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## ATTENDANCE/GRADING POLICY

### ALL CONCERT BANDS

The following attendance policy is for students enrolled in Concert Band (Beginning Instrumental Ensemble), Symphonic Band (Intermediate Band), and Wind Ensemble (Mastery Band). The term “concert band” applies to each of these ensembles.

In order for all members of the East Paulding High School Concert Bands to be successful in experiencing efficient, positive, and meaningful rehearsals and performances, the following is the attendance policy for the East Paulding High School Concert Band program.

#### **1. All Concert Band programs are co-curricular.**

There will be after school commitments, and your attendance at these rehearsals/performances will be graded.

#### **2. All Concert Band members are expected to check the East Bands website and/or band calendar often for updates and to know when all events are scheduled.**

The website address is: [www.eastbands.com](http://www.eastbands.com). There is a live calendar available with dates provided well in-advance.

#### **3. All Concert Band members are expected to attend all after school rehearsals.**

In the event that a member misses a rehearsal, the absence will be categorized as one of the following:

**Excused Absence:** Following the absence, the member will be allowed to return to the band in good standing, immediately. You will be given the opportunity to make-up the work that you missed. Depending on the circumstances, the member may still be taken off individual parts/solos, etc. This happens frequently to members who are absent.

**Unexcused Absence:** Following the absence, the member will be allowed to perform with the band only upon approval from the primary band director, but will receive a “0” for that rehearsal. Depending on the circumstances, the member may still be taken off individual parts/solos, etc. This happens frequently to members who are absent.

#### **4. Multiple absences (2) (excused or unexcused) may result in the student being removed from performance opportunities and/or the Concert Band Program as a whole.**

Remember, band still has to continue regardless of your circumstance.

#### **5. An unexcused absence from any performance will result in being removed from all future performances of the Concert Band Program.**

The student will receive a “0” for that grade. Make-up assignments may be given for partial credit.



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**6. Every absence will be taken into consideration on a case-by-case basis.**

The following are examples of an **excused absence**: sick (with a doctor's note), death of a family member, and wedding of an immediate family member (brother, sister, mother, father).

The following are examples of an **unexcused absence**: not feeling like coming to rehearsal, sick (without a doctor's note), homework, birthday, work, a concert, going out of town, vacation, any absence where an acceptable excuse is not provided.

**A note on homework:** Missing a rehearsal due to homework is an unacceptable excuse. Remember, this is a class as well. Plan your homework and assignments ahead of time.

**7. All excuses must be submitted to Mr. Thomas via email: [mthomas@paulding.k12.ga.us](mailto:mthomas@paulding.k12.ga.us)**

If you know you are going to be out ahead of time, please be sure to submit the necessary information to Mr. Thomas (via email) prior to your absence, in order to make sure your absence will be excused.

If the absence is unexpected, information regarding the absence should be submitted (via email) to Mr. Thomas on the day you return.

**8. All Concert Band members are expected to practice at home and come to rehearsals prepared.**

If you show up unprepared, you won't be allowed to perform with the ensemble. You are expected to earn your spot, and work hard to keep it throughout the school year.

**9. All Concert Band members are expected to be on time for all rehearsals**

2 late arrivals = 1 unexcused absence.

Any late arrival of greater than 30 minutes = 1 unexcused absence

**10. Students who are removed from the program (or must quit) for attendance or behavior issues will not be allowed to return to the program in subsequent school years.**

**11. All concert band participation fees, uniform accessory payments, and/or additional item purchases are not refundable.**

In the event a student quits, is removed from the program, moves, transfers schools, etc, your payment will be considered a contribution to the East Paulding High School Band Boosters, Inc. and will be used to help recover lost funds caused by your student's remaining dues not being paid.