



## 2022-2023 Marching Crusaders Attendance Policy

Marching band is a unique organization that offers many benefits to its performers and audience. For this organization to be successful, all stakeholders must be aware of the necessary commitment of all involved. Performances are complex arrangements of motion and music between many performers. As with sports, missed practices lead to increased errors and potential injury. To this end, attendance at all practices, performances, and fundraisers listed on the calendar are required of all students.

Students – Attendance is important to your fellow members. This includes being on time (early) for all events. Marching band will challenge your time management skills. It is important **YOU** keep up with all your class work and seek the help of a student leader, teacher, or staff member when you need help. It is suggested you put the marching band calendar into your smart phone and be sure to monitor the BAND app. When a conflict arises, be sure to notify the director and your section leader as soon as possible.

Parents – A calendar of events has been provided so you are aware of the time requirements for your student. Please avoid scheduling appointments and other commitments during these dates. If an illness or conflict arises, please contact the director as soon as possible. Often, we can work out conflicts with a little compromise. Please be aware of two important things. 1 - a student cannot excuse themselves from any event (rehearsal, performance, fundraiser). A parent or guardian must contact the director. 2 - Notification of conflict does not mean a student will be excused.

Summer calendar – Marching band begins in July with many important rehearsals. We realize families will be going on vacation during the summer months. The policy of the marching band for summer events will be: If the student is in town, they are expected to be at the rehearsal. If the student is on vacation, the student will be excused, with proper notification.

Camps/Fall Schedule – Attendance is required at all practices. Below are the most common conflicts.

Activities:

School sponsored events – We will work with students to allow them to do both activities to the best of our ability, provided we are notified.

Non-school sponsored events – Students will not be excused for avoidable or electable events such as outside of school groups, family vacations, work, celebrations (birthday parties).

Drivers training – Drivers training is an important part of a high school student's experience. If you plan to start your driving experience this year, please be aware of some potential conflicts with pre-camp and away camp, as well as concert seasons performances.

If you have questions regarding the attendance policy, or you have a conflict with the calendar, please email Mr. Griffith at [griffda@lc-ps.org](mailto:griffda@lc-ps.org).