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## ATTENDANCE/GRADING POLICY

### MARCHING BAND

In order for all members of the East Paulding High School Marching Band to be successful in experiencing efficient, positive, and meaningful rehearsals and performances, the following is the attendance policy for the East Paulding High School Marching Band.

**1. All marching band 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](http://www.eastbands.com) There is a live calendar available with dates provided well in advance.

**2. All Marching Band 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. If absent from the final rehearsal prior to a performance, (i.e. a Thursday rehearsal prior to a Friday night game) the member is ineligible to perform during halftime. It is a safety concern. The member is still expected to participate in all other aspects of the game, but will stand at attention on the front sideline during the performance.

**Unexcused Absence:** The member will receive a zero (0) for their participation grade for that day. The member may not be allowed to perform at halftime with the band at the next game. The member is still required to attend all rehearsals and to participate in all other aspects of the game, but will stand at attention on the front sideline during the performance.

**3. Two (2) or more unexcused absences from rehearsal may result in the student being removed from the East Paulding Marching Band.**

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 Marching Band, effective immediately.**

The student will receive a "0" for that grade. Make-up assignments may be given for partial credit.

**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).



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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

**A note on homework:** Being a part of the Marching Band is not a requirement, it is a privilege. Members of the Marching Band are expected to maintain good grades, while simultaneously participating in the marching band in its full capacity. It is important that members of the band 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 of time.

**6. All excuses must be submitted to Mr. Thomas via email: [mthomas@paulding.k12.ga.us](mailto: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 Marching Band 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 subsequent seasons.**

**9. All marching band participation fees, concert band 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 will be 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 shoes, 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 standards, may be temporarily removed or replaced altogether.**

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