

# Red Raider Marching Band

## Performance and Practice Agreement

In addition to the expectations outlined in the Marching Band Code of Conduct, students that wish to be a member of the Red Raider Marching Band must understand all expectations regarding performances and rehearsals.

### **Rehearsal Expectations**

1. Members will be on time for every rehearsal. "To be early is to be on time. To be on time is to be late, and late is unacceptable." Students must be at the designated rehearsal location with the proper equipment prior to the start of rehearsal. If rehearsal begins at 6:30pm, arriving at 6:30pm is unacceptable.
2. Use of cell phones during rehearsal is prohibited unless directed otherwise by a staff member.
3. Members will not bring personal issues, or negative discussions to a rehearsal.

### **Absences**

Attendance at all rehearsals and performances is **required**.

Pre-Planned Absences and Conflicts- Absences from rehearsals and performances that are pre-planned must be communicated with Mr. Busch via a phone call or a handwritten note. Although emails are convenient, we have determined that they can be too easily manipulated by individuals posing as a parent or guardian.

Rehearsals- Mr. Busch must be informed of the absence or conflict **3 days** prior to the rehearsal.

Performances- Mr. Busch must be informed of the absence or conflict **one week** prior to the performance.

Valid excuses will be determined at Mr. Busch's discretion.

Unplanned Absences- If a student misses a rehearsal or performance they will have two school days to bring in a note or have their parents speak with Mr. Busch. Unplanned absences may include sickness and family emergencies.

All rehearsals are mandatory. Multiple unexcused absences will result in disciplinary action at the discretion of Mr. Busch. If you are in marching band your main objective should be to practice and perform as a group. Continually missing practices and performances, even with excuses, affects the entire ensemble. Habitual absences from rehearsal and performances may result in dismissal from the Red Raider Marching Band.

## **Summer Marching Band Activities**

### ***Parades and Performances***

Marching band season begins in June and typically ends in October. However, the season is flexible to accommodate any trips the band may be taking. Members are expected to attend practices and performances throughout the season. The marching band attends a variety of parades around the area as well as performing a concert at PHS every year. Additional events vary every year.

In spring, participants in marching band will fill out a form declaring their availability for each parade. Once this form has been submitted, the student's commitment to that parade is final. If a conflict should arise it is the student's job to find a solution prior to the performance, as they have already committed to performing with the marching band. Suitable solutions will be at the discretion of Mr. Busch. In special cases, such as a death in the family, exceptions may be made.

### ***Rehearsal/Practices & Lessons***

Rehearsals or practices for marching band will be held during the summer to prepare for performances. Once the dates for the summer have been set, information on them will be released to members. Rehearsals and practices are part of the marching band and possibly the most valuable time we have as an ensemble. Members who are habitually truant to rehearsals and practices will have a conference with a director regarding their attendance.

Summer marching band lessons occur in June. Students will receive specific dates and times in advance. Each student must attend three lessons total.

## **Activities During the School Year**

Activities during the school year include parades, rehearsals, football games, and various other special performances. A schedule for these activities will be released in advance in order to allow students and families ample time to organize their calendars.

### ***Football Games***

Performance at football games is required. Because a field show is the product of multiple individuals coordinating to produce something much larger than one person it is imperative to have every member at every performance.

# Practice and Performance Agreement

By signing below I verify that both my child and I read the Practice and Performance Agreement and understand all of the following:

## Absences Policy

Rehearsals- Mr. Busch must be informed of the absence or conflict **3 days** prior to the rehearsal.

Performances- Mr. Busch must be informed of the absence or conflict **one week** prior to the performance.

If a student unexpectedly misses an event they will have two school days to bring a hand written excuse note to a director.

## Summer Activities

Parades and summer activities are required. Students should make every possible effort to attend as many summer activities as possible.

**Band Camp is mandatory** for all marching band members.

## Activities during The School Year

Marching activities will still occur during the school year.

By signing below I verify that I have read this document and understand the practice and performance policies of the Pulaski High School Red Raider Marching Band.

Student Name \_\_\_\_\_

Parent Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

Student Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

**Please complete this page to Mr. Busch by 06/07/19**