Marching Band Commitment Contract

Permanent, Alternate, or Manager.

- Permanent: 100% committed (you promise to be prepared for and attend all summer and weekly rehearsals as well as all performances in their entireties)
- Alternate: NOT 100% (although you are not required to attend all summer and weekly rehearsals or performances, you agree to be at as much as you can be with the hopes of performing)
- Manager: You can't commit to attending rehearsals, but will try to attend performances to help move equipment, pass out water, and support your peers

It is crucial for each and every member to be at all rehearsals and performances in their entireties. Because each member is assigned a specific number on the football field, it is imperative to have someone in that spot at ALL rehearsals and performances. When someone misses a rehearsal or performance, a "hole" is created in the drill (formations on the field), which negatively affects the rest of the marching band as is it impossible for the performers to compensate for the hole. When we perform with holes at competitions, the band's overall score is negatively impacted and the chance of our kids placing is significantly diminished. Because the success of the marching band relies so heavily on each member being at every practice and every performance and I do not believe in making high school students choose one activity over another, we have an "Alternate" policy in place for the Marching Bulldogs. This policy helps ensure that the marching band is truly set up for success by avoiding holes on the field that cannot be "fixed" by the other members.

Our marching shows are created for specific numbers of performers. The show package that will include the largest amount of students without setting the entire marching band up for failure is the package chosen. Thus, depending on our instrumentation needs (what specific number of each instrument the package calls for), students may be assigned as an alternate instead of a number ("permanent spot"). **The goal is to have all Permanents and Alternates march at least one performance during the season.** All students will have the opportunity to participate as well as improve their skills throughout the season through peer mentors and student leaders. Whoever performs better (the alternate or permanent spot member) at the rehearsal(s) prior to each performance will perform that week. The director will decide who is better prepared (musically and marching) for the performance and communicate it immediately with the students. Thus, our performers may change weekly. However, the entire ensemble will be better set up for success as holes are being avoided. **Please realize that the goal for our marching season is to have an alternate assigned to each permanent member.**

ALL alternates and permanent spot members will perform at the following:

- local parades
- pre-game at the Varsity football games
- stands tunes at the Varsity football games
- pep rallies

Please realize that if a student chooses to be an alternate, his/her decision will have NO impact on whether or not the student would be considered for Section Leader. However, if the student wishes to be Drum Major, s/he must be able to fully commit. Please be sure to check the summer rehearsal dates and times before completing the Commitment Contract. **Band Camp is split into two sessions in order to ensure student health and safety. Students are expected to eat, hydrate, and rest during their extended break. Students are responsible for providing their own transportation to and from these rehearsals.**

If the appropriate Marching Band Contract is not received by the deadline (**Friday, March 23, 2018**), your student is not guaranteed their preference. Please feel free to contact me with any questions or concerns regarding this policy.

Thank you!
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Marching Instrument

Marching Band Commitment Contract

I, _____ , am able to commit to the Marching Bulldogs 100%.
(Name of Student)

Thus, I understand that I will **most likely** have a permanent marching spot. Because the drill is written for a specific number of performers, I understand how crucial it is for me to be at all rehearsals and performances. Therefore, I will be prepared for and attend **all** rehearsals (with the exception of a rehearsal that falls on 8th Grade Graduation) and performances in their entireties (please refer to the attached list of rehearsal dates). I can commit to all 8 days of Band Camp in their entireties and understand that I am responsible for my own transportation to and from these rehearsal sessions. I understand that I am expected to learn and memorize all of the marching band music and drill in order to perform at all home Varsity football games, festivals, and competitions.

By signing this form, I have read, understand, and agree to commit to the Marching Bulldogs 100%. In the event that I do not uphold these expectations, I understand that my grade will be negatively affected and my participation in performances may be limited.

_____ _____/_____/_____
Student Signature Date

_____ _____/_____/_____
Parent/Guardian Signature Date

Please complete and return this form to Ms. Skolar by Friday, March 23, 2018.

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Marching Instrument

Marching Band Accommodation Contract

I, _____ , am unable to commit to the Marching Bulldogs 100%.
(Name of Student)

Thus, I understand that I will **not** have a permanent marching spot. I understand that I am expected to learn the same material as my classmates and participate to the best of my ability during Symphonic Band Percussion/Winds class. Although I am not required to attend evening rehearsals, I will do my best to attend as much as possible in order to perform at Home Varsity Football games. If I am unable to attend rehearsals at all (or I cannot make enough rehearsal time), I agree to attend as many performances as possible to support and help out my fellow band members with equipment, instead of performing with them.

By signing this form, I have read, understand, and agree to the aforementioned accommodation that is being made in order for me to participate in band as well as another activity/activities that require a similar time commitment.

_____ _____/_____/_____
Student Signature Date

_____ _____/_____/_____
Parent/Guardian Signature Date

Please check one:

_____ Although I am unable to fully commit to the Marching Bulldogs, I would like to be an **Alternate** and understand that my grade will not be affected regardless of how many rehearsals and performances I attend.

_____ Because I cannot fully commit to the Marching Bulldogs and know that I will be missing several rehearsals/performances over the summer and throughout the fall, I would like to be a **Manager** and understand that my grade will not be affected regardless of how many rehearsals and performances I attend.

Please complete and return this form to Ms. Skolar by Friday, March 23, 2018.

2018 MANDATORY MARCHING BAND REHEARSALS

DAY	DATE	TIME
Wednesday	May 23	6:00-8:00 pm (uniform fittings & materials distribution)
Thursday	May 24	6:00-8:00 pm (uniform fittings & materials distribution)
Tuesday	May 29	6:00-8:00 pm (uniform fittings & materials distribution)
Wednesday	May 30	6:00-8:00 pm (uniform fittings & materials distribution)
Thursday	May 31	6:00-8:00 pm (music & fundamentals)
Friday	June 1	6:00-8:00 pm (music & fundamentals)
Monday	June 4	6:00-8:00 pm (music & fundamentals)
Tuesday	June 5	6:00-8:00 pm (music & fundamentals)
Wednesday	June 6	6:00-8:00 pm (music & fundamentals)
Thursday	June 7	6:00-8:00 pm (music & fundamentals)
Thursday	June 14	6:00-8:00 pm (music & fundamentals)
Thursday	June 21	6:00-8:00 pm (music & fundamentals)
Thursday	June 28	6:00-8:00 pm (music & fundamentals)
Monday	July 30	8:00 am-12:00 pm (New Members & Section Leaders), 6:00 pm- 9:00 pm (Everyone-Band Camp)
Tuesday	July 31	8:00 am-12:00 pm, 6:00 pm- 9:00 pm (Band Camp)
Wednesday	August 1	8:00 am-12:00 pm, 6:00 pm- 9:00 pm (Band Camp)
Thursday	August 2	8:00 am-12:00 pm, 6:00 pm- 9:00 pm (Band Camp)
Friday	August 3	8:00 am-12:00 pm (Band Camp)
Monday	August 6	8:00 am-12:00 pm (Band Camp)
Tuesday	August 7	8:00 am-12:00 pm (Band Camp)
Wednesday	August 8	8:00 am-12:00 pm (Band Camp)

2018 MANDATORY MARCHING BAND PERFORMANCES

DAY	DATE	PERFORMANCE TYPE
Friday	August 24	Football Game
Sunday	September 9	Competition
Friday	September 14	Football Game (Homecoming)
Saturday	September 15	Homecoming Parade
Friday	September 28	Football Game
Saturday	September 29	Competition
Friday	October 12	Football Game
Saturday	October 13	Competition