

# **ATTENDANCE POLICIES**

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All rehearsals and performances are required.

## **Excused absences are as follows:**

- Personal sickness
- Religious holiday
- Close family wedding or funeral

## **Unexcused absences include:**

- Doctor or Dentist appointment
- Work schedule conflicts
- Camps or retreats
- Club meetings
- Make up work for another class
- Church activities

Students should arrange Doctor and Dentist appointments around rehearsals. There are 3 days that a student can see a Dentist or Doctor that do not conflict with band rehearsals.

Although church retreats, Boy Scout camps, etc. are valid activities, they are not excused absences. It is too difficult to try to put a value judgment on any of them. Having an excellent band requires full participation by all members.

Students should talk to their club sponsors ***ahead of time*** to arrange club meeting times with respect to band rehearsals. Remember that band is a class and has priority.

Make up work should be scheduled around rehearsals. There is time before after-school rehearsals specifically allotted to allow students to talk to teachers and get make up work done.

Any student missing a Thursday rehearsal ***for any reason*** will not be allowed to march at the following performances for that weekend. There is no way for a person to make up what is missed immediately before a performance.

***Excessive absences may result in the student's loss of position in the band/colorguard. It is very difficult to have a marching band with students missing.***

The band directors realize that the time commitment for band is great, but to do any less would result in a below average band program. We also realize that the football schedule is longer for us than for many schools. After the band's last competitive performance we will lessen the time requirement for rehearsals. Generally, the last competition is in mid to late October.

## **DEMERITS**

A student's **semester grade** may be adjusted by the following point system, if necessary:

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| 4 unexcused absence from any rehearsal     | -2 failure to bring instrument and/or required accessories |
| -10 unexcused absence from any performance | -1 failure to bring music                                  |
| -1 unexcused tardy to rehearsal            | -1 instrument, uniform or music not properly put away      |
| -2 unexcused tardy to performance          |  |