



ABSCENCE POLICY FOR ALL MARCHING BAND MEMBERS

The success of the program depends entirely on the Pride of Mill Creek's attendance. No one in this group is replaceable. The attendance policy for this season will be different than previous years. There is no more horn/spin drum club.

The following attendance policy applies to both the band class rehearsals and the extra-curricular rehearsals of the marching band, drumline and color guard.

- If a student needs to miss a rehearsal, it must be communicated to both directors via email AND in person.
- The directors determine whether an absence is excused or not.
 - Depending on the circumstances, the directors and staff will determine if the student is eligible to perform.
- A calendar of events is published well in advance for your planning. Students and their families are requested to plan appropriately when scheduling appointments, etc. so that rehearsals and performances are not missed.
 - <http://www.prideofmillcreek.org/calendar.html>
- Each member of the POMC is expected to attend all football games.
 - This includes ALL including playoff games.
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Absence Submission Process

- If a student wishes to receive an excused absence, the student must email both directors in advance as well as speak to the Directors prior to the absence.

- Failure to do so will automatically result in the student's absence being unexcused.
- Submission of a request does not guarantee approval.
- In the event that a student must be absent due to an unforeseen emergency such as personal illness, the student is required to speak with the directors immediately upon their return to school to inform them of the absence.
- If a student is well enough to attend class during the school day, the student is expected to attend rehearsal and will not be granted an "excused" status for missing the rehearsal without advance permission from a Director.

Excused Absences - Excused absences will only be granted for certain unforeseen conflicts.

- Excused absences include illness, death in the family, an important religious observance, and potentially some other circumstances.
- Personal conflicts such as jobs, homework, babysitting, etc. are not excused.

Unexcused Absences- An unexcused absence is one that does not satisfy the requirements listed previously for excused absences.

- This includes homework, jobs, babysitting, family visiting in town, birthday dinners, etc.
- An unexcused absence from a rehearsal will result in the student not being allowed to perform in the next performance. An unexcused absence from a performance will result in the student forfeiting any awards that they would have been eligible for that year.

- Two unexcused absences from rehearsals may possibly alter the student's participation status in the marching band.
- Any student who finds their participation level altered due to attendance issues or behavioral consequences will not be refunded or excused from any financial fees and responsibilities due for participation in the activities/events.
- ANY STUDENT WITH 3 OR MORE ABSENCES WILL HAVE A PARENT CONFERENCE WITH THE DIRECTORS ABOUT THEIR STATUS IN THE MARCHING BAND. DIRECTORS RESERVE THE RIGHT TO REMOVE A STUDENT FROM PERFORMANCES OR ALTER THEIR MEMBERSHIP.
- If a student is not in rehearsal, they have missed that participatory portion of their educational experience and that experience cannot be made-up.

The Directors determine whether an absence is excused or unexcused. The Directors reserve the right to remove a student from performances or alter their membership.

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