

ATTENDANCE POLICY – MARCHING BAND

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Perfect attendance is the norm. Only the following things can be considered an “excused absence:”

- personal illness that keeps a student from attending (doctor’s note may be requested)
- death in the family
- extreme personal or family hardship (we don’t need specifics, but help us understand)
- close family member is getting married and you are involved in the wedding
- pre-approved athletic conflict, or
- pre-approved extreme family or personal situation.

All other absences are automatically considered “unexcused” and penalties will apply*. To apply for an excused absence, you must fill out this request and give it to a Drum Major for EACH day you want to be excused (for on-going regular absences, you can list them all on one form).

Students should fill out the form even if their reason for being absent is not excused. This will enable the Drum Majors, Personnel Managers & Directors to know that you will not be present and to plan accordingly. Please submit these before the absence if at all possible. When students are absent and there are no forms submitted, we will call the parent to verify whether or not the student should be present at rehearsal.

***PENALTIES FOR UNEXCUSED ABSENCES**

If you have unexcused absences or tardies to marching band performances or rehearsals, the following penalties may apply:

1. You will not receive the points that you would have received for the particular event in the Kettering Bands Awards Program.
2. If you fail to fill out the Absence Form for missed rehearsals and performances, additional points may be deducted from points you have already earned. Remember to fill out and turn in the form, even if you know it will not be excused. If you can’t get the form to us until AFTER the absence, that is ok.
3. ***Absences and tardies are considered when students apply for student leadership positions. A near-perfect record will be required to become a student leader.***
4. Continual absences (especially from performances) would indicate to us that you are not interested in maintaining membership, and may result in immediate dismissal from the marching band.

THINGS THAT CANNOT BE EXCUSED

- You have to work
- Family Vacation
- You have to study
- Attending a rock concert or other concert
- Birthday celebration
- No ride (CALL US if you need help finding a ride to a rehearsal or performance!)

REMEMBER

Marching Band does NOT affect your grade in band classes at Waterford Kettering HS. Marching band is extra-curricular and there are no grades assigned for student participation. We DO, however, give extra rewards at the Spring Band Awards Program in June for the notable participation of band students who join the marching band. AND, we expect OUTSTANDING ATTENDANCE for our leaders or future leaders.