

Jaguar Band

General Information

Participation Expectations

A yearly band calendar is enclosed for use in planning your family schedule for the 2021-22 school year. **Each** band student is important to the success of our many activities. We **must** be able to count on 100% attendance at these performances. If a family emergency occurs unexpectedly, PARENTS please email the band office at tburke@mesquiteisd.org to relay that information. Occasionally, there may be family commitments (weddings, graduations, etc.); we will **try** to be flexible and work with you on an individual basis. This must be discussed in detail well in advance (a month or more!).

Student job commitments and various other appointments are **NOT** reasons for an excused absence from band performances or rehearsals! Many band students work and successfully participate in band. We suggest that all working band students take a copy of the “Yearly Band Calendar” to his/her employer and clear all band performances and rehearsals. Ninety-nine percent of employers are very understanding and are flexible **if** they know of band commitments well in advance, and they understand that band performances are a **required** and vital part of the course work.

Work with employers to clear the Thursday night rehearsals from 5:30 p.m. – 8:00 p.m. **These extra rehearsals do not last all year.** (We are glad to talk to employers to validate student commitment.) If a band student has an **unexcused** absence from a performance/required function, they are subject to immediate removal from the band performance program. Continued unexcused absences may result in immediate dismissal from the band program.

MESQUITE RODEO PARADE and GRADUATION BAND

Each year the Jaguar Band participates in the annual Mesquite Rodeo Parade, as well as the graduation ceremonies for John Horn High School. All members of the Jaguar Band are required to attend these performances. The Rodeo Parade date is set by the Mesquite Chamber of Commerce. It will be held April 7th in the AM. We will get additional information to you as we get closer to that event. Graduation will be on Saturday, June 4, 2022. Time TBA

We recognize that Graduation Band is a time-consuming process at the end of a long school year. However, we consider it the final act of honor and support to our band seniors and the JHHS graduating class. All students are expected to attend.

Students who miss graduation will receive a 30-point deduction from their A and B Day grades as well as be moved to the last band to begin the next school year. (Please understand that although these changes may not be seen on your final report card, they ARE reflected in your transcript.)

Occasionally students must miss graduation band for circumstances outside their control (i.e.—weddings, funerals, a close family member’s graduation in another portion of the state, etc). Mr. Burke will entertain **WRITTEN** requests [to miss graduation] from May 1st through May 15th each year. Requests must be made by the legal guardian and should include specific information regarding the conflict. Please understand that requests will be handled on an individual basis and that not all requests can be granted.