

ATTENDANCE POLICY 2009-10 Band Rehearsals and Performance Events

EARLY-MORNING REHEARSAL ATTENDANCE POLICY

Morning rehearsal begins at 7:15 am and will follow this schedule:

- 7:10 Inside Band Room/
Individual Tuning
- 7:15 Announcements/
Attendance
- 7:20 Group Warm-ups
- 7:30 Rehearse Repertoire
- 7:53 Dismissal

Consistent and on time attendance is a prerequisite for continued membership. Valid causes for absences are defined by BOARD OF EDUCATION POLICY 7:70:

A valid cause for an absence includes illness, observance of a religious holiday, death in the immediate family, family emergency, situations beyond the student's control as determined by the Building Principal or such other circumstances, which cause reasonable concern to the parent/guardian for the student's safety or health.

Since poor attendance helps no one, Unexcused Tardiness or Unexcused Absences can lead to lower seating placement or dismissal. Jeopardizing your membership is very serious. Therefore, Mr. Loest will review each situation carefully when determining consequences according to the following steps:

UNEXCUSED TARDINESS

Unexcused Tardy 1

- Parent Contact
- Responsibility Reminder

Unexcused Tardy 2

- Parent Contact
- Responsibility Coaching Session*

Unexcused Tardy 3

- Parent Contact
- Lower Seating Placement or Dismissal

UNEXCUSED ABSENCE

Unexcused Absence 1

- Parent Contact
- Responsibility Coaching Session*

Unexcused Absence 2

- Parent Contact
- Lower Seating Placement of Dismissal

**You will meet with Mr. Loest and Mrs. Gornik to implement a solution to your attendance problem!*

SCHOLASTIC ABSENCE

- You may take one Scholastic Absence per term. Reasons include making up a test, attending a study session, or completing a group project.
- Before taking your Scholastic Absence, you must check with your classroom teacher to see if there is another time for you to come in. If no other time exists, then you may take your Scholastic Absence.
- Finally, you must notify Mr. Loest BEFORE taking your Scholastic Absence. Have your instrument and music on hand in case your plans change.

PERFORMANCE EVENTS ATTENDANCE POLICY

Each performance is a musical assessment in which you demonstrate what you have learned. In addition, your performance provides artistic outreach to our community.

Therefore, it is expected that your family will prioritize band performance events above non-school sponsored activities.

If an unavoidable conflict arises, your PARENT must notify Mr. Loest as far in advance as possible to review the situation. All performance events are listed in the 2009-10 Parent-Student Calendar. They are also posted online at: www.itascamusic.com.

An Excused Performance Absence will result in makeup work. An Unexcused Performance Absence will result in lower seating placement or dismissal. Jeopardizing your membership is very serious. Therefore, Mr. Loest will carefully review each situation when determining consequences.