

Pride of Hardin Hornet Band Constitution

PURPOSE OF THE PROGRAM

The purpose of the Pride of Hardin Hornet Band is to provide students with the opportunity to develop musical artistry and performance skills, to encourage high academic standards, cooperation, self-discipline, character, and leadership throughout the entire school year. The focus of the program is an appreciation of fine arts through music activities, while recognizing the benefits of group participation and individual development.

SELECTION FOR THE PROGRAM

1. Any Hardin High School student is allowed to participate in the band program.
2. Each member of the Pride of Hardin Hornet Band must meet 70% passing UIL Athletic Grade Requirements for participation during games, contests, performances, or pep rallies at each reporting period. When the grades in other classes are too low for performance, members must still attend all practices.
3. A Section Leader or Drum major must have been a member of the Pride of Hardin Hornet Band program for at least one year prior to selection. They must also be academically eligible during the audition process. The directors will choose officers and drum majors after candidates undergo an interview and audition process.

GENERAL RULES

1. Members must be free to spend the necessary time, as decided by the directors both during the summer and during the entire school year. Members are required to attend summer camp unless special arrangements are made with the directors.
2. Compliance with all school rules is required at all times. The student handbook is available online at www.hardinisd.net and in print at the beginning of each school year.
3. The decision of the directors will be accepted as final in the interpretation of the rules.
4. Students are not allowed to be on their phones during practices or rehearsals unless with permission from the directors.
5. No food or drinks (excluding water and Gatorade) will be allowed in rehearsals.
6. Members must remain in school dress code unless otherwise instructed by a director.
7. Members must have all clothing items required for performances at all times. This means tall black socks, black marching shoes, all uniform parts, and concert black dress clothes.
8. Members must always be on time. This means in place with instruments and ready for the first note when practice time is set. *"To be early is to be on time. To be on time is to be late. To be late is unacceptable!"*
9. Members must actively participate in the equipment loading, unloading, moving, and maintenance.

10. Members will be required to memorize all marching show music, and learn music of various styles and time eras.
11. Should a student fail to complete a “play-off” of memorized music for a section leader by the designated due date, they may LOSE the privilege of taking 3rd quarter off at football games. Students will be required to remain in the stands by the directors and study their music. This will remain in effect for all games until the member has passed off the material.
12. A member may be removed from a performance (i.e. marching at a game or contest or performing with the band at events) if they fail to comply with the constitution.

CONDUCT

1. No member shall be guilty of attracting undesirable attention to behavior by smoking, swearing, drinking, or engaging in intimacies in public. Profanity will not be tolerated. Members shall not engage in inappropriate behavior, including but not limited to: inappropriate sexual contact, fighting, public intoxication, possession of or consumption of illegal drugs, or other criminal activity excluding minor traffic offenses.
2. Disrespect to the directors, drum majors, officers, other members, the school or its representatives, or any other school official will not be tolerated. Disrespect may be defined by inappropriate language in response to instructions, eye-rolling, throwing things, obscene gestures, and or treating equipment improperly.
3. Members are expected to cooperate with their section leaders at all times. They are expected to report any problems immediately to a section leader or the directors.
4. A Pride of Hardin Hornet Band member will display respect and adhere to the rules and commands of all band directors, faculty, and instructional staff.
5. When, because of disregard for rules of Hardin High School, a student is placed in suspension, dismissal may result at the discretion of school administrators and the directors.

REMOVAL FROM THE PROGRAM

Removal from the Pride of Hardin Hornet Band could occur for the following reasons:

- Out of school suspension from a disciplinary infraction.
- Failure to adhere to the rules listed in the constitution.
- Assignment to alternative school.
- Any severe action that the directors and principal feels do not represent the organization in a positive way.

SECTION LEADERS

1. A section leader must be a POSITIVE model for all other members.
2. A section leader must use best judgment at all times in regard to any decisions, no matter how minor.
3. A section leader must work directly with the directors, displaying unity to all members.
4. A section leader will be expected to:
 - Accept the decisions of the directors.
 - Know the rules and advise members.
 - Aid, when asked.
 - Report any problems to the directors.
 - Organize practices in cooperation with the director.
 - Vocally and constructively correct those members who need improvement in the execution of performance.
 - Willingly accept any other responsibilities delegated by the directors.
 - Schedule and lead instrument sectionals once a week.

OATH

As a member of the Pride of Hardin Hornet Band program, I promise to uphold the rules and values of the band program. I will do everything in my power to make Hardin High School proud of the Pride of Hardin Hornet Band and my teammates proud. I will strive to be on time to all functions and events, and assist the program in every way I can.

DIRECTOR'S NOTE

In order to establish a well-maintained and elite organization, all rules and procedures must be followed. In doing so, members will not only be properly prepared for outstanding performances, but they will receive a very exciting and rewarding experience.

******Students and Parents/Guardians: Please sign and return the final page only. The rest of this constitution is to be kept in the member's possession. ******

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Member and Parent/Guardian**

This Constitution is a summary of the expectations of the Pride of Hardin. The full version of the "Band Program Handbook" can be found posted to the school website or provided in print by request.

I have read and agree to follow the Pride of Hardin Hornet Band Constitution and all the expectations in the Band Program Handbook.

Student Signature

Date

I have read and understand my child's expectations as a part of the Pride of Hardin Hornet Band organization.

Parent/Guardian Signature

Date