

**VALENCIA HIGH SCHOOL
TIGER REGIMENT**



**HANDBOOK
AND
SURVIVAL
GUIDE**

Valencia High School Tiger Regiment

Band, Colorguard, Jazz Bands, & Drumline

ORIENTATION HANDBOOK & SURVIVAL GUIDE

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BAND & COLORGUARD

BAND CAMP!

All Band & Colorguard **must attend** the band camp at Valencia High School for admission into the field show for the fall semester. The cost for band camp is included in your Tiger Regiment fair share donation, which is discussed later. Notify Mr. King of any band camp conflicts.

August 17-27 M-Sat. 1-4p Music & 5:30-9p Field Visual

- Bring a water jug
- A full-size notebook with page protectors (10) for your music
- A pencil for making music notes and for writing drill assignments
- A small handheld spiral notepad for writing drill assignments (known as your “dot book”)

Saturday, October. 3rd @ 7pm—Parent/Family Performance Night at Bradford Stadium

Note: Please make sure your schedules are free from any other activities during this important time. Try to memorize any music mailed to you prior to band camp. All members are required to attend every practice to maintain their active status in the program.

Tuesday Night Rehearsals

Beginning on the first day of school, all band and colorguard members are required to attend “Tuesday Night” rehearsals during the fall. This is the time when our marching instructors meet with the students to teach them their drill patterns. This is also the only time that the music staff hears the full ensemble in performance from the judges perspective (from the press box). So needless to say, this time is extremely important. All students must attend these weekly rehearsals. Students will begin and end at the stadium each Tuesday (rehearsals will take place at Bradford stadium). Rehearsal will promptly end at 9pm, it will take 15-20 minutes for students to return to the band room and put equipment away. Please be sure to pick up students promptly. Staff will not available to wait for students to be picked up after 9:30pm.

- Bring a water jug
- Pencil and a hand-size spiral notepad (known as a “dot book”)
- Tennis shoes or sneakers must be worn (no sandals, heels, boots, etc.)
- Bring a light jacket (it does get cool and damp at night)

P.E. Band/P.E. Banner Flag Rehearsal (P.E. Credit)

Each fall all band and colorguard members receive P.E. credit for their efforts during the “O” period class. This class officially begins at 6:42am and the students are given several minutes to acquire their equipment and get to the rehearsal field (adjacent to the bandroom). Roll call will be taken promptly at 6:50am. Students must be ready to go by this time or they will be marked absent (which may result in a detention, Saturday work, or dismissal from the program for repeat offenders). Tardies to “O” period will not be tolerated as our time during this class is VERY limited.

During the marching band season (1st Wednesday of the school year up through the first week of December) the students will be given all Wednesdays “OFF” during zero period. This free time allows students to make up any missed homework time from the previous nights’ rehearsal. **This is also the day for parents to schedule all medical/dental appointments** for their children. Do not schedule appointments during Tuesday night rehearsals or “O” period rehearsal on Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, and Friday.

TIGER REGIMENT REGISTRATION

Tiger Regiment Fair Share Donation \$500 (payable to “Valencia Instrumental Parents”)

ASB Card \$50 (payable to “Valencia HS” at registration)

Transportation Fees \$150 (payable to “Valencia HS” at registration)

In this packet you are provided with a “Sports Pre-Participation Assessment” Form (band & colorguard are considered a sport) that must be completed and turned into to Activities before your child is eligible to participate. The top portion of the Assessment form is to be completed by the parent and the Physical Examination portion is to be completed by a doctor. This is required of each and every member. If you have already completed this process as part of a sport you are involved in, you do not need to complete these forms again, but do have to pay for the band transportation fee. You may write one check to “Valencia HS” for the ASB card and transportation fees.

- If you have any questions on the activities packet, call Lisa Swearingen at 996-4970 x3241

The Activities office will be **closed** until August 17th, please make arrangements to take care of your activity clearance during that week between the hours of 8am and 1pm.

PLEASE READ: “Students who do not complete an activity clearance through the activities office on or before August 23rd will not participate with the Tiger Regiment until the clearance is made”. Obviously, if you are not present during band camp, the likelihood that you will ever perform with us is remote. Be prepared and get your paperwork in along with the necessary fees.

School Assemblies

Required of all members of the band throughout the fall. There are generally two or three assemblies that the band is asked to perform at. The jazz band(s) will perform at all spring assemblies.

FALL SEMESTER CLASSES/ACTIVITIES

“0” Period	P.E. Band	All woodwind, brass, and percussion players
“0” Period	P.E. Banner/Flag	All Colorguard members
1 st Period	Banner/Flag	All Colorguard members
1 st Period	Jazz I	*Advanced Jazz Musicians (audition only)
2 nd Period	Jazz II	All intermediate Jazz Band performers (audition only)
3 rd Period	Advanced Band	All musicians not in a Jazz Ensemble
7 th Period	Percussions	All percussion (drumline) members

*Advanced players are defined as those individuals who are exceptional instrumentalists who will seek to further their performance level through private instruction. Greater demand is placed on these individuals through the playing of advanced literature, practice expectations, and many performance commitments.

Football game performances	Disneyland	Community Performances
Parades	New Friends	School Performances
Field Competitions	Group activities	Fun, Fun, Fun

Following the 1st week of January the “0” P.E. Band class continues as Symphonic Band (Concert Band) for the remainder of the school year.

Spring Semester

All courses remain the same with the exception of the following:

“0” Period Concert Band All woodwind, brass, and percussion players

Concert Festivals	Winter Concert	Spring Concert
Senior Recitals	Area Music Concert	Community Performances
Graduation	Memorial Day ceremony	“Tiger Jam”

AdvPercussions-7th Period (“Winter Drumline”)

This group will rehearse during 7th period and 1 or 2 times after school hours. There will be some Saturday rehearsals to learn new drill and performances

Drum Competitions • Assemblies • “Tiger Jam”

Colorguard Ensemble

In the fall this group will rehearse during zero period on Tuesday and Friday and every 1st period. They will also rehearse after school from 3-6p on Mondays and Thursdays. The colorguard will join the band for Tuesday night rehearsals from 6-9pm. Two Saturday rehearsals in the Fall will be dedicated to learning new drill.

Spring schedule for the colorguard will be announced during the late fall.

Local Colorguard Shows Spring Show	School Assemblies “Tiger Jam”	WGI Regional
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Jazz Bands

The Jazz Ensemble #2 will rehearse every day during second period and Jazz Ensemble #1 every day during 1st period. These two groups meet year-round and have many performance opportunities. Students are highly encouraged to study privately.

Social Event/Gigs Awards Ceremonies Area Music Concert	Jazz Festivals Assemblies Solo Opportunities	“Tiger Jam” Guest Artist Concert Reno Jazz festival Trip
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Senior Recital Performance

Graduating students who have displayed advanced performance qualities may request a “Senior Recital” performance. These students are asked to perform one movement from a major musical piece or concerto. Students selected for this unique opportunity will perform at the Spring Concert in June. Students are responsible for acquiring their own accompanist.

Community Service

All students at Valencia High School are required to complete several hours of community service as part of their graduation requirement. Students who volunteer “extra” hours beyond

their assigned amount at Band and Colorguard events may be eligible for community service credit. See Mr. King for more information.

TIGER REGIMENT CLASS EXPECTATIONS

BANDS • COLORGUARD • DRUMLINE

TO: The students and Parents of the Tiger Regiment

FR: Mr. King, Band Director

There are many detailed procedures, rules, and guidelines needed to produce a successful and organized Performing Arts Program. Please read the following literature so that you may have a stronger sense of the expectations and policies set forth for my classes and the Valencia HS Tiger Regiment.

GRADES

All grades are based on **daily participation** (50%) and preparation (50%) of music (or equipment/movement preparation if you are in colorguard. Each missed performance will result in a 10% reduction from the “participation portion” of the grade (or one whole letter grade).

If a student learns all of their music or equipment work and attends rehearsals and performances regularly, they will receive an “A”. Good preparation and attendance are necessary components of teamwork, unity, and success. Be responsible and the entire group will benefit from your individual effort.

PARTICIPATION

School policy requires all students to maintain a 2.0 grade point average to remain eligible for all activities on campus. Band and colorguard are no exception to this policy. Make sure that you keep up with your homework and studies throughout the year so that you do not hurt the program by your removal. If you need extra assistance in a class, talk to your individual teachers or Mr. King and tutoring will be arranged.

All students are expected to attend the full duration of each practice and performance. Arriving late or leaving early diminishes the effectiveness of the rehearsal and performance experience and this is not acceptable.

During the fall all students are expected to ride the buses to each event. During the spring, parents are required to drive students to and from events. Therefore, it is imperative that parents get involved for the support and benefit of the students.

GENERAL INFORMATION

Rules and Expected Conduct for all Classes and Performers During School

1. **NO FOOD, DRINKS, or GUM IN THE MUSIC BUILDING !!!**
2. The music building is off-limits during lunch, 5th period, and 6th period.
3. No loud noise in the music foyer. This will disturb choral classes in session.
4. No gum chewing during any class or outdoor practice.
5. No playing of instruments outside of the band room or rehearsal field.
6. Student leaders are asked to assist in keeping the music building clean.
7. Do not leave personal belongings (purse, money, MP3 players, phones, etc.) in your instrument storage “cubby” or locker—they tend to disappear!
8. Close ALL latches on your instrument case prior to placing it in a “cubby”
9. If the director’s office door is closed—Please knock. If you receive no response, return at a later time unless you have an emergency.
10. Receive permission to use the office phone at all times. Keep all lockers, cubbies, and storage areas free of junk, food, and trash.
11. All students must notify the director AND attendance office for each absence. Because of the amount of material and information we disperse, students need to be responsible for what THEY miss.
12. All students must have a re-admit slip in order to return to a class following an absence or tardy. Get to the office early to receive your slip.
13. **NO TALKING AFTER “CUT-OFFS” or “HALTS” in a rehearsal.** This is the time for staff comments.
14. All competition music and routines must be memorized. This includes field music, parade music, Alma Mater, Star Spangled Banner, and our fight song
15. Students must attend every practice. Saturday rehearsals are treated as performances and any absence results in a 10% decrease in the “0” period grade.
16. Students placed on academic probation (dropping below a 2.0) are required to attend all rehearsals and will assume the role of a class “aide”.
17. During the marching band season there will not be “0” period rehearsals on Wednesday mornings. Plan doctor appointments and other personal obligations on these mornings.
18. **STUDENTS MAY NOT MAKE-UP TESTS FOR OTHER CLASSES DURING “0” or ANY OTHER MUSIC/COLORGUARD PERIOD.** An

absence is an absence. If you finish your work or test properly the first time, this will not be an issue. DO YOUR HOMEWORK!

ON THE BUS

Bus rides are meant for one primary purpose--to get us from point "A" to point "B" in a safe manner. Here are some guidelines for students to follow while riding a district or chartered bus:

1. Bus assignments will always be given prior to departure. Students will sign up for seating assignments in September. Roll will be taken for each trip from the seating list on each bus. Do not board a bus until you have been directed to do so by Mr. King.
2. The first two rows on each side of the bus are reserved for staff and parent chaperons.
3. **AT NO TIME CAN THERE BE LOUD TALKING, SHOUTING, OR SINGING ON A BUS!**
4. Students must ride on the bus they have been assigned to ride. (No switching buses on trips)
5. Remain in your seat facing forward, no hands out of the windows, and NO STANDING.
6. Food and drinks are strictly forbidden on the bus.
7. No drumming on the bus.
8. No spraying of hair products, cologne, perfume, deodorant, or similar items, on the bus.
9. Radios are not allowed on the bus at any time.
10. Personal music players, hand-held video games, etc. must have headphones.
11. Never leave the bus unless directed to do so by Mr. King, a chaperone, or the bus driver.
12. Follow all safety instructions each and every time we prepare to leave on a bus.
13. When a bus trip requires a clothing change, all students must wear shorts and their Tiger Regiment t-shirt underneath their primary clothing. This will insure that no student is improperly exposing themselves to others.
14. Be courteous to parent chaperons and follow their directions at all times.
15. The bus driver is the #1 authority on the bus, followed by the director, then the chaperons, and finally, the student leaders. Follow instructions at all times.

BASIC SCHOOL RULES

1. When you are with the band at any time or for any function, you are subject to all school rules, district policies, and local laws. Remember that you represent the Valencia HS Tiger Regiment, the school, and the City of Placentia. See your Valencia HS "Student Handbook" for a listing of school rules.
2. The use of cigarettes, drugs, and/or alcohol, is strictly forbidden. Any infraction will result in immediate removal from the Band & Colorguard program.
3. No tampering with the property of other students including: instruments, mouthpieces, books, reeds, stands, tuners, mutes, etc. You may not use another student's instrument without their prior consent. **No exceptions!**

UNIFORMS, SHOES, AND REHEARSAL ATTIRE

Marching Band Season - UNIFORMS

Uniforms are provided for both the band and colorguard members as part of the budget.

Marching Band Season - SHOES (responsibility of the individual student members):

- Colorguard members are responsible for purchasing their field and parade shoes. More details will be announced later by the staff when styles and color are determined.
- All **band** members are required to wear **black** “Dinkle” Vanguard marching shoes. These are available to purchase through the VIP boosters at band camp.
- Cost for a pair of “Dinkle” Vanguard marching shoes approx. \$37.
- Black socks must be worn with the black band shoes.

Rehearsal attire

Band Members—all members of the band are required to wear tennis shoes to all marching rehearsals. Sandals, boots, and bare feet are not acceptable. Members should wear clothing that is cool and allows them to move easily while they are marching. (White T shirts for day time rehearsals and Black T shirts for night time rehearsals)

Color guard—members must wear tennis shoes, sweats or workout clothes (no jeans or overalls), and hair must be up and out of the face.

**Hats, sunglasses, sunscreen, and water are highly recommended for rehearsals in hot conditions (which is most of the time).

PROPER WEARING OF A PERFORMANCE UNIFORM !!!

- The entire uniform must be zipped-up and worn completely at all times (unless otherwise instructed).
- Band hats must be worn properly at all times with the plume ALWAYS remaining in the upward position.
- Any damage or excessive soiling of a uniform, beyond normal circumstances, will be the financial responsibility of the member
- Uniforms must be hung properly after use to insure that they dry without wrinkling.

