

Chichester High School Marching Band

Rules and Procedures

Attendance

- 1) All students are expected to arrive by the POSTED TIME for all rehearsals and performances. Consult the season schedule for specific times. Failure to arrive on time may result in the ensemble being kept late to compensate.
- 2) In order to be considered excused, all absences from rehearsals must be accompanied by a signed note from a parent stating the reason for the absence. Homework load or jobs are NOT acceptable excuses.
- 3) Any student with an unexcused absence in a given week will not be permitted to perform the following weekend.
- 4) Any student who needs to leave campus at any time during a marching band event must give prior notification, and MUST inform a staff member when they are leaving.
- 5) For sports-related absences, please see the director.

Rehearsal

- 1) Rehearsals are Mondays and Wednesdays 5:30 – 8:30, and Saturdays as announced. As stated above, all rehearsals are mandatory.
- 2) Cell phone use will not be permitted during rehearsals. Any student using a phone will have it confiscated until the end of rehearsal.
- 3) Since being able to accurately check forms is essential to creating a quality performance, all students will be expected to have a dot book or similar notes with them at all times on the field during rehearsal.
- 4) When the ensemble is called to “Set” by a staff member or drum major, the ensemble will stand silently at attention or “minus one” ready to receive instructions.

In Uniform

- 1) No inappropriate language or gesturing will be permitted in uniform. Failure to abide by this rule may result in dismissal from a performance.
- 2) When in uniform, students will be expected to conduct themselves with integrity. This includes being supportive of teams/other bands and not being drawn into heckling or disputes with other fans.
- 3) When in uniform, students will be expected to remain in FULL UNIFORM unless otherwise instructed by a staff member.
- 4) Nothing may be worn over the uniform. Nothing worn under it may show through.

Football Games

- 1) During time in the stands, students are only to play when directed to by a staff member or drum major. Playing at any other time creates a distraction and may result in penalization of the team on the field.
- 2) Free time out of the stands during a football game is a privilege, and will be revoked if students are unable to conduct themselves appropriately.
- 3) Cell phone use in the stands or during warm-ups/performance will not be permitted. Any student using a phone will have it confiscated until the end of the engagement.

Competitions

- 1) Students will be expected to support other performing bands while in the stands.
 - 2) During the exhibition of the home band, students will stand to respectfully watch the performance.
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Band Camp Checklist

- **Instrument**
- **Folder with sheet protectors for music and drill**
- **A dot book or small notebook to mark your drill in**
- **Pencil**
- **COMFORTABLE sneakers – no sandals!**
- **Sunscreen**
- **Hat/Lightweight clothing**
- **At least 1 gallon of water per day (the school can provide some water, but members should not rely on this for their only hydration)**
- **Food or money to buy food at dinner**

For the season, you will also need:

- Black marching shoes (Dinkles) available through the band parents**
- Black gloves, also available through the band parents**
- Black t-shirts to wear under your uniform**
- Black socks**