

Basha High School
Band Council Constitution
Updated: 1/18/06

Preamble:

We, the band council at Basha High School, believe service to the band is of utmost importance. Music teaches us about responsibility, respect and discipline, instilling values among band members to be carried throughout their lives. We believe music is a universal language, and together we will “build a legacy.”

Name:

The name of this club shall be, “Basha High Band Council.”

Mission Statement:

The Basha High Band Council serves the band program through performance and community interaction. The council demonstrates the qualities of leadership and service, imposing these values on future generations of the band program.

Article I – Membership

- 1.01 Membership is extended to any member of the Basha High School Band Program, based on the approval of the Council President.
- 1.02 Membership applications will be accepted in July and August for the school year.
- 1.03 Members are not required to reapply every year, however, can be removed based on participation requirements and dedication to the Band Program.
- 1.04 Members are selected without regard to race, creed, color and gender.
- 1.05 To become a qualified member, one must:
 - 1.05.1 Submit an application form for membership
 - 1.05.2 Be in good standing in the band program
 - 1.05.3 Fulfill all duties assigned upon membership

Article II – Executive Board and Officers

- 1.01 President
 - 1.01.1 Responsible for planning and conducting all meetings
 - 1.01.2 Serve as a contact to the Band Director
 - 1.01.3 Attend all Basha Band Booster general meetings
 - 1.01.4 Generally oversee the business of the Basha High School Band Program
- 1.02 Vice President
 - 1.02.1 Responsible for planning and conducting all meetings in the absence of the President
 - 1.02.2 Work jointly with the President on all business

- 1.02.3 Take minutes in the absence of the Secretary
- 1.03 VP of Public Relations
 - 1.03.1 Publicizing band events with school and local newspapers
 - 1.03.2 Distribute flyers, handouts and posters that are created by the Public Relations committee
 - 1.03.3 Organize the welcoming of any band visiting Basha High School
- 1.04 Secretary
 - 1.04.1 Take minutes at every council and E-board meeting
 - 1.04.2 Have typed copy available for distribution and filing at the next meeting
 - 1.04.3 Read minutes of previous meeting and approve based on members present
- 1.05 Librarian
 - 1.05.1 Maintain and organize the Basha High School Music Library
 - 1.05.2 Keep music filed and never leave original copies out for an extended amount of time
 - 1.05.3 Maintain the “extra copies folder” on a weekly basis
- 1.06 Historian
 - 1.06.1 Create and update history files in the Music Library with pictures and newspaper clippings about the Basha Band Program
 - 1.06.2 Take digital photos at all band events and give all files to the Band Director
- 1.07 Council Member
 - 1.07.1 All council members must participate in meetings. Tardiness and absence could result in removal from the council.
 - 1.07.2 All council members must participate in fundraisers, regardless if you need the funding in your account.
 - 1.07.3 All council members must participate in service projects. If they are not available for a project, they must receive director and President approval. Absence could result in removal from the council.
 - 1.07.4 All council members must maintain a positive influence on the band and the band members. Disrespect, laziness, irresponsibility, immaturity and the like are all qualities not accepted by the Basha High School Band Council.
- 1.08 Elections
 - 1.08.1 Elections for the Executive Board take place in January of every scholastic year.
 - 1.08.2 All members of the council are eligible for nomination. Members may be self-nominated or nominated by any other member of the Band Council.
 - 1.08.3 Elections shall be by secret ballot.
 - 1.08.4 Incoming officers shall be called “(Position)-Elect” for the remainder of the scholastic year and shall shadow the previous elected official.
 - 1.08.5 The Executive Board shall fill any vacancies by appointment.

Article III – Meetings

- 1.01 The Basha High School Band Council will follow “Robert’s Rules of Order.”
- 1.02 Voting
 - 1.02.1 All members of the Basha High School Band Council will be allowed to vote with a yes, no, or abstain vote.
 - 1.02.2 Votes will only be counted if more than 60% of the Band Council is present.
 - 1.02.3 For items to “pass”, the motion must have greater than 50% of members voting yes. Abstaining votes will be counted against “yes” votes.
- 1.03 Executive Board Meetings
 - 1.03.1 The Executive Board shall meet in between every General Meeting.
 - 1.03.2 Executive Board members will use this time to plan for the upcoming General Meeting.

Article IV – Committees

- 1.01 The Band Council will create committees, as necessary, to promote objectives and carry out the work of the organization.
- 1.02 A designated chairperson will be appointed to every committee to organize the members and duties.
- 1.03 Committees will be disbanded and recreated on a need basis.
- 1.04 Failure to attend and participate in committees might result in council membership removal.

Article V – Amendments

- 1.01 The Constitution may be amended by a vote of two-thirds present at the Amendment meeting.
- 1.02 Amendment meetings shall take place at the end of every scholastic year.
- 1.03 Proposed amendments must be turned into the President or Band Director two weeks before the Amendment Meeting for review and preparation.
- 1.04 Proposed amendments will be distributed and posted on the band website for members to view and discuss, prior to voting and approval at the Amendment Meeting.