

Madeira High School
Marching and Concert Band
Handbook

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Attendance

Rehearsals – The marching band season is one that is intense and demanding. It is impossible to maintain the high level of performance during this part of the band season without some rehearsals outside of the school day. During the marching season the after school rehearsal schedule is as follows:

- Monday Evening: 6:30 – 9:00
- Wednesday morning: 7:00am – the end of first bell
- Thursday morning: 7:00am – the end of first bell
- COLOR GUARD ONLY: Tuesday evening: 6:30 – 8:30
- PERCUSSION: Wednesday evening: 6:30 – 8:30 (or as needed)

Performances – The band is about commitment and dedication. There are numerous performances that the band gives each year for the school, the community, and perhaps outside the community. Absence of any member will cause the entire group to suffer. Performances of the band are mandatory for all members. A schedule for the entire season is issued to each band member at the start of the school year. Use the schedule to plan appointments, family vacations, work schedules, etc. The schedule can also be viewed on the music booster web page. www.madeiramusic.com The schedule and this document can also be found on Mr. Engel's high school web page.

Absences – Excused absences are those pre-approved by the band director. Many band students also belong to athletic teams within the Madeira school system. Most of the time conflicts between band and school athletic events do not occur, however at times they are unavoidable. Athletic games, tournaments, matches are considered excused absences from band. The team member must communicate the absence to the band director in writing or email within 24 hours of the athletic event. In the case of a conflict on a Monday evening notice must be received by the Friday before the conflict occurs. Communication is the key.

Tardy policy – 2 pink slips from the office will result in one unexcused rehearsal absence. (see grading policies) After school rehearsals will be based on the following point system:

- 0 – 10 minutes late will result in a 10 minute penalty
- 11 – 20 minutes late will result in a 20 minute penalty
- 21 – 30 minutes late will result in a 30 minute penalty
- 31 – 40 minutes late will result in an unexcused absence

Points are cumulative for each quarter and each accumulation of 40 minutes tardy will result in one unexcused absence being assessed to your grade.

Football Game Expectations

Band room and stadium – While engaging in band events you are a member of the band at all times. This is true whether we are actively performing or simply socializing on a break. At no time during band events are non-band members allowed in the stands with the band. All non-band members must meet band members outside the band room door during 3rd quarter breaks and after games. All band members are required to be in the band bleachers during football games including color guard. Water is provided in the band area of the stadium and no members are allowed to leave the band area until 3rd Quarter break.

3rd Quarter Break - During the 3rd quarter band members are allowed to purchase snacks in the high school cafeteria. The cafeteria is for band members only. If for any reason a member would like to go to the stadium during third quarter, they must be in full uniform at all times.

Grading

Band is a class therefore a grade is assessed each quarter.

Class Participation – 10 points per rehearsal

After School Rehearsals – 10 points per rehearsal

Performances – 20%

Class Participation: Alertness, active participation, punctuality, instruments and music are all components of class participation. Periodic folder and instrument checks will also make up this grade assessment. Within this component each unexcused absence will result in a loss of 10 percentage points.

After School Rehearsals: This is mainly a first quarter component. Within this component each unexcused absence will result in a loss of 20 percentage points.

Performances: Band is a performance based class therefore all public performances are used as assessments to the band member's grade. Due to the nature of an after school performance it is impossible for one to be made up. Concerts, football games, competitions, and contests are all performances. Each unexcused performance will result in a 20% reduction in the final grade per absence.

Grading Scale:

93 – 100 = A

85 – 92 = B

77 – 84 = C

70 – 76 = D