrected prior to boarding buses or a performance, the member **WILL NOT PARTICIPATE** in that Band function, and may be subject to further discipline under the BDP.

MEMBERS MUST TRAVEL WITH BAND

The Band frequently travels and participates in activities away from JHS. All Band members are required to travel to and from Band functions in vehicles, which are provided or approved, by the school officials and/or JISD. Any exception to this rule must be:

1. Made **IN ADVANCE** upon a written request from the parent/guardian and approved by the Band Director and a High School administrator.
2. Arrangements for the member's equipment must be made before departure.
3. The member **WILL NOT** be surrendered to anyone other than his/her parent/guardian unless the written request signed by the parent/guardian directs that the member be surrendered to a specifically named, responsible individual.

4. Before a member may leave the Band, the parent/guardian or other individual to whom the member is to be surrendered and the member must together report their departure to the head chaperone or Band director.

If this procedure is not followed, the member must return with the Band or may be subject to discipline under the BDP.

GENERAL TRAVEL AND EVENT RULES

Activities away from JHS require particular responsibility and cooperation from Band members. In addition to other applicable laws, policies and rules, the following specific rules are in effect for and applicable to all members for all such activities, unless instructed otherwise by the Band director. Band Parent Organization chaperones usually accompany the Band on these trips. On trips in which chaperones are not present, the Band director or other supervising adult will perform the functions of chaperones specified in these rules and should be consulted accordingly. Failure to comply with any of the following rules may subject a member to discipline under the BDP.

At any time while traveling or at an event or Band Function, each member must:

1. immediately notify a chaperone of illness or injury.
2. not possess any medication, prescription or non-prescription. Chaperones will give members medication allowed on the member's medical form.
3. refrain from loud or disruptive behavior.
4. Follow any and all bus rules for JISD buses and Charter Companies.
5. not bring food or drinks or eat or drink except refreshments provided to all members.
6. not bring or have any personal property that is not required for the event (i.e., caps, hats, radios, CD or tape players, purses, backpacks, jewelry, etc.) CHAPERONES, BUS DRIVERS, ETC. CANNOT AND WILL NOT BE RESPONSIBLE FOR ANY SUCH ITEMS.
7. stay with the Band at all times unless escorted (i.e. to the restroom) by chaperones.
8. act respectfully at all times, particularly in dealing with chaperones and during the customary singing of traditional songs on the bus, even if the student chooses not to participate in the singing.

BUS TRAVEL RULES

Only Band members and assigned chaperones are allowed on the Band buses. Upon arrival at a destination, Band members should remain seated on the bus until instructed to exit the bus. When instructed to exit, members must, without unnecessary delay, talking and activity, exit promptly, get their instruments and equipment, and

assemble in the designated area. Playing instruments while exiting or entering buses and assembling is prohibited. Students should return to buses immediately after each event unless otherwise instructed by the chaperone chairperson or the directors. Any failure to comply with these rules or the applicable General Travel and Event Rules may subject the member to discipline under the BDP.

FOOTBALL GAME STADIUM RULES

Only Band members and assigned chaperones are allowed in the Band section at the stadium. Visitors may be allowed in special circumstances, but only with the permission of the Band director. Band members will remain in the Band section at all times unless accompanied by a chaperone. Members will be given a cold drink ONLY by the assigned chaperones. **NO FOOD OR DRINK MAY BE BROUGHT TO ANY MEMBER BY ANY OTHER PERSON.** Any failure to comply with these rules or the applicable General Travel and Event Rules may subject the member to discipline under the BDP. **Cell phones/personal electronics are not allowed by band members at any football game or concert performance. They will be confiscated if students have them at a game or concert performance. (as per district policy)**

FOOTBALL GAME DAY REQUIREMENTS

On game days the Rocket Band will run through the show. This rehearsal is an important time for final preparations and attendance is MANDATORY. Students not attending this run through will not perform during halftime.

Cheering in the stands is to remain positive and constructive. Offensive and/or abusive language or actions will not be tolerated. As the largest single organization in the stadium, you need to set a positive example for the rest of the audience.

GRADING SYSTEM

Each Band member's numerical grade is based on the member's daily grade, weekly play-offs, participation, performance, and attendance. Playing and/or written tests may be administered periodically to evaluate the member's progress and achievement and may be included as a part of the member's grade.

BAND PLACEMENT

The marching position or spot, or concert chair of each member is decided based upon musical ability, attitude, compliance with rules, and eligibility (under H.B. 72). All members must formally audition bi-annually for placement in a concert band and class period. Members' marching band performance will be evaluated during all rehearsals.

ELIGIBILITY

Understanding eligibility rules can be confusing. A student becomes ineligible only if his/her six weeks grade in any one class is a 69 or below. The penalty period, which begins one week after the grade is issued, lasts for 3 weeks. During this time, the 3-week progress report will determine whether the student remains ineligible or not.

It is important to understand that progress reports cannot cause a student to become ineligible, but can extend it. If a student becomes ineligible in an Honors/AP class, they are allowed to obtain a waiver for that class if that grade is above a 60.

MEDICAL, CONSENT AND OTHER FORMS REQUIREMENTS

To enjoy the privileges of engaging in certain Band functions, particularly the Band trip, JISD policy and Band rules require that members turn in consent and medical forms and other commitments, permissions or other documents properly signed and promptly returned as required by the Band director. It is the responsibility of each Band member to timely obtain the proper documents, to provide *all* the required information, to properly sign and have his/her parent or guardian sign any such documents and to return such documents to the proper person, or place, in the proper manner and *by the specified time*.

The failure to timely return, properly and fully completed and signed, any form, consent, commitment, permission or other such document as required by the Band director may subject the member to discipline under the BDP, including particularly exclusion from a Band function or functions, specifically the Band trip.

IV. OTHER INFORMATION

PARENT CONFERENCES

Band directors may be contacted by telephone during the school day at 945-1106 ext. 1186.

STUDENT LEADERSHIP TEAM

The student leadership team is made up of elected band officers, drum majors, section leaders and colorguard officers. These leaders have displayed outstanding characteristics in performance, attitude, and leadership. They are selected by the band directors and/or band members to help lead the band to excellence. They must follow all rules and regulations that are stated in the leadership handbook.

General Requirements for office:

1. Be a current Band member.
2. Declare for office or offices in Band directors' office before the deadline.
3. Attend Rookie Band Camp in June.
4. Meet all requirements for the specific office sought (discussed below).
5. During the year in which a member will run for any office except Librarian or band manager, that member must attend District Band or make a I or II in a solo or ensemble contest.
6. Must not have been ineligible more than once during the academic year.

Duties and Requirements for officers.

President. The President shall be a senior elected by Band members. Duties are to call and preside over the Band officer meetings, to coordinate the Band banquet, and to act as student representative for the Band. As student representative of the Band, the President must represent the Band as appropriate and as instructed by the Band director. The President is the first assistant in charge after the directors at all non-marching functions and on trips made by the Band. The President answers to the directors.

Vice President. The Vice President shall assist the President whenever possible, be able to assume all duties of the President if needed and co-chair the Band Banquet.

Secretary. The Secretary shall be a junior or senior elected by Band members. Duties are to handle all Band correspondence, keep minutes of all officer meetings, check roll as needed, keep an accurate and updated list of all Band members, keep an accurate calendar posted, and to assist the Band directors with paper work when needed.

Historian. The Historian shall be in charge of the Band video for the banquet, shall keep a scrapbook of all news articles, pictures, activities and design all publicity and poster making.

Librarian. The Librarian(s) shall be a sophomore, junior or senior selected by Band Directors. Duties are to make complete marching folders for each Band member, copy extra parts when needed, aid the directors in sorting and filing marching and concert music, and continuously keep the music library neat and orderly. The number of Librarians needed will be determined according to the size of the Band.

Band Managers. The Band Managers(s) shall be a sophomore, junior or senior selected by the Band Directors. Duties shall be to assist the band directors with

the care of instruments and equipment. They shall supervise the loading of equipment, and be the set up crew for all concert performances.

Drum Major. The Drum Major(s) shall be a junior or senior elected by Band members, judges, and Band Directors. Duties are to lead the marching band both on and off the field, to assist section leaders in marching section rehearsals, and to assist the Band directors in any way necessary

A member must meet the following requirements to be eligible to audition for the position of Drum Major.

1. Be a member of the Band for one year and a current Band member.
2. Enter a solo or ensemble contest and make a I or II rating or make District Band.
3. Must have auditioned for a section leader position prior to auditioning for Drum Major.
4. Must be approved by the Band Directors.

The number of Drum Majors will be zero to three, determined by the Band director according to the size of the marching band and the ability of those auditioning.

Twirler. Twirler for the Judson Band will be chosen through an audition process. Candidates must have marched in the high school band at least one year and be a current member in good standing of the Judson band.

Section Leader. In order to audition for a section leader position, you must have a least one year of Varsity marching experience.

BAND AWARD JACKETS

Receiving a letter jacket is a visible indication of dedication to personal musical achievement and loyalty to the goals of the entire band program. Jackets will be ordered for and presented to **all Seniors who have been band members for the three prior years, have not previously been awarded a jacket and meet the Band Directors requirements and approval. Students must also be registered and participate in band for their senior year in order to be eligible for a jacket.**

All band members may be eligible to earn an award jacket if they meet the following requirements in one school year:

1. Participate in all Marching Contest during a season. (Varsity Band members)
Participate in all football games.(JV Band members)
2. Participate in UIL Concert and Sightreading Contest. (In the event that a student is in a concert band that does not attend UIL, as long as the student is eligible at the time of the UIL the requirement will be fulfilled.)
3. Participate in Ensemble Contest.
4. Participate in District Band Auditions.

After meeting the above criteria, you must achieve 3 of the following:

- A. Earn a chair in District (Band, Orchestra or Jazz)
- B. Earn a chair in Region (Band, Orchestra or Jazz)
- C. Earn a chair in Area (Band, Orchestra or Jazz)
- D. Earn a chair in the All-State (Band, Orchestra or Jazz)
- E. Earn a Division I at Ensemble Contest.
- F. Membership in the Jazz Band
- G. Membership in Band one
- H. Earn 3 volunteer credits at designated volunteer band functions.
1 credit =1 event working 4 hours or more.

TMEA DISTRICT/AREA/ALL-STATE

Band members are strongly encouraged, and some Band classes may be required, to prepare the prescribed music for these auditions, sponsored by the Texas Music Educators Association, to such a level that they may successfully compete and learn from the experience.

BAND TRIPS AND FUNDRAISING

The Band is allowed to take an out-of-state and in-state trip in alternating years. Generally, these trips are in the Spring and involve the Band members missing a day or two of school. The Band performs or competes in a concert contest, and the remaining time is spent in enjoyable activities (most recent trips have been to Hawaii, Indiana and to Dallas). The Spring trip is voluntary, although all of the Band members are encouraged to go.

The cost of these trips is not paid by JISD and is, therefore, the responsibility of each individual member. The Band helps provide members with a way of funding their individual cost of these trips by providing fundraising events. These fundraising activities give members the chance to earn money for the trip without having to pay the entire expense out of their own pockets. (Not all fundraising activities sponsored by the Band, however, earn money for member's Spring trip.). Each student will have an individual account that runs through the Band's activity account. This money is not available to students as "personal" cash, but may be used to pay for certain band events and activities (such as band banquet).

Regarding the Spring trip generally, payments for transportation, lodging, etc. are usually required long before the trip and, hence, member's payments usually begin in the Fall. If a member who has made payments to his trip account cannot attend the trip, *cash deposits may* be refunded as long as the Band has been able to pay all bills for the trip; cash deposits, which have already been paid or committed, are not refundable. Cash deposits left in a member's account after all the Band's trip costs are paid may be held for use for the next year's Band trip for that student or a sibling or refunded. *Fundraising money is never* refundable as cash or transferable to any other organization or person. Any unused money when a member leaves the Band is deposited in the Band activity account. Specific details on the trip, trip payments and refund possibilities will be provided for each trip.

Chaperones eligible to go on the trip must be a member in good standing (dues paid) of the Band Booster Club and must contribute thirty (30) volunteer hours to Band activities.

Each Band member is subject to and must comply with all applicable state laws, UIL rules, JISD policies and Band rules at all times during all Band trips and failure to comply with any such laws, policies or rules may subject the member to discipline under the BDP, and such discipline may include immediately sending the member home at the member's (or member's parent's) expense. Furthermore, each Band member is subject to having his entire luggage, bags, backpack, purse, other belongings and person searched at any time before or during the trip by any chaperone, Band director, or JHS administrator.

BAND BOOSTER CLUB

The Band Booster Club is a Texas non-profit corporation that supports and assists the Rocket Band's members, staff and Band director. The organization provides direct assistance by providing chaperones for many of the Band functions and fundraising help to cover the cost of clinicians, contest entry fees, transportation, awards, patches, and special musical arrangements, to name just a few of the many costs that are not paid by JISD. All activities of the organization are carried out with the advice and consent of the Band directors and JHS and JISD administration.

The Band Booster Club meets every month. Please check your monthly Band Calendar for dates. The Band Boosters play an important role in the success of the Band and we encourage all parents to visibly support their Band member by joining the organization and actively participating in it and its work.

MUSIC ENRICHMENT PROGRAM

Private lessons are a tremendous aid in the development of a student's musical knowledge and improve the overall quality of the band. We offer lessons during the school day for convenience in scheduling. Any student interested in studying privately should see the directors for music enrichment forms so they may begin ASAP. Some lessons can be scheduled after school.

V. Conclusion

Over the years, many students and parents have contributed to the Rocket Band's success. It is our sincere wish that all present and future Rocket Band members enjoy the long-lasting friendships and sense of pride that have been and will be passed down from year to year. We believe this can be accomplished with a job well done. It takes 10% talent and 90% hard work. Together with strong parent, student, and administrative support, this is possible.

WELCOME TO THE JUDSON HIGH SCHOOL ROCKET BAND!!!

Consent and Agreement

We are aware that the Judson Band Handbook is available for Download from the Band's website through www.charmsmusic.com and that review of this document is necessary for participation in the band program at Judson High School. We have read and understand the Rocket Band Member Handbook, particularly all the rules and requirements and the Band Discipline Plan (BDP), and, as a condition of the Student's participation in the Rocket Band, consent to and agree to comply with all rules and requirements therein.

Student's Signature

Parent's Signature

Student's Name (printed legibly)

Parent's Name (printed legibly)

Date

This copy of the consent and agreement should be retained in the Rocket Band Members Handbook, while the copy on the next page must be signed and dated, as indicated, and returned to the Band director before the student may participate in any Band function. Any failure to participate for failure to return this consent will be considered an unexcused absence.

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Parent's Signature

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Date

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**RETURN THIS COPY TO THE
BAND DIRECTORS**