

Century High School Bands

2012-13 Marching Band Handbook

Rehearsal Expectations

The success of the marching band depends on how rehearsals are begun and carried out. *We practice how we perform so we can perform how we have practiced.* Players are expected to be at rehearsals a minimum of 10 minutes early so equipment can be assembled and readied. Staff members should arrive 15 minutes early. During all rehearsals staff and band members should be characterized by the highest standards of commitment and discipline. ***Please be punctual! All late students will receive consequences for their actions!*** Rehearsal Etiquette is to be followed at all times. **Cell phones are strictly prohibited during rehearsals, performances, and clinics!** Students may use their cell phones during breaks and lunch/dinner times.

2012 Pillars of Success

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RESPECT		RESPONSIBILITY		BE POSITIVE

Attendance Policy

1. Students who miss a dress rehearsal may not perform at the following performance. The Student must, however, attend the performance.
 - a. Exceptions
 - i. Extreme illness (doctors note required)
 - ii. Death in family
2. Rehearsal absences
 - a. Students are absent from a rehearsal and do not communicate with the director or staff member before rehearsal starts, will be considered unexcused.
 - b. Consequences for unexcused absences.
 - i. Violation 1—Meet with director and parent.
 - ii. Violation 2—Contract will be signed by parent, student, and principle.
 - iii. Violation 3—Student will be dismissed from marching band, dropped from the class and will receive an Failing Grade.
3. If you foresee being late or absent from a performance, you must submit an *ABSENCE REQUEST FORM* located on the band website (under ENSEMBLES / MARCHING BAND) at least 1 week in advance of an absence.
4. Tardiness
 - a. Students who are tardy to class will have to make up the time missed in some way. The student will report immediately to the director and create a plan to make up the time that same day. It is the students' responsibility to "make it right."

Rehearsal Rules

1. **Students may not talk during drill or music rehearsals** except for vocalizing counts and moves.
2. Students must have their dot books (fully filled out) at every rehearsal. Failure to have a dot book will result in immediate consequences because rehearsal efficiency cannot be maintained if someone does not have their dot book. The result is wasted time and inefficiency that affects EVERYONE in the entire ensemble.
3. Students will treat the field, facilities, instruments, staff, and students with respect.
4. If a student is feeling ill or is injured during rehearsals, he or she will choose one of the following:
 - a. Go to a staff member IMMEDIATELY and let them know what is happening.
 - b. See medical attention, if necessary.
 - c. Call a parent and get a ride home as soon as possible.

- d. If injury is small, the student may sit on the sideline and play his/her part from the sideline.
- e. **NOTICE: A student may NOT sit a do nothing during a rehearsal!** If a student is unable to do anything, he/she must be too ill or injured to be present at rehearsal and should go home immediately.

Competitions/Exhibitions

The Century High School marching band will always (unless some particular problem arises) arrive at competitions and exhibitions early. Thus, sufficient time will be available for section warm-ups and group warm-ups. The following are some important guidelines to remember when going to a competition.

1. Arrive at the bus departure sight no less than **15 minutes early** so you can gather your instrument and other necessary equipment.
2. When riding busses, always be considerate of others by keeping your voice down and using head phones for ALL electronic devises that produce sound.
3. When the bus makes the first exit off of the highway to a competition/exhibition sight, **all students and staff will remain silent until exiting the bus** (except for emergencies). Use this time to increase your concentration by reviewing the music and show in your head silently.
4. When exiting the bus, bring all necessary items and find your section leader and/or staff member so you can listen to directions. Remember: **ALWAYS LOOK GOOD!** Whether you are rehearsing, warming up, observing, etc., always be on your best behavior and represent our group to your best ability.
5. Talking is not permitted during warm-ups and rehearsals unless you have a specific question. Please ask your question at an appropriate time.
6. If you ever get nervous, focus on your breathing and focus on your sound. Get your mind occupied with what you are doing so you will not be easily distracted during the show.
7. **GIVE YOUR ABSOLUTE BEST AT EVERY SHOW!** Remember that we want to be winners at every show. Winning is meeting your personal goals and the goals of the ensemble.
8. After exiting the performance venue, the band will march out of the venue and form a tightly wound circle. Once the circle is formed, the group will remain at attention while the director and staff give comments. Once the band is dismissed, make sure you follow the directions given.
9. When in the audience, always show respect to the facility and the people around your. Do not talk during performances. The band will always sit together **NO EXCEPTIONS!**
10. When awards are being announced, the band will stand at parade rest. If we are honored by an award, the band will come to attention and remain so until commanded to relax or go to parade rest.

Equipment Expectations

1. All members of the Marching Band will maintain and respect their equipment.
2. All equipment must be put away after every rehearsal, event, and competition unless otherwise indicated.
3. When grounding or storing equipment, instruments and cases should be stored neatly by like instrument and/or sections.
4. **NEVER step over a piece of equipment** unless it is required in the choreography!

Student Conduct

1. All Marching Band students are expected to follow and behave according to the district code of conduct rules and school rules. Violations of these conduct rules and expectations will result in swift and immediate consequences. Public Display of Affection (PDA) is strictly prohibited with the exception of holding hands (see CHS Student Handbook).

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Signature Page

*******This form must be submitted before September 6, 2012*******

PARENT: By signing this handbook, I agree to all of the expectations and rules contained within. I also understand that if my child violates any of the expectations or rules, that consequences will be dealt according to this handbook and according to Century High School discipline procedures.

I authorize all medical and surgical treatment, X-ray, laboratory, anesthesia, and other medical and/or hospital procedures as may be performed or prescribed by the attending physician and/or paramedics for my child and waive my right to informed consent of treatment. This waiver applies only in the event that neither parent/guardian can be reached in the case of an emergency.

PARENT NAME: _____ **SIGNATURE:** _____

DATE: _____

STUDENT: By signing this handbook, I agree to all of the expectations and rules contained within. I also understand that if I violate any of the expectations or rules, that consequences will be dealt according to this handbook and according to Century High School discipline procedures.

STUDENT NAME: _____ **SIGNATURE:** _____

DATE: _____