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ATTENDANCE/GRADING POLICY

COLOR GUARD / WINTER GUARD / PERCUSSION ENSEMBLE

In order for all members of the East Paulding High School Color Guard / Winter Guard / Percussion Ensemble to be successful in experiencing efficient, positive, and meaningful rehearsals and performances, the following is the attendance policy for each of the ensembles.

1. All ensemble members are expected to check the East Bands website and/or band calendar often for updates and to know when all events are scheduled.

The website address is: www.eastbands.com There is a live calendar available with dates provided well in-advance.

2. All ensemble members are expected to attend all rehearsals.

In the event that a member misses a rehearsal, the absence will be categorized as one of the following:

Excused Absence: Following the absence, the member will be allowed to return to the band in good standing, immediately. Depending on the circumstances, the member may still be taken off individual parts/solos, etc. This happens frequently to members who are absent.

Unexcused Absence: Following the absence, the member will be allowed to perform with the ensemble only upon approval from the primary director. At the director's discretion, the member may end up being replaced. Depending on the circumstances, the member may still be taken off individual parts/solos, etc. This happens frequently to members who are absent.

3. Multiple unexcused absences from rehearsal (2) may result in the student being removed from the ensemble.

We simply will not allow a student who is habitually absent from rehearsal to negatively impact the experience of others.

4. An unexcused absence from any performance could result in being removed from the ensemble, effective immediately.

5. Every absence will be taken into consideration on a case-by-case basis

The following are examples of an **excused absence**: sick (with a doctor's note), death of a family member, and wedding of an immediate family member (brother, sister, mother, father)

The following are examples of an **unexcused absence**: not feeling like coming to rehearsal, sick (without a doctor's note), homework, birthday, work, a concert, going out of town, vacation, any absence where an acceptable excuse is not provided.



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A note on homework: Being a part of the ensemble is not a requirement, it is a privilege. Members of the ensemble are expected to maintain good grades, while simultaneously participating in the ensemble in its full capacity. It is important that members of the ensemble stay on top of their homework, and various other assignments so that a conflict does not arise. Students who miss rehearsals due to homework will be removed from the ensemble. Plan your homework and assignments ahead.

6. All excuses must be submitted to Mr. Thomas via email (mthomas@paulding.k12.ga.us).

If you know you are going to be out ahead of time, please be sure to submit the necessary information to Mr. Thomas (via email) prior to your absence, in order to make sure your absence will be excused.

If the absence is unexpected, information regarding the absence should be submitted (via email) to Mr. Thomas on the day you return.

7. All ensemble members are expected to be on time for all rehearsals.

2 late arrivals = 1 unexcused absence.

Any late arrival of greater than 1 hour = 1 unexcused absence.

8. Students who are removed from the program (or must quit) for attendance or behavior issues will not be allowed to return to the program in seasons that follow.

9. All ensemble participation fees, uniform/accessory payments, and/or additional item purchases are not refundable.

In the event a student quits, is removed from the program, moves, transfers schools, etc, your payment will be considered a contribution to the East Paulding High School Band Boosters, Inc. and used to help recover lost funds caused by your student's remaining dues not being paid.

In the event your student quits, is removed from the program, moves, transfers schools, etc, items purchased through the boosters such as sticks, rifles, flags, gloves, uniforms, warm-up suits, make-up, body tights, bags or flag bags, will not be distributed to the student. These items will also be used to help recover lost funds caused by your student's remaining dues not being paid.

10. Students who are injured, habitually sit out of rehearsal, are absent from rehearsal, or do not perform up to our standard, may be temporarily removed or replaced altogether.

Remember, the ensemble still has to continue regardless of your circumstance.