

Dear Band Parents and Guardians,

As we enter our performance/competition season I feel it would be a good opportunity to send out a reminder of our policies and expectations to ensure our Band and Color Guard reach their fullest potential. While it is rare that the policies here are an issue or need to be enforced, I would like to simply remind everyone of what is being asked to remain a member of these groups.

First off students must attend all practices and performances. Missing either of these with an unexcused absence immediately places a student on probation along with a grade change. Missing a performance will result in a letter grade drop for the class, while a missed practice will result in a zero for that practice. Students on probation or removed from the program will also lose the privilege to join us on our voluntary travel trips to perform.

Unexcused absences include:

Too much homework, Family Travel, Work Conflicts, Unable to get a ride, Baby Sitting

Please understand that my actions are taken to protect the band as a whole and we cannot cater to the individual. We are a team and need 100% attendance if we are to obtain our goals. To keep the band running smoothly there are occasions where I may need to remove a student for any number of reasons. As the director I reserve the right to remove a student at any time if I feel they are not a good fit for the band.

This could include:

A negative attitude towards other members creating poor working relationships, A negative attitude while preparing for performances, Repeated failure to meet deadlines set for memorization or needed forms, Repeated interruptions of the bands normal operations by parents, Unpreparedness by student with materials and music

Students are required to attend events in their entirety. Students will not be released early for any reason. It is not up to the parent to decide what portion of an event is important and which is not. Students will ride on the bus with the band. Students will remain with the band during the event and will ride back with the band after the event. When we return students are all required to help unload and no student is excused until the entire band is excused. As always the band travels at the convenience of the band. Please do not ask for exceptions to this rule. Doing so will simply put your child at risk of removal from the band. For those of you that are new to our program, our competitions run all day from 9:00 up to 1:00am the next day. Please keep those days completely clear.

Finally I am asking parents to agree that changes to a student's participation with band occur at the end of each semester/season and that students and parents meet all of the requirements until that time. We do not have back-ups as in other activities. Students should not suffer the consequences for a parent's decision to pull a student.

Thank you to everyone for your continued cooperation. If you need any further clarification on any of these expectations please do not hesitate to contact me.

I have read the above and agree to fully meet these requirements. I understand failure to do so can result in a lowered grade up to removal from the program.

Student Name \_\_\_\_\_

Parent Name \_\_\_\_\_

Parent Signature \_\_\_\_\_