



# 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
- close family member is getting married and you are involved in the wedding ceremony
- 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 the Director for EACH different excuse you want to apply for (please don’t list different events on the same form). You can use one form if it is the same excuse for multiple days.

***Students should fill out the form even if their reason for being absent is not excused. This will enable the Directors to know that you will not be present. Please submit these before the absence if at all possible.***

## **\*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 earn the points that were given for the missed event in the Kettering Bands Awards Program
2. An additional amount of points will be deducted from your marching band overall total points as follows:
  - Missed performance, deduct 25 more points per missed performance
  - Missed rehearsal, deduct 10 more points per missed rehearsal
3. Three unexcused tardies to performances will equal one missed performance for deducting points. Three unexcused tardies to rehearsals will equal one missed rehearsal for deducting points.
4. Absences and tardies are considered highly when students later apply for student leadership positions.
5. Continual absences (especially from performances) will be interpreted as a lack of interest and may result in dismissal from the marching band.

## **THINGS THAT CANNOT BE EXCUSED**

- You have to work (you are required to work out the schedule with your boss in advance)
- Family vacations
- 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!)