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- **PURPOSE**

The Purpose of the Mercer High School Band shall be:

1. Complement and strengthen the Mercer High School Music Department.
2. Present to educational authorities the value of training and experience gained through the marching band as an important adjunct to modern education.
3. Develop the group as a cornerstone for building strong relations and educational ventures between the community, students, faculty and administration.
4. Instill in its members a sense of responsibility, both as a group to the community and as individuals to the group.
5. Support the Mercer High School Football Team.

- **MEMBERSHIP**

Membership is open to all instrumentalists and band front candidates in grades 8- 12. Students in grade 7 will be admitted as members of the group on a limited basis at the discretion of the Director of Bands. Prospective instrumentalists are required to pass an audition prior to the start of their first year with the band. Band front members are required to audition prior to the start of each season. Auditions for band fronts will be held in the spring of preceding year.

- **CONDUCT AND RESPONSIBILITY**

Section I – Code of Conduct

Members of the MHS Marching Band are required to conduct themselves in a dignified and respectable manner. Any member found not following the established Code of Conduct or causing a disturbance that detracts from the appearance, efficiency, or synergy of the band can be benched or suspended at the discretion of the Director of Bands.

1. Marching Band adheres to all rules set forth in the MHS Student Handbook.
2. Do not do anything detrimental to yourself – because if it is detrimental to you, then it is detrimental to the entire organization.
3. Members are expected to arrive early to all practices and performances to ensure proper warm-up time prior to the rehearsal (unless legally excused); they should have proper attire that does not restrict movement, their music, and have your equipment and uniforms accounted for and in proper working order/good appearance.
4. At all times cooperate with members of the band staff as personal displays of selfishness, pettiness, or conduct unbecoming of a young lady or gentleman will not be tolerated and is grounds for dismissal or suspension from the group.

Section II - Music/Drill/Routine Memorization

Marching band members are expected to memorize the music, drills, and routines used for all field shows. Members may be asked to demonstrate their knowledge of music and routines to staff members and student leaders. Failure to have music, drills, and routines memorized by the deadlines set may result in you not being able to perform. Benched members must accompany the group to the performance and will serve as managers.

Section III - Penalties for Section I & II Infractions

Any member of the marching band not following the rules established in the above sections is subject to the following penalties.

1st Offense – Warning and Parents are notified

2nd Offense - Member is benched

Upon accumulation of being benched for two performances during one season, members are subject to a review by the band staff and may be dismissed from the group.

- **JULY MID-SUMMER REHEARSALS**

The goal of these rehearsals is to prepare music and routines for the upcoming school year, and to review basics of parade marching for the ensemble. Family vacations, and prior obligations (provided they are indicated on the contract) are taken into consideration for absence from these rehearsals. Rehearsals are held at the high school.

- **BAND CAMPS**

Summer Band Camp is required for all marching band members. The goal for this camp is to 1) review basic fundamentals for the upcoming season, 2) continue learning music and routines for the regular season, and 3) prepare the field shows. Due to the short rehearsal schedule, **no excuses** will be granted for leaving camp early or missing camp (Only family or medical emergencies will be excused during this week. Work, other appointments, and any engagements not listed on the contract are deemed *unexcused*). As this is held prior to the start of *mandatory* fall sports camps, band members participating in a fall sport are required to attend all sessions of the camp. There is a 45 minute lunch break, a 45 minute dinner break and water breaks are given during all days of summer camp. All Marching Band Members are required

to eat both lunch and dinner at the high school. Lunch is not provided for the students. Dinner is provided by the Band Boosters to all students. Summer Camp is held at the high school.

- **REHEARSALS AND PERFORMANCES**

Attendance at all rehearsals and performances is mandatory. Members of the band must identify known absences on their contract and return it no later than the last Friday in May. Any absence that is not reported by this date will be classified as unexcused. Members will be excused for the following reasons: Medical or family emergency, weddings, or other absence/tardy pre-approved by the Director of Bands. An Unexcused Absence applies to following: absence or tardiness due to negligence, work, or anything that does not fall into the category of Excused Absence. Work is not an excused absence. Band Members who represent the school district by participating in a fall sport are required to attend 1 full rehearsal per week in order to be eligible for the next performance event with the marching band.

- **UNIFORMS, EQUIPMENT, & INSTRUMENTS**

Statement of Uniform Responsibility

Marching Band members are issued a uniform and equipment that is the property of the Mercer Area School District. All uniforms will be returned in the condition they were distributed exclusive of depreciation of normal wear to the band room complete with a receipt from a professional drycleaner on a date designated by the Uniform Chairperson & Director of Bands. Band front uniforms will be hand washed in cold water and color safe soap prior to return. Raincoats and wind pants will be machine-washed prior to their return. No alterations will be made to a school uniform unless given specific instructions by the Director of Bands & Uniform Chairperson. At no time for any reason should any uniform part or accessory be lent to another student that is not involved in the marching band. This uniform is to be worn for football games, band shows, and parades during the regular season. Loss or damage to a uniform is the financial responsibility of the person to whom it was assigned. Please note that as of March 2009, the replacement cost for uniforms totals over \$600 for instrumentalists, and over \$300 for band front members.

Prior to each performance, there will be an inspection of each member's uniform and equipment. All band members are required to come through inspection in full uniform, as they will be performing on the field or in a parade. Failure to have all uniform parts & accessories can result in reprimand. Upon completing inspection, members should report to the designated staging area or assigned bus. Band Front Members must have their warm-up jacket and wind pants with them at all performances. All female instrumentalists and band front members will wear their hair in a mandatory hair style that will be determined by the Director of Bands and the Front Line Advisors.

The band utilizes a summer uniform for designated performances that consists of the following:

- White Tennis Shoes, white socks, band T-shirt, and Khaki (Tan) Shorts. (shirt ordered through band office, ***tan/khaki shorts will now be ordered through the band office***)

The band fronts utilize a summer uniform for designated performances that consist of the following:

- White Tennis Shoes, white socks, band t-shirt, and band shorts (shirt and shorts ordered through band office).

The following items are owned by the school and issued to marching band members: Percussion Equipment, French Horns, Baritones, Pompoms (practice & performance), Tubas, Tenor Saxophones, Flags & Poles (practice & performance), and instrument & equipment lockers.

- **TRAVEL**

The marching band travels to perform at parades, football games, and band shows. On all trips, each member will be required to bring their instrument (private or school-owned) and equipment with proper tags and identification to the designated loading area by the designated time. Bus sign-ups for the football season will be held during Summer Camp. Band members are not permitted to take book bags to band shows or football games.

- **MERCER BAND BOOSTER ORGANIZATION**

All Band Members and their parents are encouraged to attend the monthly Band Booster Meetings. The Boosters actively support all the extracurricular bands throughout the school by organizing fund-raisers, working at the concession stand during football, basketball games and track meets, and providing chaperones for trips. The Mercer Band Boosters meet on the first Tuesday of every month in the band room at 7pm.

- **BAND WEB-SITE**

Additional information regarding the marching band and the entire band program can be accessed via the band's web site hosted by the school web-site. You can reach the band web site by going to the school web-site.

<http://mercerbands.wordpress.com>

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