

## **MARCHING BAND GRADING POLICY**

The Marching Band Grading Policy is similar to the Concert and Jazz Band Grading Policies. Students will be evaluated on the “4 T’s”, Performance and Participation. The significant difference is that, due to the nature of the activity, failure to attend rehearsals and/or performances will not be tolerated.

**One unexcused absence from rehearsal may lead to holding a student from a performance.**

**Two unexcused absence will count as an unexcused absence from performance.**

**An unexcused absence from a performance may lead to dismissal from the Marching Band with no refund of fees.**

This policy may seem harsh. Nevertheless, this activity requires an intense amount of cooperation and interaction. It is not possible for members to be successful if the people who march around them are not there. Even excused absences put an undue burden on fellow marchers.

## **TARDIES TO MARCHING BAND**

Students will serve the amount of time of their tardiness at the conclusion of rehearsal.

## **SITTING THIRD QUARTER**

During marching season, students will sit during third quarter of football games for the following reasons:

- Failure to Pass-off Music by the allotted deadline
- More than one Unexcused Rehearsal or Tardy per week
- Any Infraction of Disrespect

## **ATTENDANCE POLICY**

**THE ONLY EXCUSABLE ABSENCES ARE PRE-ARRANGED\* SCHOOL CONFLICTS AND THOSE THAT WOULD BE EXCUSABLE BY THE SCHOOL FOR REGULAR ATTENDANCE RECORDS, I.E. ILLNESS, DEATH IN THE FAMILY, RELIGIOUS HOLIDAY.**

\*Individual needs will be addressed as they occur. This system is subject to modification by the director.

**NO SHOWS!**                      Concert and Jazz Bands – loss of 25% on quarterly grade.  
    Marching Band – dismissal from the program.

For ALL absences, the following procedure must be followed by the student and parent:

- Director must be notified in advance.
- An absentee request form must be filled out and on file.
- For illness, a parent note or doctor’s excuse must be submitted.
- Although cleared by the school office, absences from a band activity that same day must be cleared with the director as well – please call or e-mail the band room.
- Follow-up is the sole responsibility of the student!
- Missing performance for work will count as an unexcused absence.
- Students are expected to stay to the end of the program. Part of the process is learning to be a good audience member.
- When in conflict with sports, communication with the band director as well as the coach is key. You can expect fairness in dealing with conflicts only if you are willing to be responsible in your communication.

The mere filing of an absentee request form does not constitute whether an absence is excused. The above policy is cut and dry in regards to what is excused.

**THE DIRECTOR IS RESPONSIBLE FOR INTERPRETATION AND ENFORCEMENT OF ALL POLICIES AND MAY HOLD A STUDENT OUT OF A PERFORMANCE.**