



Handbook

2020-2021

Brian Coates, Band Director

Auxiliary Instructor

(Color Guard)

ATB Boosters, Inc.

Dear Students,

Welcome to the Alcovy Tiger Band (ATB) at Alcovy High School for the 2020-2021 school year! I could not be happier to have you here as a part of this year's program. Please take a few moments and read through the handbook for this year's program. Inside you will find our mission statement, course descriptions, and other valuable information pertaining to the band program that will aid you in the upcoming school year. Please refer back to this handbook if you have any questions regarding the ATB.

As a member of the ATB, you are not only representing this organization but the entire Alcovy High School family and Newton County School System. We must all do our part to represent our school and school district in a positive manner. The members of the ATB are some of the best students in the school and I expect nothing less from you in the classroom, on the field, in the stands, in the streets during parades, or wherever we perform. Discipline, hard work, dedication, and musicianship are the foundation of this band. We take what we do very seriously, which has led to the success that we are experiencing today. I challenge you to push yourself to help make this group even better than before.

ATB's main goal is to create well-rounded individuals who are prepared to enter into college or the workforce. Participation in this band will develop intangible skills such as teamwork, adaptability, leadership, time management, optimism, perseverance, and dependability. These soft skills are vital to being successful upon graduating high school and being in marching band cultivates these skills better than any other school organization.

I look forward to seeing you join our ATB family as we live, learn, and grow as students, musicians, and leaders.

Brian Coates
Band Director
Alcovy High School

Dear Parents,

Thank you for entrusting us with your student. I would highly encourage you and your student to go over this handbook together and understand that this organization requires a great deal of dedication. In order for this band to truly be successful, the students must be at all rehearsals, games, concerts, competitions, and all other performances. When we have missing components, the group suffers. It is equally important for you to encourage your student to practice at home. The more they practice, the better the whole band gets.

You, too, play a critical part in this band program. With your help and support, we can help our students achieve even more. I would like to ask you for your help by volunteering your time and services where needed. You can help us by working the concession stand during home football games, chaperoning football games, trips (including parades), competitions, or helping at other functions outside of marching band.

I look forward to working with you and your student throughout the year.

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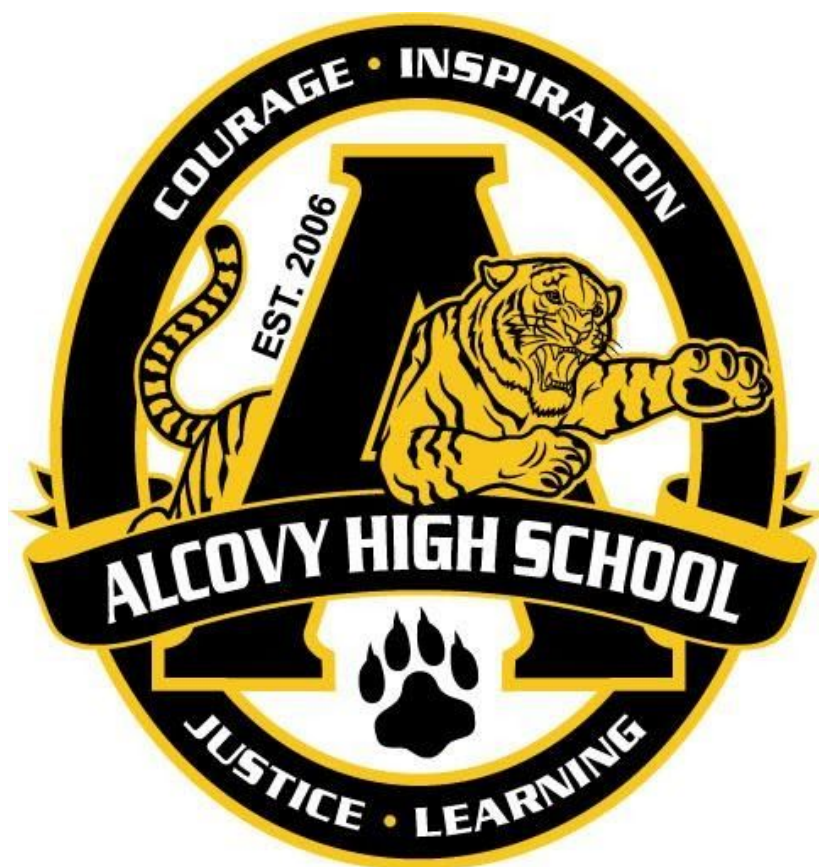
Alcovy Bands



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Mission Statement

The mission of the Alcovy Band program is to provide students with the opportunity to experience musical performance at a high level within a structured and disciplined environment. We strive to offer a comprehensive instrumental music program that presents students with multiple ways to encounter musical performance through a wide variety of bands and ensembles. Ultimately, students in the Alcovy Band program will be able to compete with other students in Newton county, GMEA District IV, the state of Georgia, and the nation.





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Classical Bands	Athletic Bands	Commercial Bands
<p>Wind Ensemble A select group of the finest wind players and percussionists from the Alcovy Band program. The Wind Ensemble performs Grade 5 and 6 band literature and participates in GMEA LGPE yearly.</p> <p>Symphonic Band An intermediate level classical band that performs Grade 5 band literature and participates in GMEA LGPE yearly.</p> <p>Concert Band Focuses on developing the fundamental skills needed to be successful in either Symphonic Band or Wind Ensemble. Concert Band performs Grade 4 and 5 band literature and participates in GMEA LGPE yearly.</p> <p>Chamber Ensembles* Small groups of the most exceptional musicians from the classical bands. Examples are brass quintet, woodwind quintet, saxophone quartet, etc.</p> <p>Percussion Ensemble* Small group consisting of only percussion instruments (drums). Gives students an opportunity to learn a variety of instruments they will be required to play in All-State and college auditions.</p>	<p>Alcovy Tiger Band (Marching Band) Performs at all Alcovy football games, as well as marching band competitions, battle of the bands, and parades. Participants must attend mandatory fundamentals camp and band camp during the summer.</p> <p>Alcovy Pep Band* Performs at most Alcovy varsity boys and girls basketball home games. Comprised primarily of marching band members but open for auditions for non-members.</p>	<p>Jazz Band I* Top performing jazz band that performs challenging music from the standard jazz repertoire. Improvisational skills are developed.</p> <p>Jazz Band II Beginning jazz band that introduces the concepts of swing, syncopation, and improvisation. Basic music from the standard jazz repertoire is performed.</p> <p>Jazz Combo* Small group of the most exceptional musicians from the jazz bands. Focuses on jazz performance practices and performs jazz standards as well as some popular music.</p>

* This band/ensemble may be called upon to perform at various school and/or county academic and social events

COMMUNICATION

Band:

Brian Coates, Director
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Auxiliary (Color Guard):

Instructor

ATB Boosters, Inc.:

2019-2020 Executive Board

Patricia Dunn – President

– Vice President

Nicole Edwards – 2nd Vice President

Secretary

Treasurer

Booster email is atbboostersinc@yahoo.com

Website ATBboostersInc.weebly.com

sign up for "Remind":

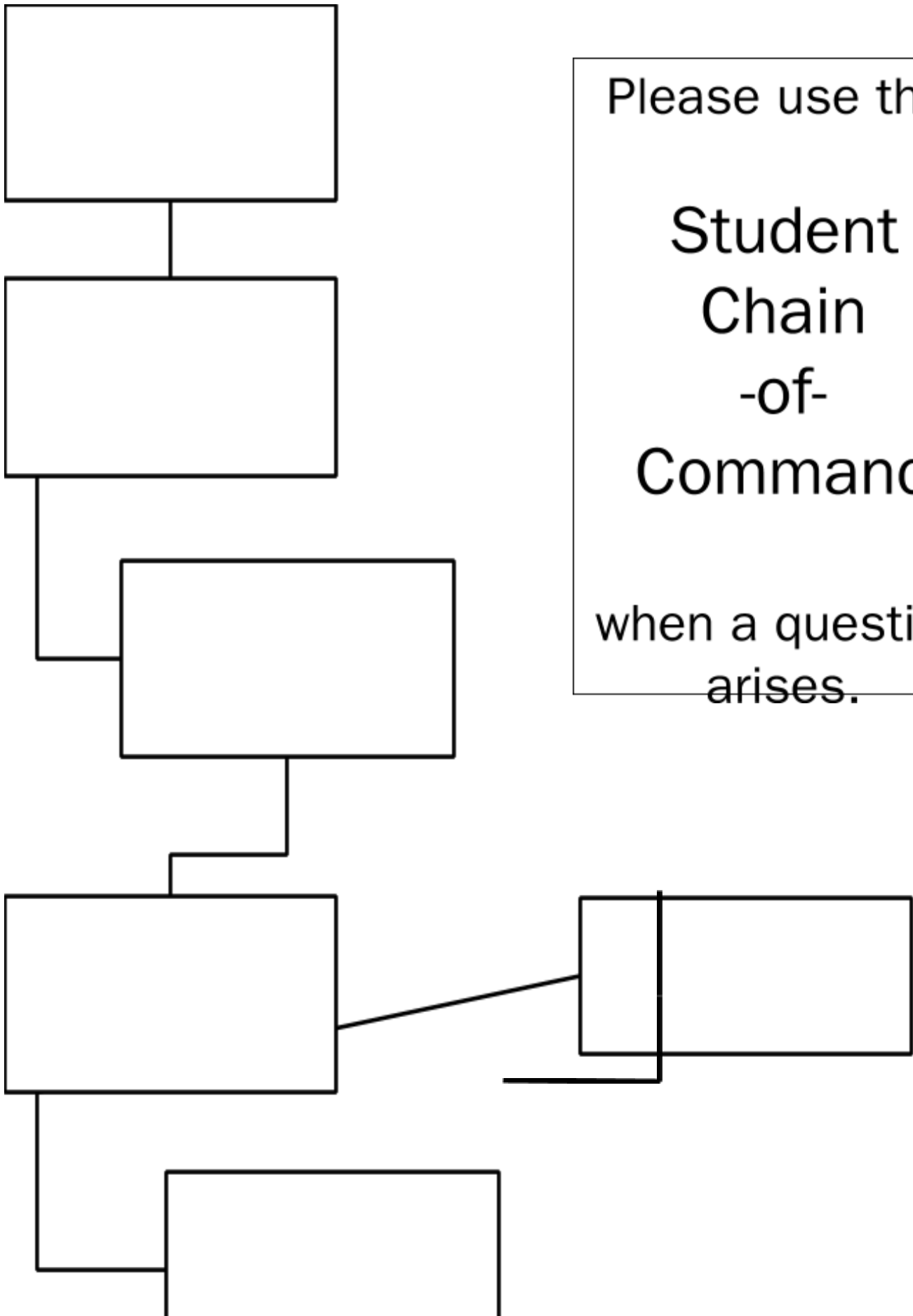
text @atbboo to 404-620-3328

OR

send an email to atbboo@mail.remind.com

Charms - charmsoffice.com

School Code - atbboo PW - Your child's first and last initial and DOB (JDmmdyy)



Please use this
**Student
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when a question
arises.

GENERAL CALENDAR OF EVENTS

The following dates should be reserved and attendance is required. Other performance dates will be scheduled throughout the year as it is difficult to anticipate all potential performances throughout the year.

July 20 - 24	8:00 – 6:00	Full Band (Mandatory for ALL MEMBERS)
July 27 - 31	8:00 – 6:00	Full Band (Mandatory for ALL MEMBERS)

- After school rehearsals will be scheduled for **Monday, Tuesdays & Thursdays 3:30-6:30 pm.**
- Regular after school rehearsals will begin **August 10.**
- Some Saturday rehearsals may be called when a competition or other events approach.
- **Please clear ALL Saturdays during the months of September and October until a detailed competition schedule is released.**
- The football schedule will be sent home when the Athletic Department completes and publishes it. It can also be found on the GHSA website (<https://www.ghsa.net/football>).
- Other performances include: Fall Concert in October, Winter Concert, Christmas Parade, LGPE in March, Spring Concert, Graduation in May

These performance dates are required. Other **REQUIRED** performance dates such as parades may be announced at any time during the school year. **Performance attendance is expected and required.**

FINANCIAL OBLIGATIONS

To be eligible to join the ATB for the current year, you must be up to date with ***all*** previous fees and monies due. All monies received will be applied to any past balances due before being applied to current year fees.

Marching Band Fees:

Suggested Band fee payment schedule (\$200) New/Returning band members: Include base band fee** (including show shirt in first year) **All Fees must be paid by Aug. 31 2020**

\$25.00	July 13, 2020	\$25.00	Aug 10, 2020
\$25.00	July 20, 2020	\$25.00	Aug 17, 2020
\$25.00	July 27, 2020	\$25.00	Aug 24, 2020
\$25.00	Aug 3, 2020	\$25.00	Aug 31, 2020

This Fee includes but is not limited to: Staff (band camp and regular season), event registrations (Parades, Festivals, Battle of the Bands, etc), concession food and equipment, uniform cleaning and maintenance, bus transportation and awards.

Replacement cost detailed below for students(student will receive show shirt in their first year):

Shirt	\$15.00
Shorts	\$20.00
Bag	\$40.00
Shoes	\$60.00

Color Guard members will pay for the purchase of the uniform that is chosen for the current year including shoes, necessary alterations and any other accessories (approximately \$250) **plus** a general band fee of \$200. **The guard uniform must be paid for in full before it is ordered.** At least \$200 needs to be paid for uniforms by July 31, 2020 in order to purchase the uniforms in time. The general band fee must be paid by August 31, 2020.

ALL INITIAL FEES AND PAYMENTS FOR ADDITIONAL ITEMS MUST BE PAID BY AUG. 31, 2020

*****REMINDER...NO REFUNDS WILL BE GIVEN FOR ANY REASON*****

Concert/Symphonic/Jazz Band Fees:

Mandatory Band Uniforms are \$70 and will be due **September 4, 2020**

Please make your payments payable to: ATB BOOSTERS, INC - (NSF checks will incur a \$35 fee)

Mail Payments to: ATB Boosters, Inc., P.O. Box 868, Porterdale, GA 30070 or placed in the Booster mail box located in the band room. CASH WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED, only checks or money orders. Payments dropped into the band mail box must be in an envelope with the student's name, amount enclosed and what the fees are for (i.e. fees, fundraiser, trip, etc.) **ATB Boosters, Inc or The Band Director are not liable for lost cash payments.**

Band Fees are collected to help cover costs incurred for band expenses are required regardless of the time of entry or exit of the program and are **NON-REFUNDABLE**. The fees include, but are not limited to, outside instructors and clinicians, camp staff, music, copyright fees, drill, all contest registration fees, judges fees, band shirt, use of uniforms, student meals and other activities and expenses throughout the band season.

***The marching Band uniform (bibbers, jackets, hats, gauntlets and plumes) are property of ATB BOOSTERS INC. and must remain at school.**

Failure to pay the above fees by their assigned deadlines will result in the student not being allowed to participate in certain band program events for the remainder of the current year and not being able to letter in band.

School Fines

Students will be charged school fines for:

- lost or damaged music (Our Textbook)
- damage to uniform
- damage to any school owned instrument assigned to them (percussion will share cost unless instrument is specifically assigned to someone)
- drum heads/sticks/mallets beyond their allocated amount
- reeds or mouthpieces
- uniform/equipment parts purchased by the school (i.e. bibbers, etc.)
- school owned equipment/instruments not returned in the same condition
- abuse/ failure to return any school owned equipment/instrument

Any school fees not paid are eligible for collection procedures as assigned by Alcovy High School.

Fines are assessed at an amount considered to be fair as deemed by the Director. All fines are at the sole discretion of the band director and are **non-negotiable**.

*At times the financial obligation may be heavy, financial assistance is available. Any parent who wishes to receive financial assistance based on hardships **must** complete and sign a Financial Assistance Form, found on our website or available upon request from the boosters, and submit to ATB Boosters, Inc. All information will be **KEPT STRICTLY CONFIDENTIAL**. Note: those financial assistance agreements that are not signed and returned or those that do not satisfactorily complete the terms as agreed will be termed null and void. Voided agreements with outstanding sums due will be forwarded to the front office for collection. **NO EXCEPTIONS.***

BOOSTER'S RESPONSIBILITY TO THE BAND

ATB Boosters Inc. officers are voted into office by parents/guardians of band/auxiliary members in good standing. It is the responsibility of members of the ATB Boosters, Inc. to **coordinate** the operations of the Alcovy band, including but not limited to : finances, events, concessions, fundraising and assisting the band director as needed. It is the goal of the boosters to encourage every parent to be an active part of the Alcovy band program. While our students become a family, it is the goal of the boosters that the parents also become a part of this family. There are many opportunities available to volunteer and become an active member of the Alcovy band program. The boosters will encourage parents/guardians to participate in concessions, chaperone, fundraising, party setup, run for office, etc.

PARENTS' RESPONSIBILITY TO THE BAND

It is the responsibility of every parent and guardian to see that the policies outlined in the HANDBOOK are followed and that all forms are signed and returned. This states that you **UNDERSTAND** the policies as set within, and that any questions are to be directed to the band director by making an appointment. Each parent is responsible for the attendance of their child at all band functions. It is the responsibility of each parent to see that their child practices his/her instrument daily. Practicing their instrument is their daily homework.

We ask that a parent or guardian of each student volunteers with the ATB Boosters, Inc. at least once each season by working in the concession stand and/or chaperoning. Credits will be earned for these activities and will only be used to offset student band fees due for the current or subsequent year, All-State fees or other fees

associated with the band program. Credits will not be used to cover unpaid fines. Unused credits will be forfeited to the band upon a student's departure from the band program. Credits may be earned by any family member (must be age 12+) that volunteers with the ATB Boosters and credited in the following manner:

- \$5 Stocking Concession Stand prior to home games
- \$5 Chaperones for fundraisers/trips etc. **Chaperones must ride the band bus and remain with the band at all times in order to receive this credit. No one under age 21 is allowed to chaperone.**
- \$10 Concessions worker. **Volunteers must work their entire assigned shift to receive credit.**
- \$15 Fryer Duty. **Volunteers must work their entire assigned shift to receive credit.**

When a "band question" arises, please check the booster website (atbboostersinc.weebly.com). If you don't find your answer there you may contact the director or boosters at the email addresses listed on the front of this handbook. ***Please refrain from discussing band or personal business on social media.***

- Show an interest in the music study of your child.
- Arrange a regular time for your child to practice.
- Stay current on money owed and turn it in on time.
- Keep the instrument in good repair and keep at least three reeds in the case; get a metronome/tuner.
- Be extra-careful with school-owned instruments. Repair costs are high, and may be charged to you for damages incurred while it is in your care.
- Teach your child to be prepared and on time to rehearsals and performances.
- Make faithful attendance at all band activities important.
- Keep the Handbook in a safe place and refer to it often.
- Notify the teacher ahead of time if the student is to be absent for rehearsals or performances (this does not guarantee an excused absence).
- Attend booster meetings, concerts, games, and contests.
- Turn in fundraising money on time.

STUDENTS' RESPONSIBILITY TO THE BAND

- **Be on time to all rehearsals and performances. EARLY IS ON TIME-ON TIME IS LATE. Call time is your report time and will be set a minimum of 30 minutes prior to a rehearsal or performance.**
- Upon entering the rehearsal setting, acquire your instrument and go directly to your seat.
- When the director or staff member steps on or in front of the podium or asks for your attention, all talking should cease.
- Come to rehearsal with a GOOD ATTITUDE. Don't let your attitude get in the way of your ability.
- There is no playing (i.e. horsing around on the instrument); only good solid material.
- Make a real effort to improve on a daily basis and establish a good practice routine.
- At the end of rehearsal put all materials in their proper place including putting your instrument away in the case and keep up with your music.
- Maintain a strong academic standing in all course work.
- Become responsible for and assume responsibility for your own actions. Admit when you are wrong.
- Have a respect for yourself and those in authority.
- Read and play music with insight and expression-have musical expectations.

As members of this organization, you have a great deal of responsibility. It is essential to any program that if certain expectations are to be met that they coordinate with the privileges, rewards, and duties of the band program. **By being a part of the group, you are asked to conform to the group. While performing or in uniform, you are no longer an individual, but part of an identical, cooperative group.**

STUDENT'S RESPONSIBILITY TO EACH OTHER

We must always do what is best for the WELFARE of the group. There can be no selfish acts solely for the benefit of the individual, but for all. Respect each other. If there are conflicts, find a way to resolve them. Never insult a band member's integrity. The word "band" means that we are banded together and there is no separation.

ATTENDANCE POLICY

THE ONLY EXCUSABLE ABSENCES ARE PRE-ARRANGED * SCHOOL CONFLICTS AND THOSE THAT WOULD BE EXCUSED BY THE SCHOOL FOR REGULAR ATTENDANCE RECORDS.

EXCUSABLE ABSENCES ARE AS FOLLOWS:

- Death in the family.
- Illness or severe injury.
- Sudden unexpected circumstances that are beyond the control of parents or guardians.

*Example: a school conflict may be a club or varsity sport. The final judgment is in the hands of the Director of Bands.

Please try to schedule ACT/SAT Testing around the band schedule when possible

Some things are never considered excused absences:

- Work
- Doctor appointments (If the Band Director is not notified ahead of time)
- School suspension

If you miss 2 (two) or more rehearsals in a single week leading up to a performance, and/or miss a Thursday rehearsal, you will be **required** to attend the performance but will not be allowed to perform with the band.

If you are at school you are expected to be at any band event or rehearsal for that day (Friday for the weekends).

If you are absent from school you still need to notify the Band Secretary the day you return to school or they may become unexcused. This is solely the responsibility of the student to follow up and maintain correct attendance records.

If you know in advance you are going to miss a rehearsal, a signed parent note detailing the need for the absence must be turned in prior to the absence. All absence notes **MUST** have a parent or guardian signature to be considered excused. Turning in a note does not guarantee an excused absence.

Any absences without a turned in & signed absence form 5 days after your return to school will be marked unexcused.

Unexcused absences:

Unexcused absences can result in forfeiture of the 3rd quarter break. This is at the sole discretion of the Director of Bands.

Lost time from marching band:

Students will make up lost time at the discretion of the Band Director.

CONFLICTS WITH BAND

Conflicts between band and other activities or events are the responsibility of the student. Rehearsal and performance schedules are given out in advance, so that arrangements can be made. Students should not become involved with activities that may directly conflict with band activities. When outside activities create hardships concerning band, unless it is a rare and unusual situation that may only happen once, the student will need to consult with the director about alternatives that may be possible. Students should have a CALENDAR and be aware of all band dates well ahead of schedule. It is the policy of the band to assist students when conflicts occur within the scope of the band policy. Students are reminded that band is a very demanding activity and that involvement in outside activities should be limited to those that are compatible with the band schedule. If participating in marching band, it needs to be your primary focus during that time. Every performance of the marching band requires your position to be filled to make it work. All conflicts in regards to PERFORMANCES must be worked out in favor of the student's responsibility to band.

LETTERING

Alcovy High School recognizes the Alcovy Tiger Band as a Varsity sport. A student may meet the requirements of receiving a letter or bar by achieving the following accomplishments:

- Full payment of all band fees, fines and miscellaneous expenses
- No more than 2 unexcused rehearsal absences during a marching season
- No unexcused performance during a marching season
- No other missed venues as designated by the director

Decisions for eligibility for receiving letters/bars is solely up the band Director.

USE OF BAND FACILITY

DO NOT BRING FOOD OR DRINKS OTHER THAN WATER INTO THE BAND ROOM. IT ATTRACTS RATS AND ROACHES! Only sealed drinks and food can be brought into the instrument room for storage. ALL FOOD AND DRINKS MUST LEAVE THE SCHOOL WHEN YOU DO! Any food or drink items will be thrown away daily. Band room should be picked up daily after each rehearsal and/or performance. All trash and personal items should be removed and chairs and stands placed in their designated areas.

BAND ROOM

The use of band facilities before, after, and during school is a privilege. Students who abuse the facility will be disciplined accordingly. Any abuse or damage will be considered vandalism. NO OUTSIDE STUDENTS ARE

PERMITTED IN THE BAND ROOM except for business with the director. There will be no horseplay (i.e. throwing of things in or around the band room and aggressive interaction). All percussion and guard equipment is off limits to anyone not specifically designated to use them at any time. No storing of personal items. When you leave your stuff leaves.—THE BAND ROOM IS NOT A LOCKER!

STORAGE ROOMS

Storage rooms are to be used for storing school and personal band equipment and must be kept neat and clean. Only use the locker that is assigned to you.

RESTROOMS

Students should take care of all restroom needs **BEFORE** a rehearsal begins. In the event of an emergency, a student may be cleared by their section leader for permission to use the restroom. If there is a specific medical issue, students and their parents should make the director aware of those ahead of time.

BAND OFFICE

The band office is private and is not to be entered by any student without permission from the director or a staff member. All students should remember that this is a place of business. If it is locked or the door is closed knock first and wait for a response.

MUSIC LIBRARY

The music library is private and should only be used by the Director, Staff, Band Secretary, or other designated leadership. Materials such as solo, ensemble, and method books may be checked out through the director.

BAND ROOM PHONE

The band room phone is limited and should not be for personal use. Rides for scheduled rehearsals should be made ahead of time. You may call for rides after an extended activity that has a variable return time.

MARCHING BAND RULES AND PROCEDURES

Tied lace-up shoes and socks must be worn at all times for outside practices. **NO FLIP FLOPS, SANDALS OR SLIDES WILL BE PERMITTED OUTSIDE!**

Hats, sunglasses, and sunscreen are recommended for all daytime outside rehearsals.

Water will be provided but, *please bring your own reusable water bottle.*

Dress for weather and wear cooler comfortable clothes for the summer band camp and after school practices.

Stretching & jogging are ways of warming up our bodies before we rehearse. We always do this as a group and you're expected to participate unless you have a medical note excusing you. (Remember, we are considered to be a Varsity sport!)

Respect authority and others, including their personal property.

All apparel worn at all band rehearsals and events must be in good taste and in accordance to the school dress code. The following attire is INAPPROPRIATE and must not be worn at any time:

- Clothing which advertises, suggests or displays any insignia of alcohol, illegal drugs or tobacco.
- Clothing with obscene, vulgar, or suggestive language or design.
- Clothing with words or symbols, such as pictures and emblems, which advocate violence and /or terrorism.
- Clothing with signs, symbols, drawings, or writings which show allegiance, affiliation, or reference to any non-sanctioned group.
- Colors, bandannas, articles of clothing or paraphernalia which promote or identify with a non-sanctioned group.
- Sunglasses, caps, hats and other head coverings such as bandannas and hoods worn inside the school building.
- Clothing that exposes or accentuates the torso while standing or sitting, such as spandex pants, see-through garments, uncovered leggings, yoga pants, halter tops, spaghetti straps, backless dresses, tube tops, muscle shirts, bare midriff outfits, or shirts or blouses that are tied at, or may rise above, the waist.
- Garments with holes that expose undergarments or significant amounts of flesh above the knee.
- Shorts, dresses and shirts which stop less than fingertip length when worn properly around the waist and when standing upright. Splits in skirts should follow the "fingertip rule."
- Tank tops.
- Sleep wear including, but not limited to: pajamas, gowns, bathrobes, slippers, blankets, etc.

Additionally, shirts are to be worn at all times. Students should wear loose fitting, light colored clothing to all rehearsals to minimize sun exposure and to aid in keeping cool.

All school rules and policies will be enforced at all times.

During football games students are expected to stay in the band section of the stands. Students may leave the stands only with a staff member's permission.

Drum Majors are the only people to conduct the band unless specific instruction is given by the Band Director.

Treat all property and equipment with respect. Do not damage property or equipment.

If you are not assigned to play it, do not touch it unless instructed by the Band Director or staff member.

Be respectful and courteous at all times.

Absolutely NO OUTSIDERS sitting in the band area at football games or while still in uniform at competitions. There will be time to visit with family and friends after rehearsals and performances. Any visitors violating this rule will be asked to leave the area.

Music will be issued to the students. They are responsible for the return of the music at the end of the marching season. Any unreturned music will be charged to the student's school account. Music is our textbooks.

Band members are required to stand at attention for the National Anthem and will remain silent.

Respond quickly to the Director's, staff's, or officer's commands.

At football games, have instruments ready to play at a second's notice. **Everyone performs at all times.**

No food or drink in the band area of the stands. Parents please understand that you cannot bring the students food or drink unless it is during a break. We will always have water available.

Cell Phones are not to be seen during rehearsals or performances. You may only use your cell phone in the stands during designated breaks.

Personal devices and music must be kept at a minimum volume level. Earbuds, headphones, etc. are strongly encouraged. No music shall be played loud enough for others to hear.

No obscene or vulgar language is to be used at ANY time. Repeated warnings will result in dismissal from the band.

UNIFORM RULES, GUIDELINES & PROCEDURES

Students will be responsible for all uniform parts issued to them – including hangers.

Students must return all school issued uniform parts. Failure to follow this policy will result in a fine being placed in your name in the office.

Band members must wear their ***show shirt*** under their uniform at all football games.

Flutes and Clarinets are the only instrument to wear cut gloves. All other instruments will wear regular gloves.

A band/guard member must respect his/her uniform and wear it properly at all times with PRIDE.

A band member will wear no exposed jewelry and grills while in uniform or anything the director deems inappropriate. (sunglasses, bandanas, etc.)

We should take pride in our appearance at all times. Your appearance reflects the quality of the Alcovy Tiger Band and our school. Dress and grooming are personal matters and should be suitable to the occasion. Always take pride in the way you look. Always maintain proper decorum while in uniform (full or in part).

No public displays of affection while in uniform (full or in part), or at any band practice or function. This includes holding hands, hugging etc. Remember you ARE the representatives of Alcovy High School.

Only athletic shorts must be worn under band bibbers. NO JEANS may be worn and no shorts with buttons, snaps or other adornment may be worn. For colder games, athletic pants may be worn under bibbers.

The auxiliary will wear only what is designated by the color guard/dance instructor.

All hair must be worn to fit under the hat and not touch the collar or as designated by the director.

No glitter or excessive makeup while in uniform (Auxiliary is the exception if it is designated by their instructor). This includes face painting unless approved by the director or guard instructor. Any face painting or adornments must be worn by all members of the band or none at all.

Uniforms will be stored in the uniform room with the exception of shoes, socks and gloves.

All personal equipment should be clearly labeled with the student's name.

Students will wear either part or full uniform as requested and when requested by the Director.

Marching band uniform consists of athletic shorts, current year's show shirt, bibbers, jacket, official marching shoes, black gloves, hat, gauntlets and plumes. You must wear long solid black socks with your official marching shoes. The band director will inform you if the shakos, gauntlets and plumes will be worn and if gloves (only your black marching band gloves) are to be worn.

The casual and summer uniform will consist of the band polo black socks, athletic shoes, and jeans or khaki pants or shorts. Show shirts may be worn at times as well. The band director will announce the proper uniform prior to any performance.

Official Concert band attire consists of the following: Girls – floor length black dress (hemmed appropriately), and flat black shoes. No flip flops, sandals or slides are allowed and no jewelry with the exception of small stud or hoop earrings. Men – black dress slacks, black belt, black dress or marching shoes, long black socks, black long sleeve dress shirt and black tie. **Students without the official uniform in full will not be allowed to perform with the band and their grade will be affected.**

While in uniform you are wearing a walking billboard for ATB, Alcovy High School, & the Newton County Schools.

DISCIPLINE

It is a simple fact there have been relatively few discipline problems in this organization. When you become a member of this band, you do so knowing your obligations and our excellent reputation. It is now your responsibility not only to maintain this reputation, but also raise it to a higher notch.

The pride of this band is built on self-discipline, genuine respect for other people, hard work and high standards of personal conduct and performance. Please think seriously about the fact that you will be treated like a mature, responsible person and you are expected to always act like one. You will be held accountable for your own actions.

As a representative of Alcovy High School, the Band must adhere to all Newton County School's Policies, Rules and Regulations. We should all be familiar with these as they are distributed to all students at the beginning of each school year.

These Policies, Rules and Regulations will be in effect at all scheduled band activities, Examples of disciplinary options contained under each level of misbehavior will be interpreted by the director, staff, and administrators whenever necessary.

Disrespect of a staff member, parent volunteer or fellow student will not be tolerated and will result in disciplinary action.

Students are to remain in designated areas during ALL scheduled band activities. Any departures or absences, without prior permission from the band director, are grounds for dismissal from the organization. Consequences for misbehavior may include, but are not limited to: cleaning the band room and storage areas, cleaning instruments, moving larger percussion instruments to and from practice areas, and sitting out of a performance.

A Three Strike Policy will be enforced for anyone who presents a discipline problem.

Parents will be notified after the 2nd Strike. After the 3rd Strike, the student will be dismissed from the organization.

TRAVEL AND COMPETITION RULES, GUIDELINES & REGULATIONS

All policies of Alcovy High School and the Newton County School System will be enforced.

Students *must* travel to and from each event with the band. Special consideration may be given in extreme or unexpected circumstances and is at the discretion of the Director. If circumstances permit, students and parents/guardians must abide by all the regulations set forth in the Alternate Transportation Plan.

Only band members and band parents/guardians or other chaperones are permitted to travel with the band. While in the stands, the band will be seated in a band block with band personnel only. Chaperones are to be seated around the band. No other people are allowed to be in or around the band block at any time.

Chaperones must be 21 years old or older and approved by the band director.

Chaperones may reassign seats on the bus if need be.

Band members will demonstrate proper respect to the Director, staff, chaperones, bus drivers, and other band members at all times.

Students must remain seated while the bus is enroute, not just when moving.

Students will not place body parts or objects out of the windows.

Noise will be kept at moderate levels. Students will be called to "All Quiet" when crossing railroad tracks and during other critical travel times.

Personal items are taken on trips and left on the buses at the student's own risk. The Band, the Director, the staff, the band parents, the booster club, the school, nor the school district will be held responsible for items that might become lost, damaged, or stolen.

If it can't fit in your band bag, then you don't bring it into the stadium.

Students are responsible for the cleanliness of their bus seats.

Use the 3 rules of travel when departing a bus at the end of any trip:

- Always pickup any trash in your area (Make the bus cleaner then you found it)
- Put up your window
- Thank your bus driver for getting you to your destination and home safely.

Every attempt will be made to contact parents through Remind and Facebook of our departure time and estimated return time to AHS when traveling to away games and performances. Please sign up for "Remind" by texting @atbboo to (404) 620-3328 or by sending an email to atbboo@mail.remind.com.

Please fill out the following 6 forms and submit them to the ATB Boosters, Inc., along with your first scheduled band fee payment no later than:

July 20, 2020 for marching band students

September 4, 2020 for concert/symphonic/jazz band students.

This will act as your intent to join the Alcovy Tiger Bands for the 2020 – 2021 school year. Forms may be placed in the booster box in the band room at Alcovy High School or mailed to:

**ATB Boosters, Inc.
P.O. Box 868
Porterdale, GA 30070**

Please DO NOT turn any ATB forms or money into your middle school band director or school office.

ALCOVY TIGER BAND

NAME _____ GRADE IN 2020/2021 _____
BIRTHDATE _____ RETURNING OR NEW _____ MALE OR FEMALE _____
INSTRUMENT: MARCHING _____ CONCERT _____
T-SHIRT SIZE _____ SHORTS SIZE _____ SHOE SIZE _____
ADDRESS _____ CITY/ZIP _____
STUDENT EMAIL _____ STUDENT CELL _____
PARENT 1 NAME _____ PHONE NUMBER _____
EMAIL _____ ALT NUMBER _____
PARENT 2 NAME _____ PHONE NUMBER _____
EMAIL _____ ALT NUMBER _____

RECURRING FIELD TRIP PERMISSION

I grant my child, _____ to go on trips associated with the Alcovy Tiger Band. I relieve the school, the area county boards, the administrators, band director and chaperones of liability for any accidents or injuries that may occur.

Print Parent/Guardian Name Signature of Parent/Guardian Date / /

Band Contract

I, the undersigned student, accept membership in the Alcovy Tiger Band and understand that I am responsible for all the policies as set forth in the Band Handbook including its reading with my parents. I fully agree to carry out my responsibilities to the very best of my ability.

Print Student Name Signature of Student Date / /

I, the undersigned parent or guardian, have read the policies set forth in the Band Handbook. I understand that I am responsible for all the policies as set forth in the Band Handbook. I also grant full permission for my child to be an active member of the Alcovy Tiger Bands. In addition, my child has full permission to attend all band functions. Furthermore, I understand that I must meet all financial obligations.

Print Parent/Guardian Name Signature of Parent/Guardian Date / /

Please check all of the following medical which apply either past or present:

	Epilepsy		Hepatitis		Seizures
	Appendicitis		Tendency to Faint		Stomach or Ulcers
	Colitis		Hearing Defect		Frequent/Severe Headaches
	Hernia		Frequent Earaches		Sudden Weight Change
	Glasses or Contacts		Eating Disorder		Serious Eye Injury
	Speech Difficulty		Tumors/Growth		Kidney/Bladder Problems
	Sinus Problem		Broken Bones		Asthma
	Knee Problems		Shortness of Breath		Foot Trouble
	Heart Murmur		Chronic Skin Disease		Recurring or Chronic Cough
	Heart Disease		Skin Allergy		Arthritis or Joint Problems
	High Blood Pressure		Mumps		Anemia
	Measles		Jaundice		Nervous or Emotional
	Mononucleosis		Hyperventilation		Heat Sensitivity
	Diabetes		Other (Define)		Other Allergies

Please check the following “over the counter” medications that your son / daughter can take on an “as needed” basis. These will be administered as directed by the package unless otherwise directed.

<u>Medication</u>	<u>Yes</u>	<u>No</u>	<u>Medication</u>	<u>Yes</u>	<u>No</u>
Advil			Rubbing Alcohol		
Aleve			Sun Screen		
Aspirin			Aloe Vera		
Benadryl			Anti-Burn		
Cortaid			Contact Solution		
Cough Drops			Cough Syrup		
Dramamine			Insect Bite Anti-Itch		
Eye Drops					
Hydrocortisone Cream					
Ibuprofen					
Imodium AD					
Mylanta					
Neosporin					
Pepcid					
Pepto Bismol					
Peroxide					
Sudafed					
Throat Spray					
Tylenol/Acetaminophen					
Tums					
Zantac			Other		
Rolaids			Other		

In the event of an emergency, I give ATB Boosters, Inc. and /or the Alcovy High School Band Director, Color Guard/Dance instructor, or chaperone permission to obtain medical assistance for _____ while traveling with the Alcovy High School Band & Color Guard, including administering over the counter medication, the student’s prescription medication, or seeking a doctor or hospital treatment if necessary.

Parent or Guardian

_____/_____/_____
Date

Newton County Public Schools

Heat Guidelines for Outdoor Athletics

The following guidelines have been established as safety precautions for athletes participating in any outdoor athletic programs with Newton county Public Schools. They are to be enforced by coaches, administrators, and athletic trainers at all times. A scientifically approved instrument that measures the Wet Bulb Glove Temperature (WBGT) reading must be utilized at each practice to ensure that the written policy is being followed properly. The heat index combines air temperature and relative humidity to determine an apparent temperature – how hot it actually feels. Administrators, coaches, and the athletic trainer will make a decision using the guide below on whether to make modifications for all athletic practices held that afternoon. Coaches will make the necessary modifications and administrators will be notified.

WBGT Reading	Activity and Rest Break Guidelines
Under 82.0	Normal activities – Provide at least 3 separate rest breaks each hour; each rest break is a minimum of 3 minutes
82.0 – 86.9	Use discretion for intense or prolonged exercise; watch at risk players carefully. Provide at least 3 separate rest breaks each hour with a minimum of 4 minutes duration each
87.0 – 89.9	Maximum practice time is 2 hours. Football: players restricted to helmets, shoulder pads, and shorts: all protective equipment must be removed for conditioning activities. For all sports: Provide at least 4 separate rest breaks each hour with a minimum of 4 minutes in duration
90.0 – 92.0	Maximum length of practice is 1 hour, no protective equipment may be worn, and no conditioning activities allowed. There must be 20 min of rest breaks during this hour.
Over 92.1	No outdoor workouts: cancel exercise/delay practices until cooler reading occurs.

GUIDELINES FOR HYDRATION AND REST BREAKS:

1. Rest time should involve unlimited hydration intake (water or electrolyte intake) and rest without any activity involved
2. For Football, helmets should be removed during rest time
3. The site of the rest time is considered the “cooling zone” should be out of direct sunlight
4. When the WBGT reading is over 86.0, ice towels and spray bottles should be provided to aid in the cooling process, and cold immersion tubs should be available during practices in the event of athletes showing signs of heat illness.

Student-athlete safety is our first priority. We encourage coaches and staff to continuously educate our athletes on the importance of proper hydration and the dangers of heat related illness. Student-athletes should carry water with them during the day for hydration on days of practice and games when the weather has the possibility of reaching critical levels in relation to heat and humidity. Please sign to acknowledge you have read our policy.

Athlete Signature _____ Date _____

Parent/Guardian Signature _____ Date _____

STUDENT/PARENT CONCUSSION AWARENESS FORM

SCHOOL: _____

DANGERS OF CONCUSSION

Concussions at all levels of sports have received a great deal of attention and a state law has been passed to address this issue. Adolescent athletes are particularly vulnerable to the effects of concussion. Once considered little more than a minor “ding” to the head, it is now understood that a concussion has the potential to result in death, or changes in brain function (either short-term or long-term). A concussion is a brain injury that results in a temporary disruption of normal brain function. A concussion occurs when the brain is violently rocked back and forth or twisted inside the skull as a result of a blow to the head or body. Continued participation in any sport following a concussion can lead to worsening concussion symptoms, as well as increased risk for further injury to the brain, and even death.

Player and parental education in this area is crucial – that is the reason for this document. Refer to it regularly. This form must be signed by a parent or guardian of each student who wishes to participate in GHSA athletics. One copy needs to be returned to the school, and one retained at home.

COMMON SIGNS AND SYMPTOMS OF CONCUSSION

- Headache, dizziness, poor balance, moves clumsily, reduced energy level/tiredness
- Nausea or vomiting
- Blurred vision, sensitivity to light and sounds
- Fogginess of memory, difficulty concentrating, slowed thought processes, confused about surroundings or game assignments
- Unexplained changes in behavior and personality
- Loss of consciousness (NOTE: This does not occur in all concussion episodes.)

BY-LAW 2.68: GHSA CONCUSSION POLICY: In accordance with Georgia law and national playing rules published by the National Federation of State High School Associations, any athlete who exhibits signs, symptoms, or behaviors consistent with a concussion shall be immediately removed from the practice or contest and shall not return to play until an appropriate health care professional has determined that no concussion has occurred. (NOTE: An appropriate health care professional may include, licensed physician (MD/DO) or another licensed individual under the supervision of a licensed physician, such as a nurse practitioner, physician assistant, or certified athletic trainer who has received training in concussion evaluation and management.

- a) No athlete is allowed to return to a game or a practice on the same day that a concussion (a) has been diagnosed, OR (b) cannot be ruled out.

- b) Any athlete diagnosed with a concussion shall be cleared medically by an appropriate health care professional prior to resuming participation in any future practice or contest. The formulation of a gradual return to play protocol shall be a part of the medial clearance.
- c) It is mandatory that every coach in each GHSA sport participate in a free, online course on concussion management prepared by the NFHS and available at www.nfhslearn.com at least every two years – beginning with the 2013 – 2014 school year.
- d) Each school will be responsible for monitoring the participation of its coaches in the concussion management course, and shall keep a record of those who participate.

I HAVE READ THIS FORM AND I UNDERSTAND THE FACTS PRESENTED IN IT.

SIGNED: _____
(Student) (Parent or Guardian)

DATE: _____

I'll Say **Yes** !

To volunteering with the Alcovy Tiger Band

Your student is a part of the ATB family, now it's your turn. The ATB Boosters expect every family to provide at least one volunteer for at least one event during the school season. Concession and chaperone volunteers are able to earn money towards their student's band account! We also have opportunities at band camp, parades, band parties, competitions, uniform organization, etc. There are many opportunities to become a part of the fun. Event opportunities occur throughout the school year. You can sign up on the band website, atbboostersinc@yahoo.com or text Nicole at 770-710-2978 to get started or if you have questions.

- chaperone concessions uniforms camp parades
I can't decide, but I want to be a part

Name _____

Student _____

Email _____

Phone # _____