

Student Handbook

Fruitland Grizzly  
Band & Color Guard

*“The Pride of Western Idaho”*

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# Welcome!

It is with great pleasure that I welcome each of you to a new year with the Grizzly Band & Color Guard. We are “The Pride of Western Idaho.”

As a member of the Grizzly Band & Color Guard it is important to keep in mind the following three points:

1. You are an ambassador for Fruitland High School and the Community of Fruitland.
2. You are a part of the 60 plus year history of excellence, dedication, and integrity.
3. All concerned parties (Members, Band, School, and Community) have high expectations for our group.

Through your involvement in the Grizzly Band & Color Guard you will learn to be a responsible team member. You also will learn several useful employability skills along the way, such as:

1. Show up on time
2. Wear the right stuff
3. Cover your part
4. Respect others

Being a part of a school sponsored organization will enrich your high school experience and help you grow as a person in an activity of interest to you.

*Winners work hard to be successful!*

There is very little luck involved in success. Bring your best effort to each rehearsal or performance and expect the same from others. In doing so you will find 2018 - 2019 to be a most rewarding school year.

Welcome to “The Pride of Western Idaho.”

Joel A. Williams, Director

## Communication

Communication is a two way street. Students are expected to be good communicators. In the case of conflicts or illness students are expected to communicate with Mr. Williams. 208-890-3526 is his cell number. Please begin text communications with: “Mr. Williams, This is (your name)” as otherwise he will not know who is texting him.

The Grizzly Band & Color Guard offers communication pieces in multiple ways.

We send email to parents through Parent Portal directly from the school district. If the district has your email address you will be sent Parent Portal mails.

The band maintains a web presence at [www.fruitlandband.org](http://www.fruitlandband.org). This website houses the calendar, booster information, downloads and other program specific information.

Find us on Facebook by “liking” Fruitland Grizzly Band & Color Guard: @FHSGrizzlyBand  
We are on Twitter @FHSGrizzlyBand.

We use Remind, an efficient text messaging system. Once you sign up, you will receive texted messages about the ensemble you signed up for.

Signing up is very easy. All you have to do is:

Send a text message to: 81010

Using the appropriate subject code below:

Band: @grizzband

Pep band: @grzpepband

Percussion: @grizdrums

Black Paw Jazz Band: @blkpwbnd  
Band Boosters: @boosters

If you choose to sign up for more than one. You will need to send individual texts for each.

You will then receive a reply text asking for your name. Please use both your first and last name. Your number will not be visible to anyone at any time. We will only be using this for band related events/communications.

## **Mission Statement**

Through outstanding performance, the Grizzly Band & Color Guard will represent ourselves, Fruitland High School and the community of Fruitland, Idaho in the highest possible manner.

## **Vision Statement**

Through the medium of music, students will learn the methods of outstanding performance. They will learn of success through diligence. They will meet goals through hard work and preparation. Students will learn the art of responsibility through group involvement. Grizzly Band & Color Guard members will climb to the pinnacle of success, together.

## **Narrative**

The goal of this program is to provide opportunity for students to express themselves through fine arts and to do so at a high level. The program encourages student involvement in Marching Band and Color Guard, Concert Band, Jazz Band, Basketball Band, Winter Guard and Indoor Drum Line as featured performing ensembles. Students are encouraged to participate in audition honor groups such as All State/All Northwest as well as the District III solo/ensemble festival.

The band is a place for students to be themselves, to accept others, and by setting aside differences, excel toward a common goal of outstanding performance.

## **Who is involved?**

Members of “The Pride of Western Idaho” are students enrolled at Fruitland High School or are local home school students in grades 9 – 12.

Members come from a wide variety of backgrounds and ethnicities. Some are honor students. Some are athletes. Some have jobs. Some live for band. Others enjoy just being part of a successful group. In essence, we are all different and we each bring our own special skill set to the ensemble. Each person is important, valued and worthy of respect.

We have experienced upper class men and raw beginners. If students are new, they should take time to learn the good habits from upper class men and as they gain experience, they should share their knowledge with incoming students.

Some students hold elected offices in the band. Those offices are: Senior Drum Major, Junior Drum Major, Band President, Band Vice-President, Secretary, Equipment Manager, Uniform Czar, Historian and Pep Band Director. Officers are elected in April of each year. The Junior Drum Major is a two year position. The Senior Drum Major retains the position from junior year.

Each section of the band has as an appointed section leader. Interested students will audition for the section leader positions. The audition involves answering questions from a panel of students and teachers. Section leaders are chosen based on accumulated points from the interview in May.

Section leaders are charged with the responsibility of helping members of their section learn music and drill. They call weekly sectional rehearsals specifically for their section. These might be music rehearsals or drill rehearsals. Section leaders report to Mr. Williams.

## Description of Activities

### 1. Grizzly Marching Band & Color Guard

Known as “*The Pride of Western Idaho*”, the Grizzly Band & Color Guard is one of the most visible parts of the Fruitland School District. The band and guard begin the season in the summer with a band camp held at Fruitland High School. This is the time you learn music fundamentals, marching fundamentals, and start to learn the music and guard work for the show. **This camp is required for all members.**

The Grizzly Band & Color Guard rehearses during regular class time and on Monday and Thursday evenings from 6:45 PM to 9:00 PM. They perform at all home varsity football games and support the football team during State Football Playoff games as well.

Each fall the band travels regionally to a marching band competition. We have performed in California, Nevada, Oregon, Hawaii, Arizona and Washington.

The Grizzlies also compete locally in the Treasure Valley. All of these competitions are in October. A Calendar of activities is posted at [www.fruitlandband.org](http://www.fruitlandband.org) and via parent portal emails and posted on social media.

Students are required to memorize music and will check off, **for a grade**, all show music as well as the national anthem, fight song, Grizzly Nation, and other songs as indicated by the director.

Members are expected to be at performances.

At Fruitland High School, students are encouraged to be involved in activities. Band members are also in FFA, sports, broadcasting, BPA, cheerleading and other activities. When conflicts arise, students will need to be good communicators. Coaches and band directors attempt to work around all conflicts. While most can be avoided or worked around, some will require students to make difficult choices.



## 2. Concert Band

The Fruitland High School Symphonic Band is a performing ensemble. This group is what the marching band becomes *after* the football season ends.

The concert band (aka Symphonic Band) performs concerts during the holiday season, the winter and into the spring. Concert performances are mostly in the evenings and occur 3 – 6 times per year, December through May. This group has consistently earned superior ratings at the Idaho District III Large Group Festival. The concert band rehearses during the school day. Occasionally there are clinicians that Mr. Williams will bring into FHS that will cause students to miss another class period. The Spring Festival will take students out of class for part of a day.

## 3. Jazz Band

The Black Paw Band is a separate class from the Marching and Concert Bands. Members are required to be in marching band/concert to play in Jazz Ensemble. Jazz students learn to improvise solos and understand the theory behind chords. This is an audition group held to high standards. They study swing and small ensemble jazz with performances throughout the school year. The Black paw Band participates at the Gene Harris Jazz Festival annually. There is the possibility of travel with this group.

## 4. Basketball Band

The basketball band has the reputation of being the best in the State of Idaho. The band is a volunteer ensemble with a student director. Students that volunteer for pep band are expected to attend rehearsals and performances. The band plays at all home varsity basketball games (girls and boys) as well as district and state tournament games. The band does not perform at games held during Christmas Break. Students are required to buy a pep band shirt that costs around \$10. The basketball band rehearses after football season at 7:30 AM for

approximately two weeks. Students who want to attend State Tournament games must attend 85% of home games.

## 5. Indoor Drum Line

“Indoor” is an outgrowth of the marching band percussion section. Grizzly Indoor will be comprised of marching band members on a volunteer basis. They develop a show which will be performed at Treasure Valley Indoor Association competitions, District Tournament and State Tournament Basketball games. There is a limited number of competitions for this group. There is the possibility of travel with this group.

## 6. Winter Guard

Winter Guard is an offshoot of color guard. It combines the skills of dance and spinning and is performed on a basketball court. The group rehearses at the end of marching season first semester. Second semester the group will rehearse outside of the school day. They develop a show which will be performed at Treasure Valley Indoor Association competitions, District Tournament and State Tournament Basketball games. There is a limited number of competitions for this group. There is the possibility of travel with this group.

## School Equipment and Uniforms

The Fruitland School District has a limited number of school instruments to make available to students in need. The District also owns marching percussion equipment, marching brass and color guard equipment used by the marching band. Musical equipment is available to students for a fee of \$45 per school year for **each** instrument. Percussionists will pay a one time \$45 fee for the use of all percussion equipment. In the case of color guard equipment, students will pay a one time equipment usage fee of \$10. **The equipment usage fee may be paid at registration or students may fund raise it.**

The care and general maintenance of school equipment and uniforms is the responsibility of the student using the equipment. The usage fee pays for a portion of the cleaning of the instrument, replacement of drumheads and some minor repair of school equipment. **Should the school equipment become damaged because of student negligence, the cost of repair will be the responsibility of the student.**

### Wearing the Uniform

Members of the marching band are each issued a uniform.

When in performance or preparing for performance, the uniform of the “*The Pride of Western Idaho*” will be worn with pride. Students are responsible for the care of and safe return of all uniform parts including: shoes, pants, jacket, gauntlets, spangle, helmet and plume.

During the third quarter of home football games, students are given a break. The uniform jacket maybe unzipped at this time. **It may not be removed.** We are trying to portrait a professional impression therefore, **PDA is not allowed in uniform.**

Students will provide their own black socks, black t-shirt (plain), and shorts to wear under the uniform.

No part of the uniform is to be taken home. Damage to uniforms will be repaired or replaced by student. Please report problems with your uniform to the Uniform Czar or a band parent.

Members of the band have a tremendous amount of pride in the organization. Therefore, the uniform of the Grizzly Band & Color Guard **must** be treated in a respectful manner at all times.

## Travel

The Grizzly Band & Color Guard has the privilege of traveling each fall to a regional marching band performance.

We have several goals when traveling. First among those is to represent our school and the community of Fruitland well. The actions taken by students while traveling as a part of the band will either reflect positively or negatively on our group, school and community. To that end, Fruitland High School students traveling with the Grizzly Band & Color Guard will go to extended means to leave a good impression on people that come in contact with us. Those people include bus drivers, hotel staff, and restaurant staff.

### Rules of Engagement

There are specific requirements of Fruitland Students while traveling with the band:

1. Students will abide by the policies of the Fruitland School District as spelled out in the FHS Student Handbook.
2. Student use or possession of controlled substances, or paraphernalia, will result in disciplinary action taken by the band director. Parents will be immediately contacted. Upon return to school there will be follow-up with the Principal.
3. The Fruitland School District dress code will be strictly enforced.

When the Grizzly Band travels we are a highly organized well-oiled machine. This is due in large part to the parents that accompany the band; the chaperones. We like to have a student to chaperone ratio of 10 to 1.

## **Chaperone Responsibilities:**

1. Have fun
2. Be on time
3. Enjoy students
4. Relax
5. Communicate with students
6. Conduct room checks
7. Be a resource for students
8. Know where students are
9. Be familiar with and enforce trip rules

## **Student Responsibilities:**

1. Be on time
2. Represent well
3. Respect others
4. Shower daily!
5. Smell good
6. Maintain good hygiene
7. Communicate with chaperones
8. Honor trip rules
9. Stay in groups - Groups of 2 on hotel property and groups of 4 off hotel property
10. Have fun
11. Enjoy chaperones

### **On the Bus:**

1. The Czar will interact with the bus driver.
2. Students will be courteous.
3. Students will conduct business through the bus Czar.
4. Boys on one side. Girls on the other. Couples will not sit together.
5. Down in town.
6. Students are seated for head count (bus Czar) before busses move.

### **While on hotel property students will:**

1. Represent well
2. Never be by yourself
3. Be respectful of hotel staff
4. Maintain a clean room
5. Dress appropriately (school appropriate)
6. Keep voices down

### **Guys and Gals: Members of the opposite sex may visit your room if:**

1. It's okay with everyone in your room. If not, find a public place.
2. There are two (2) or more of each species in the **same** room.
3. The door is propped **wide open**. This will tell anyone who walks by that there are members of the other species in your room.

It is **never** appropriate for couples to lay on a bed together.

It is inappropriate for couples to find themselves alone.

Acceptable PDA = Hand holding. We're trying to portrait a professional image to that end, no PDA in uniform.

**Refund policy:**

- 40 days out from the day of travel, all travel related costs will be 100% refundable.
- 15-40 days out from the day of travel, all travel related costs will be 50% refundable.
- 8-14 days out from the day of travel, all travel related costs will be 25% refundable.
- Inside of a week from travel, or after the event, there will be no refunds.

Travel related costs are defined as: Money used to pay for transportation, hotel, food and entertainment.

**Band travel is a privilege. It is about musical/dance performance and cultural activities.**



## Costs/Fees

Equipment fee \$10 for guard, \$45 to use a school instrument, including percussion, and the trip \$749 (approx).

The \$45 instrument rental fee goes toward cleaning the instrument. Major damage to an instrument will be the responsibility of the student.

Additionally students can sell advertising on the side of our large trailer and receive 50% of the proceeds. An annual ad goes for \$500 or \$1000 gets you three years on the trailer. The trailer add sponsorships are available for download at [www.fruitlandband.org](http://www.fruitlandband.org)

Students should feel free to develop their own fundraisers to help with travel/fee costs. Students are expected to raise their own funds. Parent participation is encouraged as we need as much volunteer help as we can get.

The use of the words “Fruitland Band”, “The Grizzly Band & Color Guard”, “Fruitland Band Boosters”, “The Pride of Western Idaho”, or other references to the Fruitland High School Grizzly Band & Color Guard or the Fruitland Band Boosters, in printed literature, on logo wear, or embroidery on wearables must be approved by the Booster Executive Committee before use in fundraising activities.

Fundraising questions can be directed to Bonnie Uriu - (208) 739-6915

## Band Boosters

### **Mission Statement:**

Adapted 2/2012

### Mission Statement

The Fruitland High School Band & Color Guard Booster Organization recognizes the Fruitland High School Band & Color Guard as an important aspect in the development of our community's youth. It is our goal to actively support and promote Fruitland Band and Color Guard events and activities both within the Fruitland School District and in all areas that the Fruitland High School Band & Color Guard travels. The Booster Organization is a diverse group of individuals with many talents. It is our mission to use these talents in the best interests of the Fruitland High School Band & Color Guard students and directors. Our role is to support the Band Director and Fruitland School Administrators in their policies and decisions. We will offer ideas, opinions, and enthusiasm in a close relationship with the Band Director and the students involved in the Band & Color Guard programs.

### Boosters!

Parents are invited to get involved in the band boosters. There is a place and level of involvement for each parent. Meetings are held monthly on the second Tuesday, August - May.

The marching season is the time when volunteers are needed the most. We need parents to alter uniforms, sew flags, help get the band in uniform, and hand out/collect plumes. We need moms and

dads to build props, make sure there is water for students, cook for them, be booster officers and travel with them.

## Making the travel squad

Each fall the band travels regionally. We always want lots of parents going with us; it is **quite** a fun time! Parents that want to chaperone are parents that participate locally; they attend to the details of getting the band on the field. Get involved with the Boosters!

The Booster Organization is organized in the following manner:

A Booster Executive Committee exists which consists of the Booster Club President, Vice-President, Secretary, Treasurer, Communications Officer, Uniform Specialist, Food Coordinators the Immediate-Past President as well as the Band Directors and Color Guard Advisor. There are also appointees to the Executive Committee.

Contact information for Booster Officers and Booster activities is available online at [www.fruitlandband.org](http://www.fruitlandband.org).

Nominations for Officers are opened at the December meeting and elections for officers are held at the January meeting each year. Booster officers assume their roll April 1 of each year.

Questions regarding Band Booster may be directed to Robert Uriu, Booster President - (208) 739-1550

## Statement of Understanding

All members of the Grizzly Band & Color Guard are required to sign and return this page of the band hand book. By signing this form, students and parents indicate that they understand the contents of this informational handbook.

Students must return this form with appropriate signatures to be eligible to perform or travel with the Grizzly Band & Color Guard.

I have read and understand the contents of the 2018 Grizzly Band & Color Guard student hand book.

\_\_\_\_\_, Student \_\_\_\_\_ Date

\_\_\_\_\_, Parent \_\_\_\_\_ Date

Thank you for taking the time to review this document. If you have questions please call FHS 452-4411 or e-mail Mr. Williams at: [grizzlyband@cableone.net](mailto:grizzlyband@cableone.net)

Thank you,

Joel A. Williams, Director