

# CBHS Marching Band Attendance Policy

**All students are required to be at all rehearsals and all performances unless excused by Mr. Ary.**

Performances are a culmination of band course requirements and cannot be made up. Therefore, an unexcused absence from a scheduled performance will reflect a grade of a "0" to be averaged into the student's performance grade for that grading period, the student may be asked to forfeit his/her spot in the show for the rest of the season, and/or the student may be subject to dismissal from the band and dropped from enrollment in the band class.

Sectionals and rehearsals are course requirements that require interaction from members of a group and cannot be made up. Therefore, an unexcused absence from an after school sectional or rehearsal will lower a student's participation average by 20 points for that grading period and the student may forfeit their position for the next performance. If a student has three unexcused absences from marching band rehearsals they will be subject to dismissal from the band and dropped from enrollment in the band class.

**The following are the only situations in which a student will be completely excused from a rehearsal or performance without penalty:**

- Marriage of a family member
- Death of a family member
- Illness
- Other CCISD-sponsored events
- Special situations, discussed with Mr. Ary

**Any situation where a student will miss a rehearsal or performance requires a parent phone call and/or a conference with Mr. Ary.**

Grades are obviously not in effect during summer band. However, students who are excused from any summer rehearsals may be asked to make up time lost. If a student is unable to "catch up" from time missed, he/she will become an alternate for the remaining summer rehearsal. The student may be returned to permanent status after demonstrating adequate improvement. A student who misses a summer rehearsal or performance without being excused may be placed in alternate status or lose his/her marching spot for the rest of the season. Usually, the only summer performance is the Friendswood 4<sup>th</sup> of July Parade. Since this is a performance for the community, it is extremely important that the ENTIRE band be in attendance. Your support in this matter is extremely appreciated!

All rehearsals and performances will be scheduled as soon as possible (usually months in advance) and posted on the CBBBC website ([www.clearbrookband.org](http://www.clearbrookband.org)). Any changes to this schedule will be announced via the CBBBC website and CBBBC emails (therefore, make sure you are receiving and reading those emails).

**Dr's and Dentist/Orthodontist Appointments:** We understand how difficult it is to schedule appointments. We give every Wednesday (except for the Homecoming Parade) off so that you can schedule your appointments. A regularly scheduled appointment (check-ups, allergy shots, braces tightened, etc...) is not an excuse for missing a rehearsal; only a doctor's visit for illness will be excused. Please look at our calendar and schedule your appointments around the marching band commitments.

**We have read and agree to abide by the CBHS Marching Band Attendance Policy.**

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Student Signature

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Parent/Guardian Signature