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“Creating a Culture of Musical Excellence through  
Pride, Vision, Innovation and Christian Values”

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## Marching Band Member/Parent Contractual Agreement

### Attendance:

- All rehearsals, games and competitions are MANDATORY
- Excused absences and tardies include: Death in the family, severe illness (fever, stomach, flu, etc...), major school events and immediate family events.
- Unexcused absences and tardiness will not be tolerated and may ultimately lead to dismissal from the band program (Guard, Percussion or Winds)
- Unexcused Tardies/Absences will result in the following consequences
  - 1 Rehearsal Tardy – verbal warning.
  - 2 Rehearsal Tardies – Member must stay 15 minutes after rehearsal.
  - 3 Rehearsal Tardies = 1 unexcused absence.
- 1 Unexcused Rehearsal Absence (especially Thursday dress rehearsals); loss of 3rd quarter break
- 2 Unexcused Rehearsal Absences – Ineligible to perform at the next performance
- 3 Unexcused Rehearsal Absences - Ineligible to perform at the next performance; possible dismissal from the program.
- 4 unexcused Rehearsal Absences – Immediate dismissal from the program
- 1 Unexcused Football Game or Competition Absence – Immediate dismissal from the program.

### Games:

- Call times are when rehearsals/performances begin.
- **Band/guard members should report 10 minutes before call time.**
- There is only WATER allowed in the stands at all games
- NO food or candy
- Everyone is required to participate in the cheering of the team. We're there to support and encourage and be POSITIVE representatives of the school.
- No reading, homework or cell phones will be allowed in the stands at any time.
- Only GCCS Band gear is to be worn in the stands during games (exceptions must be previously APPROVED by Mr. Claassen)
- Non-band members are not permitted to sit in the band section at games
- Negative remarks towards game officials are not tolerated

## Rehearsals:

- All members are to report to the designated place (Band Room or practice field) by 3:45pm every day.
- Failure to do so will result in tardiness
- Band/Guard members should report 10 minutes before call time.
- All members are to have the following items for EVERY rehearsals
  - Dot book or drill charts
  - Pencil
  - Equipment/instrument/music
  - Water Jug (LARGE enough to get through an entire rehearsal block
  - Appropriate rehearsal attire (school dress code applies).
- All members should plan to stay 15 minutes after every full band rehearsal to ensure they are prepared for the next rehearsal (announcements and putting away equipment/instruments properly)

## Attire:

- All members of color guard should wear clothes to rehearsals that are suitable for practicing choreography.
  - NO jeans
  - NO oversized shirts
  - NO Jean shorts
- All members of the percussion and wind sections should wear appropriate clothing for physical activity
  - NO jeans
- All members are to wear athletic shoes. (Guard may wear dance shoes)
  - NO flip flops
  - NO flats
  - YOU MUST WEAR SOCKS

## Uniforms:

- Band uniform parts (jacket, bibbers) are always zipped with shoulder straps up, or not at all. Do not walk around with your uniform half on/off.
- Mr. Claassen will approve when band jackets can be removed
- Band uniforms will remain at the school for storage.
- After performances, you should plan to travel back with the band; should you choose not to, you must make arrangements to ensure the uniform is returned in its entirety. If not, you will be charged for replacement.
- The care and maintenance of the uniform is the member's responsibility.
- Uniforms are NEVER machine washed and line dried.
- Uniforms will be returned at the end of the season after being dry-cleaned following the final performance. Any uniforms that are not returned cleaned, will be assessed a \$50 dry cleaning fee.

## **Competitions:**

- The band will have a FULL ENSEMBLE rehearsal prior to departing time, so plan on arriving 1-3 hours before the time provided.
- Due to the nature of the MSBA/OMEA competition circuits, details are specific to each competition. Specific information will be provided at least 2 weeks prior to each competition date.
- It is expected that all band members sit together in the stands to watch/cheer on other bands and that all competition etiquette rules are followed.

## **Sunglasses/Glasses:**

- During color guard, sunglasses or prescribed glass are not permitted. It is very dangerous to participate in color guard with them as they could cause serious or permanent injuries. If you cannot for some reason wear contacts, please let Mr. Claassen know ASAP.
- Sunglasses are permitted ONLY during the setting of drill during band rehearsals.
- Guard members may not use sunglasses when spinning is involved.

## **Equipment and Maintenance:**

- The maintenance and care of band equipment/instruments is incredibly important. Equipment/instruments must be stored, transported and cared for correctly. Equipment should never be lent out, left out or unattended for any reason.
- No member should ever allow another person to use/spin their equipment, nor should any member try to play or use the equipment of another (especially school owned instruments/equipment).
  - These are expensive investments and must last.

## **Hair Makeup and Accessories:**

- For rehearsals and performances, hair must be pulled back out of the face and look presentable. Guard will have predetermined hair styles for performances.
- For your safety, most jewelry is not permitted. Stud earrings are allowed.
- FOR GUARD – each member will be required to wear make-up, earrings and any other accessory for the current season.
- For everyone – please remember that some students may have allergic reactions and therefore, cologne, perfumes and body scent should be applied AWAY from the group and never overdone. This can ruin the uniform and set off someone's allergic reactions.

## **Summer Rehearsal/Band Camp:**

- All members are required to attend band camp and pre-band camp.
- All members are required to attend July rehearsals/conditioning. If you have preplanned events, please note that on your contract when you return it or contact Mr. Claassen immediately. As your child progresses through the program, we ask that vacations be taken during June and the beginning of July, because of when camps begin.
- June rehearsals are considered voluntary, but students must have a reason for their absence.

- Failure to attend summer rehearsals/conditioning may end in dismissal from the band program. The summer is a crucial learning stage and helps to speed up the process during the year.

## **Dedication to Build the GCCS Band Program:**

- Participation in the marching band is a semester long commitment. Failure to fulfill this commitment may result in forfeiture of future participation in band sponsored activities and awards, and may impact receipt of transcript credit necessary for graduation.
- Our band prides itself in its consistency from performance to performance. In order to successfully achieve consistent and quality performances, each member of the band must be present for the entire semester.
- A signed copy of this agreement is considered a season long commitment to the marching band. Our band is based on trust and commitment in order to help one another grow as leaders of our school, musicians, and people. If any student decides to leave the marching band at any point over the summer or during the season, this will result in expulsion from the entire band program for the remainder of the school year and will be charged for editing fees of the drill (\$100 per hour of edits)

## **Based in Faith**

- The GCCS band program is based in Christian Education. Students entering the program do so with the understanding that all band activities will be ran with a Christian mindset and biblical principles.
- Faith based activities include, but are not limited to:
  - Group Prayer
  - Group Worship
  - Group Devotions
  - Group Faith and/or Ethical/Moral Discussions

## **Grounds for Automatic Dismissal:**

- Possession or use of illegal drugs (improper use of prescription drugs), alcoholic beverages, and tobacco of any form.
- Suspension from school for violations of school discipline policy.
- Unbecoming behavior that reflects negatively on the reputation of the band program and or the school.
- Failure to attend games, competitions, performances and rehearsals without proper notification to band director or instructors.
- If there are ongoing discipline problems which violate the rules of the band program
- GPA falls below a 2.0
- Refusal to comply with the instructions of the band, guard, percussion director, or parent chaperone/volunteers
  - Students should be respectful at all times.

Complete and return the next page by the date indicated.

# Grove City Christian Marching Band Member/Parent Contract

PLEASE PRINT

I \_\_\_\_\_ (student) and  
\_\_\_\_\_ (parent/guardian) have  
read and understand the GCCS Band Contract.  
By signing this sheet, I agree to comply with all the rules and  
regulations of the Grove City Christian Band Program.

Student Signature

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Date \_\_\_\_\_

Parent Signature

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Date \_\_\_\_\_

List and explain any known Conflict Dates (summer and  
regular season):

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