

2024 NDHS BAND RULES AND POLICIES

- I. **Absences (All notes must include the student's name, date, date to be missed, reason for absence, parent's signature, and a phone number)**
 1. **Excused Absences** - Acceptable excuses are sickness or family emergencies.
 - a. A student may be excused from a performance with a written note if turned in before. All performances are a required portion of your grade.
 - b. A student may be excused from three practices during the first semester with a note turned in at least one week in advance to the section leader.
 - c. A student may be excused due to illness with a phone call prior to the performance and present a note when they return.
 2. **Unexcused Absences** - Missing a practice or a performance without prior written approval
 - a. Missed practice – Detention, phone call home, grade reduction
 - b. Missed Football game – Loss of performance privilege, two detentions, phone call home, grade reduction
 - c. Missed concert or contest – Loss of performance privilege, three detentions, phone call home, grade reduction
- II. **Tardiness (Early is on time. On time is late. Late is to be left)**
 1. **Excused tardy** - With note from parent only and valid reason.
 2. **Unexcused tardy (school policy)**
 - a. first tardy – warning
 - b. second tardy - physical activity or one hour detention, and grade reduction
 - c. third tardy – physical activity or two-hour detention, and grade reduction
 - d. fourth tardy – physical activity or three-hour detention, and grade reduction
- III. **Inappropriate Attire (All inappropriate attire must be changed prior to beginning band function)**
 1. Tennis shoes must be always worn.
 2. No undergarments may be showing
 3. No midriff shirts
 4. No clothes with vulgar or offensive language or pictures
- IV. **Inappropriate Behavior***
 1. Talking while the instructor, Drum Major, or Section Leader is talking
 2. Cursing
 3. Refusal to follow instructions
 4. Chewing gum
 5. Eating food in the band room without permission
 6. Public displays of affection
 7. All school rules always apply (**Any further occurrences will be dealt with on an individual basis**)
 - a. First offence – one hour detention and or 25 repetitions of a physical activity – or running laps
 - b. Second offence – one hour detention and or 50 repetitions of a physical activity – or running laps
 - c. Third offence – two hours of detention and grade reduction, and parental contact
 - d. Fourth offence – two hours of detention, Loss of privilege to perform at the next band function, grade reduction, and parental contact, loss of privilege to go on overnight band trips.
- V. **Grading - Everybody starts off with 100 points**
 1. Class Participation (60%)
 - a. Skipping a practice – minus 10 points
 - b. Tardy – minus 2 points
 - c. Inappropriate behavior - minus 3 points third offence; minus 6 points fourth offence; minus 9 points fifth offence; (Additional three points each offence)
 - d. Forgetting instrument – minus 5 points (**If instrument needs repair a note must be brought in**)
 2. Test and Performances (40%)
 - a. Missed major performances – minus 20 points
 - b. Missed football game – minus 10 points
 - c. Written or Playing test will be averaged into the test grade

***We reserve the right to make any amendments to the disciplinary actions as we deem necessary at the time. We appreciate your hard work and cooperation. Thanks for all your hard work.**

Student Signature: _____ **Parent Signature:** _____