

CONDUCTOR EMERITUS  
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## BIRMINGHAM CONCERT BAND MEMBER RESPONSIBILITIES

- **Membership fees**: An annual membership fee of \$30 is required to participate in the band and is payable in August.
- **Membership Trial**: There will be a three-rehearsal tryout period for anyone interested in membership in the BCB (which may not take three-weeks). After this time, the conductor, along with the section leader, will determine if the potential member meets the minimum standards for membership in the BCB.
- **Music**: The music used by the BCB comes from a number of different sources: our own library, the Groves High School library, and other bands and institutions. All members are expected to treat their music with respect and care. Mark the music with only a pencil; do not use a pen or highlighter! If you leave the band, the folder and music must be returned.
- **Preparation**: Good rehearsals are the result of good individual preparation. You are expected to take music home to practice between rehearsals. If you are not able to attend a rehearsal or performance, please arrange for your music to be there. The director has the discretion to determine if a player is prepared for performance.
- **Rehearsals**: Rehearsals are held from 7:30 to 9:30 pm each Wednesday except during July. The band room is available at 7:00 pm for warm-up. Please plan to arrive early so that you can warm up and be ready to rehearse at 7:30. In snowy weather, we do not rehearse if the Birmingham Schools are closed. Stay informed of last-minute changes to scheduled rehearsals by monitoring your email or checking the BCB website ([www.birminghamconcertband.com](http://www.birminghamconcertband.com)). Your section leader will contact you by phone if you do not have email.
- **Attendance**: The cohesiveness and excellence of the band depends on the presence of every member at rehearsals and performances. It is very important that you make every effort to attend each rehearsal. It is expected that each band member attend the last two rehearsals before a performance, which are considered "dress rehearsals," in order to play for the performance. Please notify your section leader if you cannot attend a rehearsal.
- **Conduct**: One two-hour rehearsal per week is barely adequate to prepare for a performance; therefore you are expected to give the conductor your complete attention during rehearsals, show respect for the conductor and other players. Continued disruption by individuals or sections will not be tolerated.
- **Concert Dress**: Your attire must be professional looking and appropriate for the event and audience. Concert dress is as follows:
  - Indoors: (Men): Black jacket, black pants, white shirt, bow tie, black shoes and black socks.
  - Indoors: (Women): All in black. Elbow length or long sleeves black blouse, black floor length skirt or black dress slacks, black shoes and black stockings or socks
  - Summer: Black long pants, white dress shirt (can be short sleeve), black shoes and socks. No sandals! White hats or visors.