

# Oak Mountain High School Band

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Parents and Students:

We are so excited to have the opportunity to work with you during summer band camp! Please review the following guidelines for summer band camp. In order for this plan to be successful and to allow us to continue the band activity we all love so much, we need full cooperation from all families. Your directors care about each of you, and we want to offer you a productive and fun-filled season. The distancing and other guidelines needed during this time are certainly not ideal, or what we are accustomed to as a band family, but they will allow us to safely create some amazing music and enjoy friendships. It is our goal for you to have the best band experience possible given our current circumstances.

## Rehearsal Protocol for Band Camp Practices

We will start rehearsals on July 22nd with the band divided into four practice zones.

Before leaving home each day, parents are responsible for the following items:

1. Take your child's temperature.
2. Complete the COVID Screening Form (Attached)  
*This form is simply a guide to screening your student. It does not have to be turned in.*

If your child answers YES to any of the Screening Form questions, keep him or her home and contact band directors immediately.

ALL students and staff are to stay home if showing any signs of illness.

Masks are strongly encouraged when you are not actively rehearsing and could be within 6 feet of another.

See the attached Daily Logistics.

It is very important that you join the following text groups to allow for quick communication (changes in rehearsal plans and other urgent notices)

To join our Remind texting system, send a text to **81010** with the following message:

For Parents: **@73fd2e**  
For Seniors: **@964hcc**  
For Juniors: **@4gc9d2**  
For Sophomores: **@82ee3k**  
For Freshmen: **@ea6d2a**

If your student tests positive for COVID-19 after attending a rehearsal, contact the band directors and Dr. Sayers, school principal, immediately: Kevin Ownby ([kownby@shelbyed.org](mailto:kownby@shelbyed.org)), Travis Bender ([tbender@shelbyed.org](mailto:tbender@shelbyed.org)), and Dr. Sayers ([ksayers@shelbyed.org](mailto:ksayers@shelbyed.org)). You will receive updated information from Dr. Sayers or a director on the current protocol for returning to school after testing positive. The current guideline is an individual who tests positive for COVID must stay home for a minimum of 14 days beyond the positive test date. The student must obtain school clearance to return to campus.

All efforts are being made by directors and staff to keep students safe, but there is no such thing as a 100% safe plan. The directors have formed a Band Safety Committee made up of several band parents who are medical professionals. This group has already met, will continue to meet as needed, and have ongoing communication.

While COVID-19 has certainly necessitated a cautious approach to normal, everyday events and interactions, so much of our daily routine in the Spirit of Cahaba will remain the same: excellence in music education, a commitment to hard-work and discipline, a place for every student and family to be valued, and a community of friends that will last a lifetime. We can't wait to see you!

All the best,

Kevin Ownby and Travis Bender  
Directors, Oak Mountain High School Band

Kristi Sayers  
Principal, Oak Mountain High School

## Daily Logistics

Within each location, students will be assigned to Cohort groups that include section members and a section leader/veteran marcher whenever possible. Set your personal items in a socially distanced format with your Cohort group. (For example trombone group #1 may be asked to place all items in the side A end zone between the front side line and front hash, spaced at a minimum of 6 feet.)

Drop-off/Pick-up/Park in the designated area for your section and report to your practice location while maintaining the minimum of 6 foot distancing between students. See attached map for drop off-and pick-up spots. Students are responsible for bringing the items needed to be successful for the entire rehearsal, including a wire stand if your music is not memorized.

At the end of the rehearsal block, students will return to their drop-off/pick-up zones. Parents, if you choose for your child to drive to rehearsal, make sure they are aware that they should park in their designated zones and should not congregate in the parking lot before or after rehearsal. If you are picking up your child, please be there to pick them up promptly at the designated departure time.

There should be no sharing of items. Sousaphones and Percussion will be allowed to access the band room for storage of their instruments. While in the band room, make sure you maintain the distance of 6 feet from other members and wear a mask once you come indoors.

Bring enough water for the entire rehearsal. Bring multiple jugs if necessary. Sinks and water fountains in the school are not to be used for re-filling water jugs.

Go to the restroom before arriving on campus to minimize the need to access restrooms. If you do need a restroom, the restrooms in the commons and the 2 restrooms next to the band room will be open for use. Before you enter the building, put on your mask, sanitize your hands, go directly to the restroom, wash/sanitize your hands, and return to your practice location. These restrooms will be on the school system's normal summer cleaning rotation and will be cleaned once per day.

Rain Plan: If rain occurs during a rehearsal, students will report to these areas with their Cohort groups. Put on mask and enter space quietly so directors can easily communicate instructions.

Woodwinds - Commons  
Visuals - Cafeteria  
Percussion - Band Room  
Brass - PAC

## What to Bring to Band Camp

Students must eat breakfast/dinner prior to coming to camp each day (avoid dairy)

Water Jug

Your instrument and all necessary parts

Sunscreen (apply before you arrive and reapply on campus)

Sunglasses or a hat

Light clothing (no jeans, still in dress code)

Tennis Shoes and Socks (no sandals or open toed shoes)

Pencil

Warm-Ups and copies of your halftime music (contact a director if you need a copy and are not able to print one out from charms)

Make sure your music is in a binder and you have binder clips, clothes pins etc in order to keep your music still during rehearsal

Percussion needs proper sticks and mallets for your instrument. Student will take their mallets and sticks home with them each day to insure that they do not share them with others. (Some mallets will be provided by the school.)

Hand sanitizer

Mask for times that you may be entering the building or could be within 6 feet of others.

A folding chair (or towel), umbrella, small battery-operated fan for shade breaks.

## Rehearsal Safety Rules

1. Do not touch anything that is not yours. No sharing of items.
2. No contact between individuals (hugs, hand shakes, fist bumps etc)
3. Practice social distancing of 6 feet.
4. No congregating before or after rehearsal.
5. All rehearsals are closed to nonparticipants.  
(Families can watch from inside their vehicle in a parking spot. Some rehearsal locations will be easier for this, but there will be no driving to the Partridge field allowed. Please note that we are limited in the number of volunteers that we can use during camp. Once those spots are clearly defined, we will be reaching out to fill these volunteer positions. If you volunteer and have a chance of coming within 6 feet of a student, you will be expected to wear a mask.)
6. Do not touch your face, eyes, or mouth with unclean hands.
7. Cover your mouth and nose with a tissue or elbow if you cough or sneeze.
8. Report symptoms of illness to a director immediately.



Partridge Field  
Brass AM  
Visuals PM

Perc. Parking

Percussion Field

OMHS

Brass  
Parking

Visuals  
Parking

WW Parking

WW Field

WW=Woodwinds

# 2020 Oak Mountain High School Band Camp

## Calendar UPDATED

| Date(s)           | Group           | What                                      | Time        |
|-------------------|-----------------|---|-------------|
| <b>PHASE 1</b>    |                 |   |             |
| Tues, July 21     | Leadership Team | Leadership Camp                           | 7 am -11 am |
| July 22-24-27-28  | Visual Ensemble | Opener/Closer Flag Work (partridge field) | 4 pm - 8 pm |
| July 22-24, 27-28 | All Percussion  | Percussion Parts (parking lot field)      | 7 am - 11am |
| July 22-24, 27-28 | Brass           | Music/Marching (Partridge Field)          | 7 am -11 am |
| July 22-24, 27-28 | Woodwinds       | Music/Marching (OMHS/OMIS field)          | 7 am-11 am  |
| <b>PHASE 2</b>    |                 |   |             |
| July 29-31        | Brass           | Drill (Partridge Field)                   | 7 am -11 am |
| July 29-31        | Woodwinds       | Drill (OMHS/OMIS field)                   | 7 am -11 am |
| July 29-31        | Percussion      | Drill (Parking lot field)                 | 7 am -11 am |
| July 29-31        | Visuals         | Drill (Partridge field)                   | 4-8 pm      |
| August 3-5        | Brass           | Drill (Partridge Field)                   | 7 am -11 am |
| August 3-5        | Woodwinds       | Drill (OMHS/OMIS field)                   | 7 am -11 am |
| August 3-5        | Percussion      | Drill (Parking lot field)                 | 7 am -11 am |
| August 3-5        | Visuals         | Drill (Partridge field)                   | 4-8 pm      |
| <b>PHASE 3</b>    |                 |   |             |
| August 6-7        | Full Band       | Drill/Music Partridge Field               | 4-8 pm      |
| August 10-11      | Full Band       | Drill/Music Partridge Field               | 4-8 pm      |

Information for all after school rehearsals will be shared as soon as we have more information about the school release schedule for OMHS.

## Covid-19 Screening Form

Take student's temperature. Does your student have a fever?

Have you had contact\* with a person with a confirmed case of COVID-19?

Have you had contact\* with a person with a suspected case of COVID-19?

**\*Contact is defined as less than 6 feet separation for more than 15 minutes without adequate personal protective equipment.**

Have you had a fever within the last 14 days?

Have you had a forceful dry cough or productive cough within the last 14 days?

Have you had difficulty breathing or shortness of breath within the last 14 days?

Have you had chills or repeated shaking with chill within the last 14 days?

Have you had new unexplained muscle pain within the last 14 days?

Have you had new or atypical headache for you within the last 14 days?

Have you had nausea, vomiting or diarrhea within the last 14 days?

Have you had a sore throat within the last 14 days?

Have you been tested for COVID-19 in the last 2 weeks?

(Preoperative screening is an exception)

No Have you had a recent sudden loss of taste or smell?

If your child answers YES to any of the above questions, keep him or her home and contact band directors immediately.