

2009-2010 Charlotte High School Band

Calendar at a Glance – Rehearsal Co-curricular Responsibilities

Attendance Policy

Attendance at rehearsals and performances is 100% REQUIRED and NECESSARY. All scheduled rehearsals and those announced with at least two weeks' notice are mandatory and graded components of the requirements for the classes. Only by prearranged plans may a rehearsal or performance be missed (this includes all sectional, full ensemble, and special rehearsals (see Rehearsal & Performance section)). Other absences will be reviewed and dealt with according to the circumstances surrounding the absence. All rehearsals and performances held after normal school hours are considered an extension of the school day and are treated as part of the class requirements. After school rehearsals and performances for Band are co-curricular, as per the Charlotte County School Board and the DOE approved Florida School Music Association. They are NOT extra-curricular, and cannot be used as such to avoid its responsibilities. Please note that it is impossible to really "make up" a performance or rehearsal if missed. Other members will carry an extra burden when people are absent. Make-up work is provided only to help "protect your grade," but no performance or rehearsal absence can truly be made up in terms of what it does to affect the CHEMISTRY of the TEAM.

Punctuality is also an important issue for the CHS Band. While it may seem harmless to show up to events two or three minutes late, in the real world, people may be fired for being even one minute late. Work on punctuality now, and you will never have to worry about it in the future. We suggest always planning to arrive five minutes earlier than necessary to ensure that you will not be late. Remember the motto: Early is On Time, On Time is Late, Late is Unthinkable! If we are leaving the school for a performance and you are late by even one minute, you may be left behind, even if you have paid for a field trip. PUNCTUALITY is a key word in this program. Be early always!

Unexcused absences during marching season may result in loss of your marching spot (placed on alternate status). We also will not be tolerant of the ever-popular "three-hour illness." We understand that rehearsals, no matter which group, are not always easy, and that there will be times when these rehearsals conflict with homework and social or personal time. However, we do not call rehearsals without intent. Make every effort to be there.

If you are going to miss a rehearsal, marching or concert band, excused or unexcused, or going to be late, you MUST call the Band Office at (941)575-5450, ext. 3402 and let us know. There is a practical reason for this: You are a part of our family, and we like to know that you are safe at all times. If you are not with us at rehearsal, we want to know where you are. Especially in this day and age, it is important for us to know that you are safe and sound. Additionally, if you are going to be absent from a rehearsal or performance, we need a note from your parents with a clear outline of the reasons why you must miss the rehearsal/performance, as well as a phone number where they can be contacted. This note must be in our hands no later than one week prior to the absence, or the absence will automatically count as unexcused.

Please note that doctor and/or dentist appointments are NOT EXCUSED. We rehearse on a limited basis, and that rehearsal time is very valuable to us as a TEAM. Please demonstrate your loyalty to the program by arranging your appointments AROUND rehearsals. Everyone will appreciate it.

<p>Unexcused Absences</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• doctor/dentist appointment• homework/studying for a Test• driving exam• couldn't get a ride (call us, we can always find you a ride)• work (post your band schedule at work so that they do not schedule you. Employers are not allowed to interfere with school).• club meetings• detentions	<p>Excused Absences</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• sick from school (not just staying home due to test or missed assignments – still need to call – we don't know why you are absent)• death in the family• serious Injury• wedding• religious holiday.<ul style="list-style-type: none">• receiving a Pulitzer Prize for Music• receiving an Oscar for Best Soundtrack• other emergencies on a case-by-case basis.
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- tardiness will result in grade penalty.

By signing this form I acknowledge receipt and understanding of the absence/tardiness policy and have carefully examined the attached "2009-2010 Year at a Glance" and that I will read the calendar section of www.silverkingband.net for potential calendar updates throughout the year. I understand that it is the responsibility of each member to attend all rehearsals/performances and that failure to do so will result in loss of participation points and a lower academic grade.

Date: _____

Student Name: _____

Student Signature: _____

Parent/Guardian Name: _____

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