



# Charlotte County Public Schools

## 2019-20 Middle School District Honor Bands

✓ What is Honor Band?

- Honor Band is a performance of band students representing all of our county’s secondary schools. Students will be given audition music to prepare prior to the audition date.
- Students will rehearse twice without the clinician and participate in a full day rehearsal with the clinician. Rehearsals will culminate to a formal performance in front of an audience.
- A guest clinician/conductor for each ensemble will be selected to work and perform with the students. In addition, the directors at the seven secondary schools will rehearse with the students in sectionals.

✓ Why?

- Charlotte County Music Educators decided to form an honor band to give their top-performing students an additional opportunity to perform in a cooperative ensemble where they could further refine and demonstrate their musical accomplishments. Our District and its music educators know from experience that Music Education provides students with increased opportunities for personal and academic growth, for scholarships, for future employment and ongoing success in life. Every performance a student participates in builds both competence and confidence. This will be our third annual honor band.

✓ When and Where?

- Required dates include:
  - Auditions are Monday, November 4<sup>th</sup> from 6pm-8pm at Port Charlotte Middle School.
  - Sectionals are Monday, November 11<sup>th</sup> from 6pm-8pm at Port Charlotte Middle School.
  - Night Rehearsal Wednesday, January 15<sup>th</sup> from 6-9 at Port Charlotte MS (pizza lunch to be provided).
  - All day Rehearsal Thursday, January 16<sup>th</sup> from 8:30am-4pm at Lemon Bay HS (school lunch to be provided).
- The Performance of both Honor Bands will take place at 7pm (Call time at 1:30pm) on Thursday, January 16<sup>th</sup> at Lemon Bay High School.

✓ Dress Attire

- Comfortable, yet appropriate school dress code for the rehearsals.
- An Honor Band t-shirt will be sized and provided for the performance with black dress pants/skirt (knee length or longer) with black dress socks and black dress shoes.
  - Failure to wear the appropriate attire could result in a student not performing. Please prepare, and if necessary, ask your band director for help.

✓ Requirements

- Parents will need to supply transportation to auditions, all rehearsals and the performance.
  - Please note- Students will be excused from school for an “Activity” Thursday, January 16<sup>th</sup>.
- Participation Fee of \$20. Checks can be made out to Charlotte County Public Schools.
  - PLEASE DO NOT PAY until you have been notified that you have made the band.
  - You will know if you made it into the 2019-20 Honor Band within days of your audition.
- Return the bottom contract portion of this letter to your director signed.
- Attend the audition, sectional, rehearsals and performance.

✓ Release for Media

- The signatures below grant permission to CCPS to reproduce, print, or publish photographs or audio/video recordings of my minor child if selected for Honor Band. This permission includes all rehearsals, activities, and performances connected with the Honor Band ensembles. I also acknowledge my child’s name will be published in the Honor Band Concert program.



I agree to the listed requirements, conditions, and release for media above. I understand that if I fail to comply, that it might result in my dismissal from participating in honor band. **Due by Monday, November 11<sup>th</sup> to your Child’s Band Director along with payment.**

School the Student Attends \_\_\_\_\_ Instrument \_\_\_\_\_

Student Name \_\_\_\_\_ Student Signature \_\_\_\_\_

Parent Name \_\_\_\_\_ Parent Signature \_\_\_\_\_