



Student Handbook
Policies and Procedures

2019 Season

Core Values

Performing with Excellence

Anything worth doing is worth doing well, and that usually means a large portion of time dedicated to structured, effective, focused practice. The pursuit and performance of music is something that transcends many of our other, everyday activities and should serve as a source of joy and fun. We owe it to each other, and ourselves however, to make the most of our talents and abilities in order to consistently perform with excellence. In addition to the pleasure we take from being together and creating music, we must also be ready and willing to work hard (and sometimes harder), challenge ourselves, go the extra mile and not be afraid to make mistakes in pursuit of growth and excellence. It is the staff's job to make sure a balance exists between work, fun, growth and joy in rehearsals. It is your job to come to rehearsal ready to both expect and participate in all of those facets by being active and focused at every rehearsal. Remember that, as a part of the Marching Barons, you are part of something much larger than yourselves. What the band accomplishes every year is AMAZING, even if it's hard to see it from the inside; we do much more than march around and play music. Your parents, teachers, administrators and the entire Manheim community take pride in EVERYTHING you do; it is our responsibility to perform excellently for them as well as yourselves.

Leading with Integrity

Whether you are a student leader or not, you are expected to conduct yourself and lead with integrity. You are expected to be good ambassadors of the band, the school district and our community, and we must act as good as we look and sound. Demonstrate good manners—especially toward our booster parents, visiting band staff and boosters, and toward band staff and boosters when we are the visitors. Please use proper judgment in your decision-making in and outside of school. Remember, your actions affect all of us. Don't be afraid to set a high standard for yourself and your peers (both band and non-band) around you. Lead with integrity and lead by example, and others will rise to meet you for the betterment of all.

Valuing every Member

EVERYONE in the Marching Band is important, a “varsity” member and integral to success—there is NO JV and NO bench. It does not matter if you are the senior-most member of the band or the newest member who just joined yesterday, you are IMPORTANT, you are INTEGRAL to what we do and you MATTER. You should never take your role in the marching band for granted, nor let anyone else do the same. It also means that you should never take anyone else's role in the band for granted. We are a band, but we are also a team and a family. We come to band as individuals, but work TOGETHER for the benefit of all. Just as other members of the band depend on you for a successful experience and performances, your success as a member of the band is incumbent not just on yourself, but EVERY other member around you.

Don't hesitate to look to others for help, support and encouragement, but know (and take pride in the fact) that others will look to you for the same. The marching band is a sum that is greater than its parts, but we must remember that each part is great, too!

Attendance

- Attendance at preseason rehearsals is expected.
- Rehearsals, football games, and competitions are mandatory beginning with band camp.
- Absences are considered **excused** when they meet the following criteria:
 - Notice given **2 weeks** in advance vacations, mission trips, family function/commitment, other school-related commitments, and/or other circumstances discussed with Mr. Brackbill or **before** practice (illness/funeral related absences only)
 - Communicated by a parent
 - In written form with a brief explanation to Mr. Brackbill (note or e-mail)
- Absences outside the criteria established above will be considered **unexcused**.

Unexcused tardy: Students with an unexcused tardy will come in early to the following practice to help set up equipment as necessary for the rehearsal, and stay following the conclusion of rehearsal to tear down any equipment and help straighten up the band room.

Unexcused absence: Students with an unexcused absence will lose their 3rd quarter privileges at the subsequent game.

Beyond three unexcused absences: A meeting with the director, parent and student will be scheduled for students who accumulate MORE than three unexcused absences. An improvement plan or possible removal from the ensemble will be discussed.

Rehearsal Expectations and Etiquette

- Arrive with enough time prior to the rehearsal start time to prepare for rehearsal. For example, if a rehearsal begins at 6:30pm, you should be prepared to begin rehearsing at 6:30pm (instrument and music ready, in your assigned place).
- Cell phones may be used during breaks; when in rehearsal they should not be seen or heard.
- Make eye contact with anyone who is speaking to or instructing you—you will hear more. Really.
- Be silent when someone is addressing you or the group. Everything is said or done for a reason; if something must be said twice, it will take twice as long to say it!
- Speak only at appropriate times. Making friends and being social is part of being a great band, but knowing when NOT to talk is an equally important part of the equation. If Mr. Brackbill (or another staff member) asks for quiet, understand it is in the best interests of the rehearsal and the band.

- Participate if you are asked a question. If Mr. Brackbill (or another staff member) asks, “How many people didn’t make it to that set?” raise your hand if it applies. The instructors are assessing the situation and problem solving. Don’t be afraid to make mistakes, and answer honestly. Little things often go a long way!
- Move quickly and efficiently from one instruction to the next.
- Students are expected to participate **fully** in every aspect of rehearsal, unless a note from the athletic trainer or a doctor explaining limitations is submitted. Students who need to see the athletic trainer must see the trainer prior to home room to request a pass for an appointment. All injuries must be reported to Mr. Brackbill.
- Flagrant or repeated disregard of these expectations will result in corrective action including, but not limited to: loss of break privileges during rehearsals, field clean-up duty with staff (after rehearsals), band room clean-up (after rehearsals) or loss of 3rd quarter break privileges at a subsequent football game and will be determined at the discretion of Mr. Brackbill.

Uniform Dress Code

<u>Band Members</u>	<u>Color Guard Members</u>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • When you are in uniform for a performance, you must also have your black gloves (for appropriate instruments) and black socks with proper band shoes (Dinkles or appropriate shoes). • All band students will wear their “BAND THEME SHIRT” under uniforms for all football games and either their “BAND THEME SHIRT” OR a dark-color t-shirt under uniforms for all competitions. • You MUST wear a pair of shorts under your uniform pants. You may use mesh shorts (or gym shorts) for this purpose. <u>As the weather gets colder</u>, long underwear and leg warmers (e.g. Under Armour) will be fine. NO baggy jeans or pants should be worn under uniform pants. • Be sure the band uniform jacket is “zipped up and clipped up” the ENTIRE TIME when you are in uniform, unless instructed otherwise by Mr. Brackbill (or another staff 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • When you are in uniform for a performance, you must also have black socks with proper band shoes, and hair and makeup completed as designed for the show. • All students must have their band Theme shirt available in case it is needed. In cases of rain the uniform top may be removed and the Theme shirt will be used. • You MUST wear a pair of leggings, tights, or tight shorts under pants. You must have at least a tank top, or camisole to wear under the uniform top. NO baggy under clothes, or bright colors may be worn as they may show. As weather gets colder, long underwear and Under Armour is recommended. • Guard will remain in full uniform unless directed otherwise by Mr. Brackbill (or other staff member.) If the uniform is removed the guard will remain in black pants and Theme shirt, and jacket if colder.

<p>member). REMEMBER, every game or competition is a public performance when we represent the band, the music department, the school and the district.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Band members may not eat or drink in uniform except food or water we provide (excluding 3rd quarter break). • When arriving at a performance destination, students must exit the bus in full uniform, jacket zippered, with hat and gloves in hand. • If you do not follow the Uniform Dress Code, 3rd quarter band break privileges may be lost 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Band members may not eat or drink in uniform except food or water we provide (excluding 3rd quarter break). • When arriving at a performance destination, students must exit the bus in full uniform, with hair and makeup completed. • If you do not follow the Uniform Dress Code, 3rd quarter band break privileges may be lost
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In the stands at games

<i>Band Members</i>	<i>Color Guard</i>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Your music ALWAYS belongs in a flip folder and on a music lyre, and should be with you in the stands AT EVERY GAME. You NEED YOUR OWN flip folder and lyre; you should NOT be sharing. We need to sound and look as good in the stands as we do on the field. • There is to be NO food or drink in the stands, except water bottles, unless otherwise stated by Mr. Brackbill or another staff member. • There will be no “visitors” in the stands with the band and guard. You may visit with your non-band friends during 3rd quarter or after the game. • In the stands, students are still required to remain in uniform. If additional layers are needed students may layer under the uniform and or add the black rain coat over top of the uniform. • You are always to be seated with your section • There will be no PDA. Period. No exceptions. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • There is to be NO food or drink in the stands, except water bottles, unless otherwise stated by Mr. Brackbill or another staff member. • There will be no “visitors” in the stands with the band and guard. You may visit with your non-band friends during 3rd quarter or after the game. • In the stands, the guard may add layers of clothing. However, black jackets are recommended. If not available, students may wear whatever they have but will need to wear the black band rain coats on top while sitting with the group. • You are always to be seated with your section. Color guard and sideline will sit together unless the student is playing an instrument. • There will be no PDA. Period. No exceptions. • Your participation is expected when the band is playing in the stands. You are encouraged to enjoy the football game, but when the band plays, all students are to stand and clap along

<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Your participation is expected when the band is playing in the stands. You are encouraged to enjoy the football game, however, make sure you are attentive and ready to perform when instructed to do so.• Each section will be assigned one evening of stand cleanup. Everyone in the assigned section is required to participate until dismissed by band staff.	<p>to the music. Dances are also permitted so feel free to have fun. Sitting on the bleachers and not participating will not be acceptable behavior.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Each section will be assigned one evening of stand cleanup. Everyone in the assigned section is required to participate until dismissed by band staff.
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Bus Expectations

- Manheim Central Student Handbook Bus rules apply.
- No stripping down to underwear or skin while changing.
- Cell phones, etc must have personal headphones if they are being used for music.
- No PDA. Period. Repeat offenders will be reassigned seats, temporarily or otherwise.
- Band members will close windows and clean debris upon return to MCHS.
- Bus drivers are in charge of their buses.
- Students will be dismissed from the bus when directed by Staff.

MARCHING BAND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT SLIP

I have read and understand the Marching Band Policies and Procedures. I also understand that students are to adhere to the Baron Code of Conduct, the School District Drug and Alcohol Policy, and all Student Handbook policies. As a member of the Manheim Central Band, I will support, obey and abide by the rules and the consequences connected with them. As a student in the band I will represent my community and school in a positive manner, on and off the field, in and out of rehearsal, showing myself to be responsible and respectful.

Student Name Printed

Student Signature

Date

I have reviewed the Marching Band Policies and Procedures with my son/daughter and feel sure they will conduct themselves respectfully and responsibly. I understand that failure of my son/daughter to adhere to the rules/policies presented will result in the disciplinary consequences outlined above or, in extreme cases, dismissal from the marching band.

Parent/Guardian Name Printed

Parent/Guardian Signature Only

Date