



Marching Band Expectations

Purpose:

The goals and objectives of the band program are many. Our priority is to provide a quality educational experience for every student. The Howell North musical ensembles are dedicated to the education and excellence of each member through the discipline of the arts. Each ensemble experience helps instill values of discipline and dedication that are carried into the community with a sense of purpose and pride. To achieve these goals, there are rules and guidelines we must all follow. This is a team effort in which all are dependent on each other; for every member to achieve, we must adhere to the same policies. If we are not united, we will struggle to succeed.

Rehearsals/Performances:

To achieve at a high level, we must have full attendance at all band rehearsals and performances. Weekly rehearsal attendance is vital to a positive outcome. A performance schedule is provided for you. If you need more copies for work, we have plenty available. Please clear your personal/work schedule so you can attend all scheduled functions. All students are expected to be at each practice/performance for the entire time. Any student with two unexcused absences will be removed from the group for the season. One unexcused absence may result in removal from the subsequent performance.

Please note that an absence does not necessarily constitute an unexcused absence. I realize that doctor's appointments, illness, or a family emergency may occur occasionally. Communication is key in everything we do, and those occurrences should be brought to the director's attention as soon as possible. While I can appreciate the dedication it takes to hold a part time job as a high school student, work will never be considered an excused absence.

Conduct:

Being a member of a performing group at Francis Howell North means you're committing to the bigger picture. You are making a commitment to the school, alumni, current members, your parents, and yourself. In every case, we are judged by our words and actions. Please be aware of how you act and speak when part of this ensemble. When you join the Francis Howell North band, you have the privilege and responsibility to carry on a tradition of excellence.

The Francis Howell North band is a family. This is a once in a lifetime experience. You will make friendships and connections in these years that will continue long into the future. There are many memories waiting for you. Enjoy the good times and learn from the hard.

I have read and understand that my attendance is required for the group to be successful and unexcused absences will result in removal from a performance or activity.

Parent Signature:

Student Signature:

Date: