

DMA Marching Band and Color Guard Contract

- All members must attend summer Band Camp.
- 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: Members are required to pay dues of \$200 to supply transportation as well as maintain and purchase new equipment as needed.
 - 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 Sept 6, 2023, and will accrue a late fee of \$25.00 starting Sept 22nd and a \$5.00 fee each month thereafter.
 - Dues can be paid in cash or in a check made out to DMA Music Association.
- Absence Policy: as a performance-based activity, absences have a huge negative impact and should be avoided.
 - 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.**
 - Doctor appointments should be scheduled **around** the performance and rehearsal schedule if possible. If absolutely unavoidable 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 – 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 that day in class.
- 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 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.
- Driving Policy: If a Cadet intends on **driving** or **riding** to or from an event with another cadet, each cadet involved should provide the transportation 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.
- 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: _____

Parent’s Signature - Date

Cadet’s Signature - Date

