Advanced Band Handbook
School Year 2026-2027

Mission Statement

The goal of Bartelso Braves Grade School Band is to inspire excellence through music, individualized responsibility, and enthusiasm, leading to overall personal and academic growth.

Uniforms

The Bartelso Band dress code is outlined below. The appearance of our ensemble is very important. Pride in our appearance shows an audience that we have pride in ourselves and our ability as a band. When we perform in public, we represent the school and the community of Bartelso. Let's make every effort to look our best!

Girls

Solid white top with sleeves - Formal/Business Casual, No T-Shirts.
Black pants, capris, or skirt - No black jeans
Dresses that are black, white, or a mix of black & white
Black dress shoes, sandals, or solid color tennis shoes
All clothing must follow school dress code.

Boys

Solid white shirt with sleeves - Polo, button down, sweater, etc. No T-Shirts.
Black pants - No jeans
Black socks and Solid Black Shoes
Optional Christmas/Colored Tie
All clothing must follow school dress code.

Grading in Lessons and Full Band

All students will have an individual/small group lesson one day per week for 20 minutes. Full band rehearsals on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 2:20-3:05. Each student will be graded on individual progress, preparation, and attendance at band lessons and rehearsals. Full grading scale is found on a separate page.

Practice is required! Students are expected to practice a minimum of 20 minutes per day, 4 times per week. I do not currently require practice logs at the Concert Band level. If an individual is not coming to their lesson prepared, a parent's signature may be required.

Students who meet the four criteria at their weekly lesson each will receive a "Perfect Attendance" rating on their in-class chart. Once the student has five "Perfect Attendance" lessons, they will get to choose from the Band Store. These four criteria include: being on time for their lesson, having all materials, music is prepared and rehearsed, student shows excellent effort.

Performances

Attendance is expected at all band performances. A student's final letter grade will be lowered one letter grade for each unexcused absence from a performance. If there is a conflict, please notify me as soon as possible. Parents and students will be given advanced written notice of all performances.

The following performances are mandatory:

- Winter Band Concert - Thursday, December 10th 2025, 6:30 PM
- Bartelso Solo Contest - TBD
- Spring Band Concert - Thursday, April 29th 2026, 6:30 PM

*Clinton County Honor Band for any nominated 7th and 8th grade band students will be on Thursday, April 15th at Aviston. Parents will be notified if their child is nominated.

Commitment

The Bartelso Braves Band is a team of musicians. When a student quits or threatens to quit band, it affects the morale of the entire group. I ask that parents and students commit to the band program for the entire school year.

Contact

Please never hesitate to contact me with any questions, comments, concerns, etc. I will continue to communicate with you throughout the school year. My school email is klohman@bsd57.org

Mrs. Kelsey Lohman

Please sign and return this form.

We have received and read the Bartelso Advanced Band Handbook 2026 – 2027 and we agree to commit to the Bartelso Braves Band for the entire school year.

Student signature _____

Parent signature _____