

ATTENDANCE POLICY - REHEARSALS

Band rehearsals and sectionals are academic classes and are mandatory for band students. Students who are in band should not participate in other activities that occur during sectional/rehearsal/FLEX time. With the exception of an excused absence/tardy from school, failure to report to a band rehearsal/sectional without previous communication will be unexcused and will result in a "0" for that day's grade. Unexcused school tardies are considered unexcused absences.

On rehearsal/sectional mornings, students should come directly to the band room when they arrive at school, set up, find their seats, and begin warming up, just as we've always done. Students are not allowed to go to team areas before band/sectionals. Doors to the band room will be open by 6:50 every morning. Students will have periodic sectionals 7:00-7:30am. If your child rides a bus that arrives after 7:00, please work to arrange alternate transportation so your child can be on time to the sectional. Students who are on time will value the most from this important support time. Students will receive a grade for their attendance at sectionals and rehearsals. There is no grade penalty for students who come later on the bus.

ATTENDANCE POLICY - CONCERTS

Concerts and performances are an integral part of the music-learning process. Choosing to participate in band means accepting the responsibilities of rehearsal and concert attendance. There will be 3 required evening concerts during the school year and one required weekend event. These events are part of the course requirements and students will receive a grade. This grade is based on attendance, punctuality, concert dress (as stated in this handbook), effort, and behavior. Students are expected to stay for the entire concert.

We ask that all participating students and parents check the performance dates as soon as they are announced and make every effort to arrange their schedules accordingly. Please do not make other plans on these dates. Outside-of-school activities such as (but not limited to) youth sports leagues, clubs, parties, or even private music lessons should not take precedence over a graded school subject. If transportation is a problem, please plan ahead with a neighbor or friend for alternative ways to get your child to the concert.

In compliance with school rules, if a student is absent from school the day of the performance, he/she is not allowed to attend the concert. In the event of an emergency, the parent should contact Mrs. Levine as soon as possible and/or send in a note the following school day. Any student who must miss a concert, for whatever reason, will be required to complete an alternative assignment. Provided the assignment is well-done and completed on time, their performance grade will not be penalized. Most importantly, please plan ahead and communicate in a timely fashion with Mrs. Levine. Usually, there are ways to work around the conflict.

If after school activities are cancelled on the day of a concert/performance, we will utilize the snow date that is built into the schedule. Parents are responsible for providing transportation to and from evening concerts. Transportation to state festivals (other than the District Honor Band Festival) will be provided by the school.