

Fairview Marching Band Attendance Policies and Procedures

Auditions:

Auditions are not required for marching band, with the exception of the drumline. These auditions will take place at our required camps. Lack of attendance at these camps will hurt your chances for being selected for the line.

Grading

Grades are determined based on three areas: Practice and Participation (P and P) (50%); Formative Assessments (Playing tests, scale tests) (25%); Summative Assessments (Concerts and other performances) (25%)

P and P: Students will receive 5 points per day during the regular school year and 20 points per day of band camp for attendance, punctuality, having all materials, and participating successfully during rehearsals. Any unexcused tardy or unexcused absence will result in the loss of daily points and will negatively affect the student's grade.

Formative: Students will occasionally undergo playing tests to check that his/her skills are advancing at an appropriate rate for his/her grade level. These playing tests will be graded on the same scale that auditions are judged. (see above criteria). If a student is absent from school the day of an assessment, it is his/her responsibility to make up the work according to the school's make-up work policy. Otherwise, the maximum points he/she can earn is 50%.

Summative: Students will be required to attend competitions, football games and other performances throughout the semester and each performance will be worth a portion of the grade.

***** If a student needs to miss a performance for ANY REASON, notification must be given to the band director IN WRITING at least one month before the performance and the request must be approved in order for the absence to be excused. If these procedures are not followed and a concert is missed, the student's final letter grade will be docked by one letter in addition to not receiving his/her summative points.*****

Attendance

Attendance at every rehearsal and performance is mandatory and essential to the growth and development of the band. Please remember that your absence from rehearsal will make it much harder for those around you who are now forced to cover your spot, as well as their own. If a rehearsal needs to be missed, a request for an excused absence form must be filled out and returned TWO WEEKS prior to the absence and approved by the band director to be excused. These forms are available in the band room. Each unexcused rehearsal absence, regardless of the reason for the absence, will result in the loss of participation points for the day (20 for camp and Saturdays, 5 for Tuesday and Thursday rehearsals). An excess of missed rehearsals can result in the loss of performance privileges, lettering opportunities, or dismissal from the FHS Band program.