

Concert Attendance

Students are expected to attend their concerts. A band is a performing group which can only develop to its fullest potential when each member is fulfilling his/her role completely. Absences not only affect the learning of one student, who misses the summative assessment, but also the learning of the other band students. Concert dates and times are published in this handbook, on the Band Website (www.htmsband.org), and in concert letters that go out approximately two weeks before each concert event.

Grading

Concert attendance counts toward the Playing Test portion of your grade. If you attend the concert, wearing the appropriate attire, and demonstrating proper behavior, you will receive a 100 grade in the Playing Test category. If you are absent from the concert (whether due to illness, sports conflicts, etc.), you must schedule a make-up with the directors. Family emergencies are the only exception.

How to handle conflicts

Students should be encouraged to participate in a variety of activities at this age, and sometimes conflicts will occur. Use the following guidelines to resolve any conflicts:

1. Copy the Band Calendar (included in this handbook) into your family calendar.
2. Notify the directors of any school conflicts, so that the directors may make arrangements with the sponsor.

Make-Up Policy

Missing a concert is the same as missing an exam or summary project in another class, and therefore requires a make-up performance. While students attending the concert receive an automatic 100 grade, make-ups will be graded based on the quality of the performance. Students should prepare to play all concert selections in their entirety.

It is up to the student to schedule a time before or after school with the directors. If the student misses their make-up time, they will receive a zero. If a student cannot come before or after school, they may submit a VHS or DVD recording of themselves.

Family Emergencies

To be excused from a make-up performance, we must receive written notice of the emergency upon your child's return to school. This may be written by another parent or a caregiver if you are unavailable during the time of crisis.

Concert Etiquette

Our concerts are always a lot of fun and represent the fine efforts of our students during the preparation process. Due to the excitement these concerts bring, students can become overzealous in their audience participation. Please help them by reminding them what appropriate concert behavior is. The purpose of these concerts is to showcase the students' musical achievements, *not* to draw attention to performer or audience behavior.

Performer Etiquette:

- Do not talk or play out of turn; this is not different from class.
- Do not stand, wave, or draw attention to yourself.
- Keep an eye on the podium to get instructions.
- After you perform, stay and watch the other groups performing after you.

Audience Etiquette:

- When the lights go down, quickly get quiet.
- Silence any cell phones, pagers, etc.
- Do not enter the Theatre when the band is playing; wait until the selection is over, then enter quietly.
- Applaud for everyone, after every song – each group has worked equally hard.
- When you applaud, do not make unnecessarily loud noises.
- Stay for the entire concert.