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General Rules

1. Attendance to all rehearsals and performances is mandatory.

2. The use of any illegal substance during any band related activity is strictly prohibited. Students who fail to adhere to this rule will be subject to WCS policies regarding their actions.

3. Students will be expected to be on the bus at the designated times provided in the itinerary. Students who are tardy may be assigned work duty.

4. Do not leave equipment (instruments, flags, drums, uniforms, etc.) in the band room. All equipment should be stored in their proper designated areas.

5. Students shall remain in full uniform unless told otherwise by the director.

6. School dress code policy is in effect for all band related activities.

7. All body piercings should be taken out prior to any Marching Band and MPA performance.

8. **Cursing and swearing will not be tolerated in any band related activity.**

9. Students should do what the chaperones or staff asks them to do. Chaperones are given authority through the director. All problems will be referred to the director.

10. Cell phones may only be used for emergency purposes during football games. No phones will be permitted at competitions until our performance is completed.

11. Only directors and the music librarian will be permitted to be in the band office. Students need only to go in the band office for specific business with directors.

12. No food or drink will be permitted in the band room. No exceptions! Water Only.

13. All turf should be dumped out of shoes **prior to entering the school building.**
Rehearsal Expectations and Procedures

In Class Rehearsals

Outdoor Rehearsals

1. Students are expected to be in fundamental block ready for rehearsal to begin promptly at 2:07 pm. After 2:07 pm students will be considered tardy. (Any conflicts with time must be submitted in writing prior to rehearsal.)
2. Preparation for rehearsal includes:
   - Drill Sheets
   - Music
   - Instrument
   - Pencil
   - Proper Footwear (Tennis Shoes with Socks (NO sandals, Chacos, or bare feet)
   - In fundamental block ready to go at 2:07 pm
3. Please check the rehearsal board for information pertinent for rehearsal before reporting to the field.

Indoor Rehearsals

1. Students are expected to be in their seats ready for rehearsal at 2:03 pm.
2. Preparation for rehearsal includes:
   - Music
   - Instrument
   - Drill Sheets (You may be asked to reference drill)
   - Pencil
   - In your seat ready to go at 2:03 pm
3. Please check the rehearsal board for information pertinent for rehearsal before reporting to the field.

Thursday Afterschool Rehearsal (5:00-8:00 Thursdays)

1. Students are expected to begin rehearsal in the band room promptly at 5:00 pm with preparation expectations outlined in the indoor rehearsal expectations. Rehearsal downbeat will be at 5:00 pm.
2. We will move from the music rehearsal to the outdoor rehearsal at 5:45 pm and will promptly begin the outdoor portion at 6:00 pm.
3. Rehearsal will let out at 8:00 pm.
4. In the event of inclement weather rehearsals will be moved inside. Rehearsals will NOT be cancelled.
**Friday Afterschool Rehearsals (Game day only)**

1. Students will report to the field at the assigned time instructed before the rehearsal occurs.
2. Preparation expectations are the same as all outdoor rehearsals.
3. Students will be fed dinner before the game.

**Saturday Competition Day**

1. An itinerary for each competition will be sent out no later than Wednesday before each contest.
2. Please report to the band room at the assigned times with black socks, marching shoes, gloves, and all other materials outlined in the outdoor/indoor preparation expectations.
3. It is highly recommended that students bring funds for purchasing snacks and dinner at the competitions.

**Post Marching Band Thursday Rehearsals (3:45-5:30 pm)**

1. At the conclusion of Marching Season Thursday rehearsals will continue to occur on B day Thursdays only.
2. B day Thursday rehearsals will be 3:45 pm - 5:30 pm. (In the event of inclement weather adversely affecting the schedule for these rehearsals an updated and preset schedule may be sent out to make planning easier.)
3. These rehearsals will NOT be optional as they only occur every other week.
4. B day rehearsals will end at the conclusion of MPA (mid-March).
5. It is understood there will be conflicts occurring with these rehearsals. All conflicts need to be submitted in writing and approved no later than one week prior to the scheduled time. It is student responsibility to maintain open communication with any conflicts of schedule.

**Sectionals**

1. Student leaders will be required to hold preapproved sectionals with their sections once a week.
2. It is expected that all section members attend sectional times.
3. Sectionals will occur until MPA season is completed and as needed afterwards.
4. Conflicts with sectionals need to be brought to the attention of your section leader at least 48 hours prior to the sectional time.
Band Camp Expectations and Procedures

Attendance Policy

1. All students will be required to attend band camp to be a part of the marching show. Any conflicts need to be submitted in writing for approval from the director at least 2 weeks prior to band camp.

2. Students are to be on time for all portions of the rehearsal. Students will be assigned work duties (Setup, Teardown, Clean up, etc.) at camp for tardiness and/or unexcused absences. On time is defined as in your spot before the time rehearsal begins. (Students walking onto the field as time has begun will be counted tardy.)

Dress Code Policy

1. All students are to comply with all dress code policies set out by WHS and Watauga County Schools.
2. Students will need the following for band camp:
   a. Sunscreen (highly recommended)
   b. A Hat (if desired, highly recommended)
   c. Shorts for outdoor rehearsals in the hotter portions of the day.*
   d. Tennis shoes with socks (no flat bottom shoes, flip flops, or Chacos)**
   e. Sunglasses (if desired)

*Special considerations are given to those with medical or religious purposes.

**Marching shoes will be available to borrow if needed.
Practice Room Policy

Practice rooms are available for student use by permission only. Students wishing to use practice rooms must follow the proceeding guidelines:

1. No food or drink any time.
2. Students must seek permission before entering and using practice rooms.
3. When leaving the practice room students need to tidy up the room and turn off all lights. Please leave the doors open upon leaving the practice rooms.

Instrument Policy

1. Students using school owned instruments must sign the instrument checkout form before they will be assigned the instrument. Students are required to take care of these instruments and return them in the condition that they were issued.

2. Any damage to instruments other than normal wear and tear will result in the student paying repair or replacement costs depending on the extent of the damage. In the event that the instrument is stolen the students may be responsible for paying for the instrument depending on the situation. This will be dictated by the director.

3. Students will sign a contract for issued instruments and will be the only ones allowed to use that instrument. Students caught playing school owned instruments that are not checked out to them or approved by the director will result in punishment dictated by the director.

4. Students will be responsible for polishing all brass and percussion instruments before every performance. Polish will be provided by the band. Students must polish the instruments outside and NOT in the band room.

5. Like uniforms, instruments will also be inspected before every performance.

6. In the event that rehearsals and performances are affected by inclement weather, woodwinds keep their horns in their cases until further notice from the director.
Uniform Policy

Students will be assigned (2) uniforms during the first week of band camp. The summer uniform is what is worn to the first few performances of the marching season.

The **summer** uniform consists of the following:

- **Khaki shorts** - They must comply with the school dress code. No shorts that have holes. **Sagging will not be tolerated.**

- **Tennis Shoes** - All shoes must be in moderate condition without holes and in good repair. Shoes must be worn with white socks for the **summer uniform only**.

- **Band Shirt** – At the completion of band camp each student will be provided with an official band t-shirt only worn by band members.

**The Official Uniform**
Each student will be fitted during band camp for a uniform. Students will be issued uniforms to be taken home for altering if needed on the first day of classes. Long Black socks are to be worn with the marching band shoes.

Uniforms will be kept in the band uniform room. Uniform dry cleaning will be provided via the uniform fee.

**Important!** All alterations made to uniforms may **NOT** be done by cutting the uniform. Students who return a uniform that has been cut will be responsible for paying the band a replacement fee for the damaged uniform. (See uniform specifications)

Students must purchase the following items during band camp:

- Black Marching shoes (style and brand dictated by the director)
**2017 Pioneer Marching Band- Band Camp Schedule**

**Week of July 31-August 4**

**Monday- New Marchers, Leadership, Percussion, Color Guard**

8:00 AM- Camp Registration  
8:30 AM- Marching Fundamentals  
12:00 PM- Lunch Provided  
1:30 PM - Music Fundamentals  
5:00 PM- Release for the Evening

**Tuesday- New Marchers, Leadership, Percussion, Color Guard**

8:30 AM- Marching Fundamentals  
12:00 PM- Lunch Provided  
1:30 PM- Music Sectionals  
5:00 PM Release for the Evening

*Wednesday-Friday (Everyone)*

8:00 AM- Camp Registration  
8:30 AM- Marching Fundamentals  
12:00 PM- Lunch Provided  
1:30 PM - Music Fundamentals  
5:00 PM- Release for the Evening

**Week of August 7-11 (Everyone)**

**Monday-Thursday**

8:30 AM- Marching Fundamentals  
12:00 PM- Lunch Provided  
1:30 PM- Music Sectionals  
5:00 PM Release for the Evening (Rain Date for Parent performance)

**Friday**

8:30 AM- Marching Fundamentals  
12:00 PM- Lunch Provided  
1:30 PM- Music Sectionals  
3:30 PM- Dress and Clean Up  
4:15 PM- March to Stadium  
*4:30 PM- Parent Preview Performanc
2017 WHS Band Handbook Acknowledgement

I have read and understand all of the policies contained in the handbook and will honor the policies.

I will represent the band program with honor, integrity, and excellence.

I understand that attendance to all rehearsals and performances are mandatory unless my absence is approved by the director in the times outlined in the handbook.

I understand that I am a representative of not only the band program, but also of the school and I will conduct myself accordingly.

Name (print): ______________________________
Grade: _____
Instrument: ____________________________

Student Signature: _______________________ Date: ________________

Parent/Guardian Signature: _______________ Date: ________________