

Blue Regiment Rules & Policies

Attendance

All marching band activities are on Mr. White's school calendar, located on the Hickory Ridge High School website. This should be your main source of information. All notable changes will be communicated as soon as possible.

Members are expected to be at every rehearsal and performance of the Blue Regiment. In general, cases of illness (must have a valid doctor's excuse), death in the family or extreme family emergency are the only excuses that will be accepted for missing a rehearsal or performance. Conflicts with work, other school activities, church and community activities along with routine dental or doctor appointments will not be accepted.

Under most circumstances, an absence from a performance without prior approval will result in dismissal from the organization with no refund of fees paid or at least a regulation to "alternate" status for the remainder of the season. A parent-teacher conference will be requested for any student who accumulates more than two absences from rehearsals.

Late arrivals and early dismissals must also be cleared **in advance with Mr. White only**. Corrective measures will be taken against any members who arrive late to rehearsals. Members will not be excused to leave after halftime performances at football games except in the event of illness or family emergency. Two late arrivals will constitute an absence.

Each member should arrive **early** for all announced rehearsals and performances. Members should be in place, ready to go, before the call time, not at the call time.

Any requests for a planned absence, late arrival or early dismissal must be **submitted in writing at least two days in advance to Mr. White. No staff member, instructor, booster or parent can excuse a student for any reason.** You must also contact the appropriate staff member or instructor for information purposes only.

It is essential that we have complete student and parental cooperation in this matter. Any absence, regardless of reason, creates a hardship for everyone.

Rehearsal Attire & Equipment

Attire

- Plain, white t-shirt - **NO EXCEPTIONS** - as the weather turns cooler, we will adjust accordingly
- Athletic Shorts - must be an appropriate length and fit - as the weather turns cooler, we will adjust accordingly
- Comfortable tennis shoes with socks - sandals or flip-flops are **NOT ALLOWED** during rehearsals
- Sunglasses - if the sun is out, you must have sunglasses on

Equipment

- Instrument, flag, etc - ready to go
- Dot books & Music - never assume these will not be needed, even if you have it memorized
- One gallon, insulated water jug - labeled with your name
- Hand or Bath Towel - used to place your instrument on the asphalt rehearsal lot

You will be considered tardy if you do not have the appropriate rehearsal attire & equipment

Rehearsal Etiquette

Talking can make or break a rehearsal

If there is too much talking, things don't get accomplished. You will not hear instruction if you are talking. "How can I rehearse without saying a word?" Of course, sometimes you will need to talk in rehearsal, but if talking is kept to a minimum, things will be completed more efficiently. Ask yourself before you speak, "Will my words help rehearsal?"

Questions = Answers

If you have a question, raise your hand and a staff member will come to you. It is important not to just yell out questions as this would result in more talking and chaos. A good time to ask questions is when field staff is stating information and when you are asked a question by the staff.

The value of who is talking

When the staff is talking to the band, it is imperative that members listen. If a member is talking, they will miss information that could improve the band. Time is wasted. When it is time to give out instructions for what the band is working on, the *members must stop what they are doing and listen* to the instructions being given. Information given to one section may apply to you or your section as well.

Personal Responsibility

Students must be able to pass off their music and have their dot books completed in a timely manner. All music should be memorized by the end of Band Camp! We are only as strong as our weakest member.

Any infraction of disrespect to any part of the organization will result in disciplinary action up to immediate removal from the organization without any refund of fees. You will still be responsible for any fees that you owe up to the point which you are removed.

Detach and return this portion with your Commitment Form

Student Agreement

Student Name: _____

I have read the Blue Regiment Rules & Policies in its entirety. I understand and agree to the requirements as a member of the Blue Regiment and will abide by all rules and policies.

I understand and agree that I will be held responsible for my own actions that may result in disciplinary action up to immediate removal from the organization without any refund of fees.

Student Signature: _____

Date: _____

Parent/Guardian Agreement

Parent/Guardian Name: _____

I have read, with my student, the Blue Regiment Rules & Policies in its entirety. I understand and agree to the requirements of my student as a member of the Blue Regiment and will help them abide by all rules and policies.

I understand and agree to consider alternative disciplinary methods instead of keeping my student out of band activities.

I understand and agree that my student will be held responsible for their own actions that may result in disciplinary action up to immediate removal from the organization without any refund of fees.

Parent/Guardian Signature: _____

Date: _____