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Handbook

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OBJECTIVES OF THE PARK HILL SOUTH BAND PROGRAM

The Park Hill South Bands form an integral part of academic life for many students. The experiences these students receive through concert band, marching band, color guard, jazz band, chamber ensembles, travel opportunities, and much more are the reason band students will be successful not only in academic achievement, but also in community involvement and awareness.

The primary objectives of the band program are:

- Educational - To develop a well-rounded musical education and prepare members for musical activities beyond high school.
- Citizenship - To develop the ability to function as a member of a group and function as a responsible member of the community.
- Cultural - To development appreciation and understanding through the study and performance of music.
- Service - To enhance our community through service and performance.

BAND PROGRAM OFFERINGS

- Concert Ensembles: Concert Ensembles meet during the normal school day. These classes are referred to as Campus Band, Concert Band, and Symphonic Band. All students enrolled in Concert Band and Symphonic Band are also members of the Marching Band.
- Marching Band: The Marching Band performs at football games, community events, and competitions. Membership is by audition only, which occur in the spring each year.
- Jazz Ensemble: Students may elect to enroll in jazz ensemble as a class, which meets during the normal school day. Membership is by audition only. Students must be enrolled in a Concert Ensemble before participating in the Jazz Band.
- Winter Guard: The Winter Guard is a extracurricular activity that meets December through March and performs at competitions. Membership is by audition only.

RULES & MSHSAA REGULATIONS

- Observance of Policies and Rules
 - Band members are expected to behave maturely and follow Park Hill South High School rules at all times.
 - Misbehavior reflects poorly on the band, school, and community.
 - Directions delivered verbally should be considered the same as a written policy.
 - Professed ignorance of policies will not be accepted as an excuse for misbehavior.

- Consequences for failure to follow rules and policies may include the following dependent upon severity of infraction.
 - Lunch Detention.
 - Dismissal from rehearsal.
 - Suspension from performances.
 - Administrator assigned consequences.
 - Removal from band program.

MSHSAA ELIGIBILITY

- **2.3.2 Grades 9-12 Requirements:** A student in Grades 9-12 must meet the following requirements in order to be academically eligible to participate in interscholastic activities:
 - Semester Prior to Participation: The student shall have earned, the preceding semester of attendance, a minimum of 3.0 units of credit or have earned credit in 80% of the maximum allowable classes in which a student can be enrolled in the semester, **whichever is greater**, or a student must have made standard progress for his or her level the preceding semester in a special education program for the handicapped approved by the Missouri State Department of Education which, though un-graded, enrolls pupils of equivalent age.
 - Semester of Participation: The student shall currently be enrolled in and regularly attending courses that offer 3.0 units of credit or 80% of the maximum allowable credits which may be earned, **whichever is greater**; or a student must be enrolled in a full course at his or her level in a special education program for the handicapped approved by the Missouri State Department of Education which, though un-graded, enrolls pupils of equivalent age.
- **2.2.3 Local School:** A student who violates a local school policy is ineligible until completion of the prescribed school penalties.

HAZING AND HARASSMENT

- **Hazing:** Willful conduct directed at a student that is intended to physically or emotionally intimidate, punish, embarrass, humiliate, ridicule, or place any student in a disconcerting position for the purpose of initiation, affiliation, inclusion or membership in any team or organization.
- **Harassment:** Unwelcome conduct by a person that is sufficiently serious, persistent or pervasive, so that it affects another person's ability to participate in or benefit from the school program or activity by creating an intimidating, threatening or abusive environment.
- It is the policy of the MSHSAA Board of Directors that hazing and harassment has no place in school-sponsored activity programs and pose a significant risk to the physical and mental welfare of students. Coaches, directors, sponsors and administrators must take an active role in the prevention of all forms of hazing and harassment. Students directly or indirectly involved in hazing incidents, on or off school grounds, could be considered ineligible by the school administration under the MSHSAA citizenship standard, By-Law 212.

ABSENCE AND TARDY PROCEDURE

- Regular School Day
 - All district policies will apply during regularly scheduled class periods
- After School Rehearsals and Performances
 - Excused Absence
 - An absence or tardy will be counted as excused if notice is given in advance and the excuse falls under school system guidelines for excused absences (such as weddings, school activity, or religious holiday). Student should submit a **absence request form** for any event outside of the regularly scheduled class period, including school activities, at least one week prior to the requested date. If all criteria are met for an excused absence, then there will be no penalty for the absence. If the situation is unexpected (such as illness or death of a family member), students should submit a **absence request form** when they return to properly document the absence.
 - Unexcused Absence
 - An absence will be counted as unexcused if the absence is not for an excusable reason (such as vacation, work, etc.).

- Temporary Loss of Performance Eligibility
 - Unexcused Absence from Tuesday Evening Marching Band Rehearsal
 - An **unexcused absence** from a Tuesday evening rehearsal will result in loss of performance eligibility for that week.
 - Absence from Dress Rehearsal (**unexcused** and **excused***)
 - The final rehearsal prior to any performance is considered a dress rehearsal. This includes each Thursday or Friday class periods prior to football games and Saturday morning rehearsals prior to competitions. You must be present and participating in the dress rehearsal to be eligible to perform in the performance. *Students will be allowed to participate if the absence is communicated at least one week in advance. This is for the students safety.

- Conflicts with Band.
 - When a student becomes involved in the band program he/she commits to the entire schedule. Rehearsal & performance schedules are published well in advance so that conflicts between band and other activities can be reduced. When selecting non-band activities, students should consider the band schedule to decide whether or not the student can responsibly participate in both activities. Please remember that each member is supremely important to the entire band. We are all part of the same team, working toward the same goal. If a student plans to work during the school year, managers should be notified that the student has a prior commitment to a school activity. When students plan ahead, many things are possible.

PERFORMANCE PROCEDURES

- Band assembly times will vary with event schedules, and will be announced at least one week in advance.
- All members are expected to attend every function in which the band participates. If you are unable to attend a performance, you must provide a written excuse to the director at least one week in advance. Personal illness, death in the family, weddings, and religious holidays are usually the only legitimate excuses for missing a performance.
- The band will be present for the entire duration of athletic events. No band member is permitted to leave the organization in advance of group dismissal at any time, unless excused by a director **PRIOR TO THE PERFORMANCE**.
- While seated in the stands, only current band members are allowed in the band seating section.
- We play only as a group in the stands. Unapproved solo/section performance is strictly prohibited. Inappropriate cheers and language are not allowed.

MARCHING BAND REHEARSAL PROCEDURES

- Students must be in the attendance block at the designated start time of rehearsal to be counted as present.
- All required equipment must be present to receive full credit. This includes but not limited to instrument, music, and rank vest.
- Students should always bring a water bottle.
- **Students must be wearing athletic shoes to participate.** This is for their safety.
- Talking on the field is prohibited while instructions are being given by the staff.

TRAVEL PROCEDURES

- Bus Captains will take attendance as students enter their assigned bus.
- When the bus is in motion, students are to remain seated at all times.
- Instruments that do not go on the equipment truck should be kept on the floor whenever possible.
- Screaming or excessive noise WILL NOT be tolerated.
- The bus should be kept clean at all times. Bus Captains and Chaperones are NOT bus maids.
- Students are to remain seated until final instructions to unload are given.
- PDA is prohibited! Violations will result in moving seats or being assigned a different bus.
- Listening to music is allowed with headphones only.

UNIFORM PROCEDURES

- Marching Band
 - Uniforms will be worn properly at all times. This includes shakos forward and bibbers zipped up at all times.
 - Uniforms should be hung up when not in use.
 - Long black socks are the only acceptable type of sock to be worn with the full uniform. They should not have any design or pattern on them.
 - Athletic shoes are the only acceptable type of shoe to be worn with the informal uniform.
 - Uniforms will be inspected before each performance. Students will not perform if they are missing any part of their uniform. This includes socks and gloves.
- Concert Ensembles
 - Concert Blacks are required to perform with the Concert Ensembles. This includes black dress shirt or blouse, black dress pants or floor length skirt, and black closed toed shoes. No jeans are allowed.

TIMELINE OF EVENTS

- JULY
 - Leadership Training
 - Volunteer Training
 - Band Camp
- AUGUST
 - Evening Rehearsal Begin
 - Football Games Begin
 - Parkville Days Parade
- SEPTEMBER
 - Continuation of Rehearsals & Football Games
 - Symphonic Band Auditions
- OCTOBER
 - Continuation of Rehearsals & Football Games
 - Marching Festivals
- NOVEMBER
 - Possible Postseason Football Games
 - All District Band Auditions
- DECEMBER
 - All State Band Auditions
 - All District Band Rehearsals and Concert
 - Winter Concert
 - Pep Band Performances
- JANUARY – FEBRUARY
 - Pep Band Performances
 - February Concert
- MARCH
 - District Solo and Ensemble Contest
- APRIL
 - Pre-Large Group Festival Concert
 - Large Group Festival
- MAY
 - State Solo and Ensemble Contest
 - Spring Concert

SIGNATURE PAGE

I, the undersigned *student*, have read and understand the policies, procedures, and expectations explained in the Park Hill South Band Handbook. I understand that I must abide by the policies contained in the handbook while participating in band activities or my performance opportunities or membership status may be limited or revoked. As a member of the Park Hill South High School Band Program, I understand that only my personal best is expected in participation, behavior, and music!

Student Name (print) _____

Student Signature _____ *Date* _____

I, the undersigned *parent/guardian*, have read and understand the policies, procedures, and information found in this handbook. I accept these policies and procedures and support my child's membership in the Park Hill South High School Band Program!

Parent/Guardian Name (Print) _____

Parent/Guardian Signature _____ *Date* _____