

Mars Area High School Marching Band

Student Code of Conduct Agreement and Financial Obligation Acknowledgement 2023

The following are rules and regulations relative to participation in the Mars High School Marching Band. Failure on the student participant to adhere to these guidelines will result in probation, suspension or dismissal from the Marching Band.

1. A member's citizenship and conduct must at all times be representative of the school community.
2. A member must at all times display a positive attitude toward the activity, his/her peers, and instructors. The Marching Band and its success shall have preference over personal wishes and desires at all times.
3. Any inappropriate use of social media (such as Instagram, Twitter etc...) or technology in regards to the marching band or a member of the marching band, will not be tolerated, and may result in probation, suspension, or dismissal from the group at the discretion of directors.
4. Band Camp, Rehearsal, and performance attendance:
 - a. Band camp is mandatory for all members. Members who cannot fully participate in band camp will be not permitted to participate.
 - b. A student shall attend all marching band functions (rehearsals, competitions, performances) unless ill/injured, an emergency situation develops at home, or excused by the director or a doctor.
 - c. If a student is in attendance at school, he/she shall attend marching band functions unless one of the previously noted circumstances exists.
 - d. A student shall not be permitted to practice or participate in a competition/performance during any in-school or out-of-school suspension.
 - e. Any marching band unexcused absence will result in probation, suspension or dismissal from the group at the discretion of the director.
 - f. Doctor, dentist, and other similar appointments should be made during a time that will not interfere with the student's participation in a marching band function. The calendar is provided in April to avoid these conflicts
 - g. Marching band members must abide by all guidelines in the Marching Band Handbook.
5. DIRECTOR/INSTRUCTOR PREROGATIVES:
 - a. Instrument/performance role placement, including leadership, alternate and manager positions
 - b. Rehearsal dates and times
 - c. Establishing and enforcing all guidelines and rules related to the Marching Band.
 - d. Strategies/changes to show
6. If a student decides to quit prior to the end of the marching band season:
 - a. The student must schedule an exit interview with a director.
 - b. The student must return all equipment/uniform to the director within 7 days or will be charged the full amount of said equipment/uniform.
 - c. The student is not permitted to audition for any winter ensemble, or participate in any trips. However, the student may audition for the marching band the following year.
 - d. Any monies already paid for the student's assessment are non-refundable.

Financial Obligation Acknowledgement

In addition to agreeing to the rules above, all students and parents must acknowledge that there is a financial obligation in being a member of the Mars High School Marching Band. As a member of the marching band, every member must do his/her fair share by fulfilling this obligation, so the Marching Band can continue to provide the same expansive, high quality education and experiences that have been the reason for its success for many years. **This year's student financial obligations are defined at the beginning of the membership season, and is due in installments as listed in Marching Band Handbook.** If for some reason anyone is unable to fulfill this commitment on time due to an extreme or extenuating circumstances, the parent must contact the Mars Area Band Booster President to make alternate arrangements. The Mars High School Marching Band also holds fundraisers to benefit the General Fund, which helps offset the cost to each and every student and reduce personal financial obligation for each student. For the General Fundraisers to be successful, all parents and students are asked to participate in these fundraisers.

Agreement: We, the undersigned, have read the above rules and regulations, and do hereby agree to the terms as stated in the Student/Parent Handbook and Financial Obligation Acknowledgment Form. We will make every effort to abide by the rules and regulations in the agreement, and understand the consequences if those regulations are not followed. We also acknowledge the financial obligation for being a member of this program and agree to fulfill this obligation within the time

frame described in the handbook. If for some reason I am unable to fulfill this obligation on time due to an extenuating circumstance, I will contact the Band Booster President to make alternate arrangements.

Student (print) _____ (signed) _____ Date _____

Guardian (print) _____ (signed) _____ Date _____