



# **WHITE PINE BANDS**

## **2024-2025 WPMS Beginning Band Application**

**Student Name:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Parent Name(s):** \_\_\_\_\_

**Parent Phone(s):** \_\_\_\_\_

**Parent's (Best) Email(s):** \_\_\_\_\_

**Student T-Shirt Size (Adult Unisex):** \_\_\_\_\_

Our middle school band program is competitive, and is currently one of the top programs in the State of Nevada. We are extremely proud of our students and their work, and we are looking forward to continued growth and opportunity.

A successful band program demands a high level of behavior, positivity, reliability, communication, and work ethic. Band students handle extremely expensive, delicate equipment on a daily basis and rely on each other for the entire group to be able to perform successfully. Band is academically rigorous. Band is teamwork.

These are traits that we both teach and expect of our Band students. Our goal is for band to enhance and the support the other academic classrooms, athletics, and organizations on our campuses. WPMS Band Students represent our school and are expected to demonstrate good Cougar Traits at all times.

# APPLICATION REQUIREMENTS

1. Fill out Page 1
2. Read Page 2 (This page)
3. Complete Classroom Teacher Recommendation (Page 3)
4. Complete Second Faculty Recommendation (Page 4)
5. Turn In Completed Application to your 5<sup>th</sup> Grade Teacher by 5/16!!!
6. Parent/Guard Attends Info Meeting on 5/21 at 6:30PM, at WPMS Band Room!

## REQUIREMENTS AFTER TURNING IN APPLICATION

\*These requirements must be met in order for a student to be enrolled in Band.

1. Parent/Guardian must attend the Band Info Meeting on 5/21 at 6:30PM in the WPMS Band Room. Enter through the back of school/Lyons Ave. Entrance.
  - The meeting goes over our Band Handbook, FAQs, how band works with athletics, explains instrument rentals/purchases, explains financial aid, and explains our Booster Organization. This is also when we will answer specific questions and meet our new band students/families!
  - If a parent cannot attend the meeting, they must email the directors to set up an individual meeting by no later than May 30th. Students will not be admitted to band without the directors speaking with the parents, in-person, first.
2. The band directors will complete “instrument testing” with each student. We will do this in late May, during the school day, at DEN and McGill. This information is used to guide student/parent in their instrument rental, and is necessary for WPMS to enroll them in the correct band class. Any homeschool students entering the program will need to email the directors to set up a testing appointment.
3. Students and Parents must sign and return a completed Band Handbook Contract to the Band Directors by May 30th. This can be done at the 5/21 Info Meeting, where we will go over our handbook.
4. Students must secure an acceptable instrument and accessories. Please do not purchase or rent an instrument without speaking with the directors first. The directors will provide easy options for purchase, rental, and need-based financial assistance at the 5/21 meeting or by appointment. Sub-standard equipment will not be allowed in the classroom because of its negative impact on student learning and instructional time. Please let the directors help guide you in obtaining quality, affordable equipment.
5. All students must complete a White Pine Middle School Code of Conduct Contract and complete a Drug Test at the beginning of the 2024-2025 School Year. Drug Tests will be completed during the first two weeks of school. Students cannot travel or participate in band without completing a drug test.

## **I. Classroom Teacher Recommendation:**

A 5<sup>th</sup> Grade Teacher may recommend any and all students in their class. This request for the recommendation should prompt a discussion about the student's effort, attitude, behavior, and their ability to work cooperatively with others.

I hereby recommend \_\_\_\_\_ for the White Pine Band Program.

Signed: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Please list a few reasons why you did or did not recommend this student:

## **II. Second Faculty Member Recommendation:**

A faculty member is an additional adult (other than the student's 5<sup>th</sup> grade teacher) who works in the school. This could be an administrator, past teacher, aid, counselor, coach, or any other school employee that has worked directly with the student. This faculty member should be able to provide witness as to the student's effort, attitude, behavior, and their ability to work cooperatively with others.

I hereby recommend \_\_\_\_\_ for the White Pine Band Program.

Signed: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Please list a few reasons why you did or did not recommend this student: