

# West Orange High School Bands

## ***Co-curricular Ensembles Guidelines & Regulations***

Marching Mountaineers  
Winter Color Guards  
Jazz I & Jazz II  
Pit Orchestra  
Indoor Percussion Ensemble

### **Participation and Attendance**

All members of the co-curricular ensembles are expected to be present at all the rehearsals for their respective groups, all of which can be found on the West Orange High School Band calendar online at [www.wohsmusic.org](http://www.wohsmusic.org). A student must communicate with the directors about attendance. Absence from rehearsals is only acceptable due to illness, family death or emergency, religious holiday, or, in some cases, school sporting events. You are expected to be present at rehearsal every day you are present in school. If you are ill and absent from school you do not attend rehearsal that day. If the nurse sends a student home from school due to illness, you do not attend rehearsals that day. On the weekends, **communicate with the directors via email** about any illness that may arise. Students are permitted one unexcused absence during any single season. Students missing rehearsals for any other reason will be removed from the ensemble.

### **Academic Excellence**

Students in co-curricular ensembles are expected to:

- Set academic goals
- Manage their time effectively
- Study every day and take notes in class
- Complete all work on time

### **Behavior and Attitude**

Students in co-curricular ensembles are expected to show respect for each other and their directors and a positive attitude by being on time, working hard, and putting the group ahead of the individual. If at any time a student is not fulfilling these expectations, he or she will be removed from the ensemble.

### **Commitment and Time Management**

Members of co-curricular ensembles must be aware of the extra time responsibilities, including travel to festivals, concerts, extra rehearsals after school, during the evening, and weekend, and any fundraising expectations. Members of co-curricular ensembles have a serious obligation to be at every performance. *Only in an extreme circumstance would missing a performance be acceptable.*

### **NOTE**

Special situations will be dealt with on an individual basis. All final decisions will be made by the directors.

**Any unexcused absence from rehearsals will jeopardize YOUR participation in upcoming performances AT THE DISCRETION OF THE DIRECTORS. Excessive absenteeism may result in your dismissal from the ensemble at the discretion of the directors.**

# MARCHING MOUNTAINEERS

## ATTENDANCE POLICY

The WOHS BANDS calendar is found at [www.wohsmusic.org](http://www.wohsmusic.org) and is a Google calendar updated daily/weekly by the directors. It is the responsibility of all students and parents in the program to understand the commitment and adhere to the schedule.

### **JULY- AUGUST**

In the summer, we understand that families are traveling. You are expected to schedule your travel around the week of band camp so we have 100% attendance when we learn our show. All other summer rehearsals, please let the directors know **via email** if you are traveling for one or two weeks. If you are not traveling, you are expected to be at all summer rehearsals.

### **SEPTEMBER-NOVEMBER**

You are expected to be present at rehearsal every day you are present in school.

If you are ill and absent from school you do not attend rehearsal that day. If the nurse sends a student home from school due to illness, you do not attend rehearsals that day.

On the weekends, communicate with the **directors via email** about any illness that may arise.

### **EXPECTATIONS**

You are expected to manage your time and schedule all appointments or family commitments when there is not marching band rehearsal. Missing rehearsal for “brunch” or “orthodontist appointments” is not acceptable. This includes the following items:

Brunch

Concert Tickets

Birthday dinners

Medical/dental appointments (emergency appointments are excused)

Homework

Foreign exchange students

Tiredness

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