



Coronado High School

Thunderbird Band
Officer Code of Conduct

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Preface

This Officer Code of Conduct is to further clarify the behaviors, actions, activities of the Third Band Student Leadership. The Coronado Third Band is here to support our students towards academic, musical and societal excellence.

All Band members are required to follow the policies, rules, and regulations of El Paso Independent School District and the Band Program. School rules and policies are in force at all times that a member is directly or indirectly involved in any activity sponsored by or in name of Coronado High School. *School policy shall have priority over band policy in the event of any policy conflict.*

The Band Directors shall have the authority to suspend or amend any band policy at any time deemed necessary in the best interest of the overall band program.

Objectives of the Band Program

The Coronado High School Band forms an integral part of school life and is recognized as an all-school activity. Band is one of the largest and most active voluntary student organizations and its members form an active group.

The primary objectives of the band program are:

- **Cultural** - To foster the continued development of music appreciation and understanding through the study and performance of the best in music.
- **Educational** -To develop interested and discriminating listeners, provide a well-rounded musical education and prepare members for musical activities beyond high school.
- **Service** -To lend color and atmosphere to certain school and community affairs while promoting and enhancing the dignity and reputation of Coronado High School at all appearances.
- **Citizenship** -To develop the ability to function as a responsible member of the group, to enhance the member's ability to interact with others in a positive manner, and to develop the ability to function as a responsible member of the community.
- **Recreational** - To provide all members with the opportunity for worthy use of leisure time, an emotional outlet, and good social experiences.



To Band Members

Band offers a wide variety of opportunities for the student. Band is one of the few classes where excellence is not only expected, but it is essential to our success. Imagine if your Math teacher graded everyone in the class on the weakest student! In band, everyone MUST perform at the highest level of excellence or a performance will sound terrible. One student making a grade of 60% will also be playing 40% wrong notes ... this will not sound good!

In addition to performance skills, band also teaches students to be active thinkers. For every note played, there are numerous considerations and instant decisions to make. How long or short? How fast or slow? How loud or soft? How does the note start? How does it end? Who else plays? Am I in-tune? Few other activities will demand this level of active thought.

Band teaches life skills. Communication is the main component of music. The rehearsal and performance schedule of the band demands planning and time management. Goal setting, problem solving, peer interaction.. all of these develop quickly as part of the band experience.

The Coronado Band has established itself as one of the finest bands in the country. Students here have enjoyed rich experiences and looked to their Coronado experience with great pride. Few other activities offer travel opportunities, the chance to meet and work with the best in music education, and the satisfaction of knowing that your time, talent, and effort have paid off through the highest levels of achievement. The Coronado Legacy is a national phenomenon and adjudicators across the country recognize the group for our excellence. The band truly is a place where you can "Realize your potential, Experience your Dreams."

To Parents

Welcome to one of the most exciting student leadership organizations available to your student! The band program at Coronado offers many varied performance opportunities and gives members the chance to learn with each other and grow closer to one another. We strive to offer the best available instruction and the widest array of events for our members.

We strongly believe that there is a place for everyone in the band. We have hundreds of success stories. Many times, members who thought that they were not interested have become some of the most dedicated members once they have been a part of the experience. If you choose to participate, you can reap a variety of rewards. In addition to all of this, you become a member of a very active, multifaceted family.

The band program at Coronado has established itself as one of the finest anywhere, with superb performing ensembles in marching, symphonic, chamber music, color guard, drill team and drum line activities.

We hope that you share our excitement in creating these phenomenal opportunities for the students. We encourage parents to be active supporters of our efforts through booster club participation (the Coronado Thunderbird Band Booster Association or CTBBA), assistance in fundraising, and through volunteer work such as chaperones, equipment crew, or as a parent leader. We also hope that you will be visible supporters of the students by attending as many performances as possible.

This handbook should help orient you and your student to the many different aspects of the band program and their role as a student leader. The band program produces a calendar and informational blog kept on our website www.tbirdband.com. Feel free to call any director or CTBBA officer for help and remember to come to the meetings and read emails to get the latest information about each event.

Rarely do you see such a large group of students assembled in one organization with such a strong focus on achieving excellence. Take the opportunity to get to know the instructors, other parents, and the members who make our success a reality.

On behalf of all high school band directors and staff:

Mark Saenz
Director of Band, Coronado High School
"Realize your potential, Experience your Dreams."



Tbird BAND STUDENT LEADERSHIP CODE OF CONDUCT

- Tbird Band Student Leaders should be model citizens whose behavior, attitude, and effort set a positive example for other band students to follow and emulate.
- ALL Tbird Band Student Leaders must abide by all school Rules, Band Handbooks, Laws, and Codes of Conduct.
- Student leaders are expected to act with courtesy and respect toward administrators, teachers, staff members, directors, parent volunteers and other students in **ALL** situations. Bullying, harassment, fighting, and/or hazing, whether in person or via any electronic format, are **not** acceptable.
- Use, possession, concealment, distribution, sale, or being under the influence of the following are strictly prohibited: 1. Tobacco or tobacco products in any form. 2. Alcohol or alcoholic beverages in any form. 3. Illegal drugs, including, but not limited to substances defined as controlled substances, or any drug paraphernalia 4. Prescription drugs, patent drugs, or other mood-altering substances in violation of state and/or federal laws. 5. "Look-alike drugs". In addition, knowingly attending or remaining at any activity where illegal alcohol consumption is occurring and/or where illegal drugs are present or being used is prohibited.
- Vandalism, theft, or destruction of school, band or personal property will not be tolerated.
- Leaders must earn acceptable conduct grades and must maintain passing grades.
- Leaders cannot receive any violations of the Coronado High School Rules, Regulations and Code of Conduct.
- Leaders must exhibit academic integrity at all times and in every situation.
- Leaders must encourage one another to continually follow and keep the Coronado High School Guidelines and Rules as well as the Tbird Band Handbook and Code of Conduct.
- Attendance at meetings and events sponsored by the organization is mandatory unless otherwise stated by a Band Director. In the event an absence is necessary, the leader is responsible for getting the absence excused beforehand. Excused absences include illness, death in the family, conflict with another major school obligation.
- When a director becomes aware that a member's behavior is unacceptable, there will be a meeting with the student leader to discuss the incident and the student will be given an opportunity to improve. If no improvement is seen, the leader may be demoted. If the unacceptable behavior continues, further disciplinary actions may be taken and possible removal from the Tbird Band may occur.
- Leaders who miss a rehearsal/performance/meeting without a valid excuse will receive a verbal warning. Leaders who miss a second rehearsal/performance/meeting without a written excuse may face possible demotion. Leaders who miss a third rehearsal/performance/meeting without an excuse will be on probation from a performance, demotion and further disciplinary actions may be taken.
- Band directors reserve the right to demote a student leader who breaks either the school or band code of conduct.
- Members must exercise self control and respect while speaking to volunteers, directors, peers either in person, in or out of rehearsals/performances/trips and on social media.
- If there is any question of a student leaders behavior, actions, social media activity, integrity and/or language, a meeting with a director(s) will occur and further disciplinary actions may be taken.
- If a leader fails to report inappropriate student leadership behavior or fails to report a violation in the school or band's handbook and code of conduct, that student will have a verbal warning and/or meeting with a director(s). If you see something or someone that does not follow these rules or codes of conduct, you **MUST** speak to a director immediately.

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Available for download on TBirdBand.org

Acknowledgement Form

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT AND ACCEPTANCE OF RESPONSIBILITY

My son/daughter, a member of the **CORONADO HIGH SCHOOL BAND**, and I acknowledge that we have reviewed the above Officer Handbook and Code of Conduct and accept and agree to abide by **its provisions**. It is understood that this is not a comprehensive set of expectations and that additional directives from the band directors are to be followed. We also acknowledge we have reviewed the Code of Conduct, and accept and abide by all rules and conditions. It is further understood by us that any violation of this agreement will result in administrative intervention and may result in my son/daughter's demotion of officer position and/or dismissal from the group and early transport home at my expense as applicable to the event.

Student's Printed Name _____

Student's Signature _____ **Date** _____

Parent's Printed Name _____

Parent's Signature _____ **Date** _____