



## Attendance Policy

Performance-oriented activities depend upon full participation. Each student's participation affects the overall outcome, and each student plays a valuable role in this process. Attendance guidelines have been developed to support the learning process for both the student and the group. Attendance is related to both self-discipline and learning. If a student is not in rehearsal, he or she has missed that participatory portion of his or her educational experience and that experience cannot be made-up. A calendar of events is published in advance for your planning. Students and their families are requested to plan appropriately when scheduling appointments, etc., so that rehearsals and performances are not missed.

### **Excused Absences**

Excused absences will only be granted for certain unforeseen conflicts. Excused absences include illness, death in the family, an important religious observance, and potentially other severe circumstances. Personal conflicts such as doctor's appointments, jobs, homework, being grounded, etc. are not excused.

In the event a student must be absent due to an unforeseen emergency such as personal illness, the student is required to communicate to the Director of Bands to inform him of the absence. If a student is well enough to attend class during the school day, the student is expected to attend rehearsal.

\*Please note that documentation will be requested for all absences.

### **Unexcused Absences**

An unexcused absence is one that does not satisfy the requirements listed above for excused absences. Unexcused absences from rehearsal will result in loss of privileges, which could include performances, 3<sup>rd</sup> quarter breaks, etc. An unexcused absence from a performance will result in the student forfeiting any awards that he or she would have been eligible for that year and may also alter his or her participation status in that ensemble. Two unexcused absences from rehearsals will similarly result in forfeiture of awards. Multiple attendance issues may also result in an alteration of the student's participation status. Any student who finds their participation level altered due to attendance issues or behavioral consequences will not be refunded or excused from any financial fees and responsibilities due for participation in the activities/events.