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Dear Band Student & Parent/Guardian:

Welcome to Summer Band at Riverside Middle School! Your instructors are all looking forward to another great summer program here at RMS. We all want to make our bands the best they can be, so we will need to use our rehearsal times wisely. Since the primary goal of summer band is to provide students with an environment that is both fun and educational, the following rules need to be followed in rehearsals and sectionals (small group rehearsals). We want everyone to stay safe and benefit from our program.

### **RMS SUMMER BAND EXPECTATIONS AND RULES:**

- Always show respect for each member of our band, including the directors or other adult leaders.
- Make sure that you ALWAYS have your materials for rehearsal and/or sectionals. This includes your instrument, music, method book(s), pencils, 3-ring binder, reeds, valve/slide oil and a good attitude.
- Always raise your hand to ask for permission to talk. You miss out on what is being taught and so do the people around you if you are talking during rehearsal and/or sectional time.
- Do NOT play your instrument without permission. It is a distraction for you and those around you.
- Do NOT touch instruments or materials that do not belong to you.
- Participate fully in both rehearsals and sectionals.
- You must practice at home to make consistent progress. The band is only as strong as our weakest link. When one person does not practice, it hurts the entire band's progress. Don't let others down! Do your part to always play your best.
- You may bring bottled water to sectionals and/or rehearsals. There will be snacks and drinks available for purchase, as well. However, **FOOD, AND/OR DRINKS (other than water) ARE NOT PERMITTED IN THE REHEARSAL ROOMS!**
- No one is permitted outside of the rooms designated for summer band. This means no wandering the building.

The consequences for not following these procedures will be one warning and/or private conference with your instructor(s). If additional problems occur, you will be removed from the summer band program, and NO money will be refunded. These guidelines are designed to help you have the best possible learning experience in band. You are an important part of our program. If we work together, we can achieve great results.

Please sign below and return to Ms. Murphy as soon as possible. (IMPORTANT: Student may not continue in the RMS Summer Band Program without returning this document.)

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My child, \_\_\_\_\_ and I have read the above rules and expectations of the Riverside Middle School Summer Band Program. We understand that if he/she does not follow these rules he/she will be removed from the summer band program, and NO money will be refunded.

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Parent/Guardian Signature

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

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Student Signature

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Date

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