

KC Band Attendance Policy

Attendance is required at all rehearsals, sectionals and performances.

Examples of excused absence and tardiness include:

1. Personal illness. Turn in a Dr.'s note upon return to school.
2. Medical emergency or personal injury. Turn in a Dr.'s note upon return to school.
3. Death in the family. Contact a band director as soon as convenient via email or phone.
4. Religious holiday / Special church events.
5. Special circumstances, with sufficient notice, such as a family wedding, or similar once in lifetime event. Contact Mr. Rugila via email crugila1@kleinisd.net or phone 832-484-5305 at least **3 weeks** prior to the event.

Examples of unexcused absence and tardiness include, but are not limited to:

1. Work
2. Transportation not arranged.
3. Oversleeping.
4. A lot of homework.
5. Group projects.
6. Non-KCHS or non-KISD organization events (fall ball, select leagues, cheer team, etc.)
7. Family trip.
8. Tickets already purchased for any event or trip, even if expensive and/or a surprise gift.
9. Anything deemed unexcused by the assistant principals.

Attendance is included as a major component of every KC band tryout. Absences / tardiness will affect band placement and positions of leadership. Please check the dates regularly and make early contact regarding potential issues.

Performances

Performances for every band member include:

1. Varsity Football Games.
2. Marching Contests
3. Band Concerts at Klein Collins
4. Recitals at Klein Collins
5. UIL Concert & Sight Reading Contest
6. Scheduled band Contests/Festivals/Concerts/
Solo & Ensemble Contests at scheduled location
7. Klein Collins Graduation

Contact the band directors for any absence from a required performance, in advance. Requests for excused absences from performances must be made at least **3 weeks** in advance. In an emergency situation, contact the band directors as soon as it is convenient for your family. Contacts for Mr. Rugila are **832-484-5305, school**; 269-929-5360, **cell**; or crugila1@kleinisd.net.

An unexcused absence from a performance will have consequences. *Students cannot letter in band, hold or run for an office, be or tryout for drum major, captain, squad leader, or be a member of a crew, if they have an unexcused absence.* In some cases, an unexcused absence could result in the student being removed from band or color guard.

Marching Rehearsals

Everyone must attend marching practice every day. Some students will begin as understudies but will move into principal positions or vice-versa. Every student will be scheduled to perform at more than one football game half-time.

- Schedule doctors' appointments, etc., at times that do not conflict with band rehearsals.
- Attend the morning (before school) tutorials, test corrections and make up tests. Every department has at least one morning tutorial each week – several have two mornings from which to choose.
- Make appropriate arrangements for piano or voice lessons not at Klein Collins, etc. in advance so that you do not miss a band rehearsal. Lessons for your instrument or voice taught at Klein Collins will work as long as you are only inside during your lesson time.
- Take advantage of the days no marching rehearsal is scheduled – schedule appointments on the days off when possible.
- Please check with the band directors about the best time to schedule drivers' education.

Sectionals, Full Band Rehearsals

There are no excused absences from these except for illness. **The student with the conflict must reschedule the sectional or rehearsal for a time when everyone can be there.** This is usually difficult to do; it is usually easier for the one student to reschedule his/her conflicting event than to reschedule everyone else. *IT IS THE STUDENT'S RESPONSIBILITY* to do the rescheduling, not the band director's. Wind Ensemble has a weekly full rehearsal in addition to sectionals. Other bands will occasionally schedule full band rehearsals in addition to sectionals. Please watch the monthly calendars for full band rehearsals and plan accordingly.

Region Auditions, Solos & Ensemble

Wind Ensemble members are expected to audition for Region Band. Wind Ensemble and Symphonic Band members are expected to perform solos at a competition. Every band member will perform in chamber ensembles and all eligible ensembles are expected to participate in solo and ensemble contests. Any student who chooses to enter must follow through with participating in the contest.

**I have read and understand the Attendance Policy and Performance Schedule.
I will do my best to uphold the policies and principles of the Klein Collins Band.**

Parent Name (Printed)

Student Name (Printed)

Parent Signature

Date

Student Signature

Date