

Danville High School Band

Student Involvement / Expectations Outline

I. Preparation of D.H.S. Band for performance

- Preparation begins during the summer with two days of section rehearsals. (See band calendar).
- Two weeks of band camp for preparation of basic marching skills and varsity football game presentation.
- Rehearsals during the school year will occur during the ninth period.
- During the school year, evening rehearsals will be scheduled only during concert weeks or in preparation of a special performance opportunity.
- Seating auditions will be done by recording and will occur at the beginning of each semester. Students will be given an excerpt to prepare, record, and submit. Recording procedures and instructions will be handed out and discussed at the beginning of each semester. The scores from the assessment of these recordings will be used to determine seating.

II. Required Performance/Attendance Responsibilities

- Unexcused absences from any of the events listed below will result in a lowered grade. • When justified in writing and in advance, performances and rehearsals may be excused at the discretion of the band director for the following reasons: - A mutually agreed upon (Parent, Student, and Band Director) educational absence - Illness verified by a doctor's excuse - Death in the family - Religious holiday as designated by the Department of Education. - Doctor's appointments
- Attendance at all of band camp. When preseason athletics conflict with band camp, all athletes are expected to attend band camp as much as possible, but are excused for the athletic practice. Students must inform director of all practices and required times. Please send an email telling me what sport, when the practice starts and when it will be finished. Do not assume that I know that you have practice.
- Attendance at all varsity football games including possible playoff games.

- Attendance at the community Halloween parade, Memorial Day parade and Danville Area High School Commencement.
- December and May band concerts.
- Any pep rally scheduled during evening hours (with no less than two weeks of notice).
- Attendance of jazz band members at any scheduled and arranged performance. (this schedule always involves student input)
- Attendance at all evening rehearsals during concert weeks.
- Work is not considered an excused absence. Students have the schedule in advance and are expected to notify their employer of all band events to avoid conflict. Plan ahead and do not wait until the last minute to notify your employer.

III. Student Responsibilities

- All band members are expected to arrive for performance in a clean / well maintained uniform or predetermined performance attire. During outdoor performances (football games, parades, etc.) band members are to remain in uniform at all times.
- All band members are expected to be well prepared at all times.
- Please see attachment on specific concert attire.

IV. Lesson Group Instrumental Instruction

- High school band members will participate (required) in grade homogeneous/leveled lesson groups (same instruments/by playing ability) and be given method based instrumental music instruction (lessons). These lesson groups will occur once per 6 day cycle/per student in a rotating, 8 period rotating pullout schedule.
- The focus of this instruction will be to improve the individual's musicianship so that the ensemble will also improve.

Danville High School Band Student Contract

I understand that as a member of the Danville Area High School Band, there are certain expectations to be met so that the entire band experiences a successful and rewarding performance season. These expectations are as follows:

1. I will attend all rehearsals and performances as scheduled by the director.
2. I will be on time for all rehearsals.
3. In the event that I must be late for or absent from a rehearsal, I will notify the director personally as soon as possible and supply an honest and verifiable explanation.
4. I will show respect to all facilities, staff, members and chaperones of the band program.
5. I will follow all instructions both verbal and written from all band staff members and chaperones.
6. I will be fully engaged at all times during rehearsals and performances (understanding that the group's success depends on my contribution).
7. I will conduct myself in such a way as to bring honor to the community of Danville, the Danville Area School District and the Danville Area High School Band.

I understand that these expectations are not all inclusive and depending on severity, failure to follow these expectations will result in appropriate disciplinary action ranging from the loss of freedom during the third quarter of a football game to dismissal from the group.