

Marching Band Code

for students participating in Klein ISD Marching Band

I. Membership

- A. All students who are members of a performing band and the color guard are also members of the marching band as defined in the KISD Guidance Handbook course descriptions.

II. Attendance

- A. All band students must abide by KISD attendance policies.
- B. Attendance is required at all rehearsals, sectionals, and performances. Absences and tardies will be excused in the following cases, if proper procedures are followed as outlined in individual school band handbooks:
 - 1. Personal Illness.
 - 2. Medical emergency or personal injury.
 - 3. Death in the family.
 - 4. Religious holiday.
 - 5. Special circumstances, with sufficient notice, such as a family wedding.*
- C. Due to practice schedules, students in football, volleyball and drill team are exempted from marching band PRACTICE. Attendance at games/contests is still required. All other students are required to participate in daily rehearsals after school. Other school activities that may cause *occasional* absences/tardies will be addressed on an individual basis as necessary.
- D. Absences
 - 1. Any unexcused absence from a marching rehearsal will result in loss of performance status.
 - 2. Two or more absences from marching rehearsals (for any reason) and the student may be replaced in that week's show.
 - 3. An unexcused absence from a performance will result in a loss of performance status and may result in removal from the band program.
- E. EXAMPLES of unexcused absences and tardies include, but are not limited to:
 - 1. Work
 - 2. Transportation not arranged.
 - 3. Oversleeping
 - 4. Anything deemed unexcused by the assistant principals.
 - 5. Family trip.
 - 6. Tickets already purchased for an event.
- F. Requests for excused absences and tardies must be made in advance. In case of illness or family emergency, contact must be made at the earliest possible opportunity.

III. Percussion Camp / Color Guard Camp

- A. Summer Percussion / Color Guard camps are an integral part of the selection process for instrument/equipment assignments. There is no other practical way to adequately compare returning and new marchers in setting the instrumentation for the drum line/color guard. Lack of camp attendance does not prohibit membership in percussion/color guard. However, a student who does not attend camp may be limiting his/her opportunity for placement and instrument/equipment assignment.

*A once-in-a-lifetime event.