

DMA Marching Band & Visual Ensemble Rules/Contract

- All members must attend summer band camp.
- All members are required to attend all rehearsals, performances and competitions. Failure to attend may result in removal from the program. A note must be provided if a Cadet needs to leave early.
- **Sneakers** are required for after school rehearsals during marching season, not wearing sneakers will count as “missing practice” unexcused.
- Cadets are expected to wear DMA Spirit wear at band camp and after school rehearsals.
- Dues should be paid in full by August 29th, 2018 and will accrue a late fee of \$25.00 the starting Sept 28th and a \$5.00 fee each month thereafter. Band members are required to pay membership dues of \$185.00 which is used to supply transportation, maintain and purchase new equipment as needed. An additional \$40 fee is added to the dues if a cadet is percussionist or is borrowing a DMA instrument for the season. Visual Ensemble are required to pay \$200 by the end of band camp and will contribute additional funds on an as-needed basis for uniform purchases (to be announced at camp).

We also wanted to make it very easy by offering online payment for the many options:

- We had added a PayPal as an option to the Marching Band Web Page. This will provide parents payment options:
 - Payment in Full: \$185
 - Payment with Rental Fee: \$225
 - Payment for Visual Ensemble: \$200
- We will still accept checks as well and payment can be made at the Band Camp Picnic.
- **Absence Policy:** To request that your absence be excused, Mr. Grant should receive a note as soon as possible or at least 7 days prior to the absence. If a Cadet is ill and is going to miss a performance, please call Mr. Grant at 388-8439, so that arrangements can be made to cover the absence. A note should be presented when the Cadet returns.
- Work is not an excused absence. Your absence affects everyone. Please schedule work around rehearsals and performances.
- The practice and performance schedule is established well in advance; please plan doctor’s visits around these events unless it is absolutely unavoidable. Please refer to Absence Policy above if need be.
- Penalties for unexcused absences: 1 miss = warning, 2-4 misses = I don’t march that game weekend/competition (but must attend the game/competition), 5 misses = I don’t march that season.
- Cadets are required to observe **all** school rules when they are at any band function.
- Cadets are required to remain in uniform at events.
- Family and Friends are not permitted to sit with them in the band cadets in the stands.
- Cadets are not permitted displays of affection anytime they are in uniform.
- Cadets are only permitted to have water in the stands during 1st, 2nd and 4th quarters of a football game.
- **Driving Policy:** If a Cadet intends on **driving** or **riding** to or from an event with another cadet, those cadets should provide the supplied permission slip with confirmation of both parental parties.
- **Bus Policy:** When given the option, Cadets are required to fill out an online form before the event as to their bus status; whether they will be riding the bus to the event or home from the event as to provide an accurate account of those traveling with the group.
- **Most Importantly:** Cadets will come to practice with a positive attitude and ready to work.

I agree that my child _____ will adhere to all the rules stated above.

Cadet's Name

Parent's Signature

I agree to abide by all the rules stated above. _____

Cadet's Signature