

# KC Band Attendance Policy

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

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. Contact Ms Thibodeaux: 832-484-5500 ext. 45305 or athibodeaux1@kleinisd.net.

**Excused absence** and tardiness include:

1. Personal illness. Turn in a doctor's note upon return to school.
2. Medical emergency or personal injury. Turn in a doctor's note upon return to school.
3. Death in the family. Contact the band director as soon as convenient via email or phone.
4. Religious holiday/special church event
5. Special circumstances, with notice **3 weeks prior** to the event, such as a family wedding or similar once-in-a-lifetime event.

**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/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 in CutTime regularly and make early contact regarding potential issues.

**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 locations
7. Klein Collins graduation

**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.

- Schedule doctors' appointments, etc., at times that do not conflict with band rehearsals. Take advantage of the days with no marching rehearsal schedule. Schedule appointments on the days off when possible.
- 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.
- 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 CutTime calendar for full band rehearsals and plan accordingly.

**Region Auditions, Solos & Ensemble**

Wind Ensemble members are expected to audition for Region Band. Any student who chooses to enter must follow through with participating in the contest. Every wind and percussion student will learn a solo and all students are required to participate in the solo and ensemble 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 \_\_\_\_\_