

William B. Travis High School Marching Band Commitment Contract

Marching band is a co-curricular activity. Participation in the marching band requires all students to enroll in one of the Instrumental Music classes. Students who participate must commit to being on time to **ALL** rehearsals and performances. This will mean rearranging work schedules or other activities. Parents must ensure that students will be on time to all rehearsals and performances. Failure to participate will be detrimental to the organization and will result in increased expenditures to the design team for drill revisions.

Please initial next to each of the following:

___ **1. Schedule**

I have received the schedule of activities for the marching season, and I make the commitment to attend **all** rehearsals and performances, as well as all camps. If I am in a leadership position, I also run the risk of losing that position permanently should I fail to meet this requirement.

*****Note: Exceptions for missing any rehearsals during pre-season will only be through the reason of director approved music camps, or participation as a member of a Drum & Bugle Corps.*

___ **2. Preparation**

I make the commitment to come to all rehearsals fully prepared, with my instrument in good working order and a 3-ring binder containing sheet protectors, all sheet music, and my dot-book complete. I will be dressed in appropriate clothing and shoes. I will make sure that I eat at least three meals a day and get plenty of rest. If I am in a leadership position, I also run the risk of losing that position permanently should I fail to meet this requirement.

___ **3. Financial Commitment**

I understand that there is a financial component to join the Marching Band. I will make every effort to fulfill this commitment in a timely fashion through payments, fundraising, or arrangements with the Directors.

___ **4. Eligibility**

I understand that should I become ineligible at any time, I am at risk for being removed from the show for the rest of the season. I would only be able to participate at the Junior-Varsity level should I regain my eligibility. I am not guaranteed a spot after gaining back eligibility due to losing my spot to someone else. If I am in a leadership position, I also run the risk of losing that position permanently should I lose eligibility.

___ **5. Performance Standards**

Should I fall behind the performance standards of the ensemble playing, marching, or both, I am at risk of being removed from Varsity. Meaning – having incomplete dot-book assignments, not passing-off music per assignment, or having difficulty in executing any visual sequence. If I am in a leadership position, I also run the risk of losing that position permanently should I fail to meet this requirement.

___ **6. Behavior**

If, at any time, I compromise any rules or regulations in regards to the THS Student Handbook, or extra-curricular rules and regulations specified by FBISD, I will be disciplined accordingly and will be at risk of being removed from the program. I will represent the Travis High School Band with the utmost respect by setting an example and displaying the discipline for which we have become known. If I am in a leadership position, I also run the risk of losing that position permanently should I fail to meet this requirement.

___ **7. Attendance**

I understand that attendance at all rehearsals and performances is mandatory, unless prior arrangements have been negotiated. The Band Directors may make individual exceptions based on specific circumstances. I further understand that if I miss a rehearsal, I must make up the time and the material that was covered in the rehearsal in order to be eligible to participate in the next performance. If I am in a leadership position, I also run the risk of losing that position permanently should I fail to meet this requirement. I have read, understand, and agree to the following attendance policy:

DEFINITIONS

Excused Absence: illness, death in the family

Un-excused Absence: work, homework, no ride, over-sleeping, etc.

PRE-SEASON REHEARSALS:

Mini-Camp and Summer Camp are MANDATORY.

SEASON REHEARSALS AND PERFORMANCES:

A maximum of **3 excused absences** will be allowed for season rehearsals.

A maximum of **1 excused absence** will be allowed for competitions and performances.

2 un-excused absences will result in removal from the marching band.

2 un-excused late occurrences will result in **1 un-excused absence**.

[Form 2] Name: _____

NOTIFICATION OF AN ABSENCE (other than illness) MUST BE SUBMITTED IN WRITING TO MR. CARTER ONE WEEK PRIOR TO THE REHEARSAL.

One absence from rehearsal (excused or un-excused) may result in suspension from the marching band for the next performance. These factors will be taken into consideration:

- a. What was the reason for the absence?
- b. Was the work or music learned and made up outside of practice and then prepared for the next rehearsal?
- c. Is the ensemble member able to do all the work needed for the performance?

I agree to the conditions stated above and further agree that should my attendance or behavior jeopardize the success of the group, the Directors have the right to withdraw me from marching band.

Student's Signature

Date

Parent Contract

I support the commitment that my son or daughter has made to the Travis High School Marching Band. I understand that this includes a responsibility on my part to ensure that my son or daughter has transportation to and from each rehearsal and performance. I will also take an active part in guiding my son or daughter's time management to guarantee that this commitment is fulfilled.

Parent/Guardian's Signature

Date

Please sign and return this form prior to your audition