

## 2024-25 DMA Marching Seahawks Contract

- All members are required to attend all rehearsals, performances, and festivals.
- **Sneakers** are required for after-school rehearsals, violation will count as “missing practice” unexcused.
- Marching Band Dues: Dues for the season are \$200 plus any additional fees indicated below.
  - A **\$40 fee is added to the dues** if a cadet is a **Guard member, percussionist, or is renting a DMA instrument** for the season to help counter the cost of new equipment, repairs, and upkeep.
  - Dues should be paid in full by the last day of Band Camp.
    - Hardship concerns or to set up a payment plan, please contact the Music Association President.
  - Dues can be paid online, in cash, or in a check made out to DMA Music Association.
- Grading: The band program is a performance-based activity and class
  - Cadets will be graded on their performances throughout the season as well as through regular “music checks”, class preparation, and rehearsal participation/performance.
- Absence Policy: as a graded performance-based activity, absences have a huge impact on everyone in the program and cadets and parents should work to avoid conflicts and be present for practices and events.
  - 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: contact Mr. Grant immediately and a note should be presented when the Cadet returns.
  - **Work and other outside curricular activities are NOT considered excused absences.**
  - Medical appointments: Should be scheduled **around** the performance and rehearsal schedule if possible.
    - If unavoidable, please request an excused absence as noted above.
  - Penalties for unexcused absences: 1 miss = warning, 2-4 misses = I don’t march that game weekend (but must attend the game), missing more than 5 rehearsals will result in a conference.
  - Arriving Late/Leaving Early: This can be just as bad as an absence as it creates a distraction during rehearsal.
    - Each instance will count as a strike towards absence, 3 strikes will result in an unexcused absence
  - Unexcused absences will also reflect as a zero for the rehearsal grade in the grade book.
- Cadets are required to observe **all** school rules when they are at any band function.
- Cadets must remain in uniform at events.
- Family and Friends are not permitted to sit with the band cadets in the stands at football games.
- Cadets are not permitted displays of affection anytime they are in uniform.
- Cadets are only permitted to have water, not food, in the stands during the football game.
- Bus and Driving Policy: All cadets should fill out the transportation form confirming they are permitted to ride a DMAMB bus to events.
  - If a Cadet intends on **driving or riding** to or from an event with another cadet, each cadet involved should fill out the lower half of the permission slip with confirmation of both parental parties.
- Media Policy: This contract allows cadets to be photographed and videoed for promotional and instructional purposes. We also hope to preserve your child’s amazing experience so that it can be shared by family and friends for years to come!
- Most Importantly: Cadets will come to practice with a positive attitude and ready to work!

By signing below, the parent and cadet agree to and will follow the rules and regulations set forth above:

Printed Cadet Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Signed Cadet Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Printed Parent/Guardian Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Signed Parent/Guardian Name: \_\_\_\_\_

