

Marching Band Rules And Expectations

Franklin Regional High School

2008-09

I. Attendance at Rehearsals and Performances

- ♪ The only acceptable reasons for missing band camp, after school practices, or performances are:
 1. Illness with a doctor's note.
 2. Death in the family.
 3. Attending a religious function – weddings, etc.
- ♪ Marching Band is a *co-curricular* activity for student musicians. Musicians are reminded that attendance at band camp, after school practices, and performances is a large part of the grade for the first nine-week period.
- ♪ Bandfront is an *extra-curricular* activity. The demerit system, outlined in the Bandfront Regulations, will be enforced throughout the entire year.
- ♪ No one should miss rehearsals or leave practices early for work! Give your employer a copy of the fall schedule *now*.

II. Band Camp

- ♪ Musicians – Be sure that your instrument is in good working order *before* the season begins.
- ♪ Musicians are expected to have a pencil during rehearsals to mark field routings and to make notations in the music.
- ♪ All students are required to wear tennis shoes (no sandals or bare feet) during rehearsals. Students may bring a hat for protection from the sun during band camp. Girls are not permitted to wear strapless tops.
- ♪ The use of sunscreen is highly recommended. Students should also bring a thermos cooler for refreshment during breaks.
- ♪ During band camp, you must pack a lunch each day. Lunch will be from 11:30 to 12:30 in the cafeteria. **No one is permitted to leave the campus – by walking or by vehicle – for any reason.**

III. School Instruments, Equipment, and Uniforms

Any student who is issued school instruments, equipment, or uniforms will be responsible for the cost of repairs or replacement due to negligence or abuse.

IV. Attire and Appearance

Specific to musicians and Honor Guard:

- ♪ The student is responsible for keeping the band uniform clean and in good repair during the season. Hems must be intact. Periodic dry cleaning, at the student's expense, may be necessary during the course of the season. Uniforms are the property of the school district and must be stored at school.
- ♪ Shoes must be cleaned and polished. Socks must be full length, solid navy or black.
- ♪ Clean white gloves are required for every performance.
- ♪ Long hair must be firmly tucked inside the hat.
- ♪ During warmer weather, the student is required to wear the white band shirt, issued by the Band Boosters, under the uniform.
- ♪ In colder weather, the band director will specify the acceptable cold weather attire.

Specific to Majorettes, Pantherettes, and Silks:

- ♪ The student is responsible for keeping the uniform clean and in good repair.
- ♪ Shoes must be cleaned and polished. Hose must be clean and run free.
- ♪ Warm-up suits are the property of the Band Boosters and must be stored at school.
- ♪ Hair must be pulled back in a bun unless otherwise instructed.
- ♪ Make-up and lipstick must conform to regulations.
- ♪ Undergarments should not be seen outside of the uniform. This includes cold weather attire.

Specific to all marching band members:

- ♪ No face glitter.
- ♪ No dyed hair (green, orange, pink, etc.)
- ♪ No colored nail polish.
- ♪ No jewelry.
- ♪ No chewing gum.
- ♪ No bandannas or other apparel that violates school policy.
- ♪ No exposed body piercing.

V. Transportation

All students must ride the bus to and from away events. Any other arrangements must be cleared by the band director and be in compliance with school policy.

VI. Equipment Trailer

- ♪ No one is permitted to stand or climb on the interior shelving units.
- ♪ Nothing may be hung from the protective grill work protecting the interior lights.
- ♪ No equipment may be propped against the exterior of the trailer.

VII. Stadium Seating

- ♪ All marching band members are required to sit in the designated seating area. Each student is required to sit with his/her section. Students will play together as directed by the drum major during the course of the game.
- ♪ Non-members are not permitted to sit in the band's reserved section.
- ♪ Marching Band members are not permitted to leave the reserved section without permission from a member of the band staff.
- ♪ Students must remain in full uniform during the entire game unless otherwise directed.
- ♪ No restroom breaks at home games. There will be one restroom break, after halftime, at away events. Restroom trips will be chaperoned by parents.
- ♪ No food or drink is permitted in the stands other than that provided by the band boosters or by the home band at away events.
- ♪ While in uniform, students must conduct themselves appropriately, as they are representatives of the band and the school district.

VIII. Band Detention

A staff member may issue detention to any student found in violation of the above rules and expectations. Detention must be served in a timely manner as agreed upon between the student and the band director, or it will be turned into the main office as insubordination. At that point, the student will be responsible for both the band detention and the office detention.

Marching Band Agreement for Musicians and Bandfront

My son / daughter and I have read the rules and expectations for the Franklin Regional High School Marching Band's 2008-09 school year.

We understand the information and will adhere to all schedules and policies.

We understand that marching band is a co-curricular activity for student musicians. Therefore, all school rules and policies are applicable during band activities. The district's discipline code will be followed for any violation of school rules and policies.

We understand that Bandfront is an extra-curricular activity. The demerit system, as outlined in the Bandfront Regulations, is applicable during the entire school year. In addition, school rules and policies are applicable during band activities, and the district's discipline code will be followed for any violation of those rules and policies.

Student Name (printed) _____

Student Signature _____ Date _____

Parent Name (printed) _____

Parent Signature _____ Date _____

This form must be returned to either the High School or Middle School Band Office by
Thursday, May 29.

Failure to return this signed agreement will result in the student's removal from the marching band!

