

Fairview High School Band

Attendance Policies 2021-2022

We are excited that you have made a commitment to the Fairview High School Band program. Everyone is counting on you to do your part! The following explains our expectations and consequences regarding attendance at all program related events.

Expectations: Students must be present for ALL rehearsals and performances.

The absence of one person affects the entire group. Critical factors of uniformity, balance, spacing, alignment and other components of performance cannot be improved or maintained with absences. No students are "on call" for a position (i.e. no "backups"). The more you are there, the more we can improve as an ensemble. If the band is expected to be at an event, all of the students in the band are expected to be at the event.

Exceptions: Student illness (absence from school), weddings, funerals, other major events.

With the exception of student illness and funerals, these conflicts must be communicated to band directors a minimum of 14 days prior to the absence day via email or written note to be an excused absence. Notification within the 14 day period will be an unexcused absence.

Not Exceptions: Work, Homework, Break/Extended Weekend, Vacations, Appointments, Tutoring.

If you are at school that day, you are expected to be at the event that occurs that same day. Appointments (medical, etc.) are better made during the summer, on non-rehearsal days, and on days off school. Students should not schedule meetings, tutoring, study sessions, etc. if it conflicts with a rehearsal.

Students should be on the field for marching rehearsals with all necessary equipment before the appointed start of rehearsal. Allow at least 15 minutes to get into the band room, get all equipment, & get to the field. Rehearsals are seldom cancelled. If a cancellation occurs, students will be notified as early as possible during the school day in order to make transportation arrangements. Students should dress appropriately for the weather. At times, we may rehearse in rain.

"To be early is to be on time, to be on time is to be late, and to be late is unacceptable."

Members may forfeit his/her role (leadership, participation, etc.) in the ensemble resulting from:

- Missing a performance of any kind
- Accruing three or more unexcused absences
- Having an extended absence (even if excused)
- Recurring tardiness or early departures from rehearsals

If there are any concerns regarding this attendance policy, please reach out to the me as soon as possible so that potential solutions can be found. This policy should not dissuade any child from participating in the program; it exists out of the professional courtesy for their other band members for your child to play an active role in their learning and the program.

Participation is expected during all rehearsals. The student's health and safety during all rehearsals is paramount: multiple precautions are always taken to ensure the safe participation in outdoor rehearsals and the heat. Any student with more than two days of disengagement (not fully able to participate) must present a doctor's note in order to be excused from participating. It is preferred that students who cannot march on the field or handle their equipment observe rehearsals such that they may continue to learn the materials covered.

Please detach, sign, and return the bottom portion of this form.

I, _____, understand the expectations of the Fairview Band Attendance Policy. Furthermore, I have also shared this information with my parents, and they are in full understanding of the policy as well. We will abide by the guidelines of this policy for our duration of involvement in the program.

Student Signature: _____

Date: _____

Parent Signature: _____

Date: _____