

COMMITMENT CONTRACT PICKENS BANDS, 2011-2012

Band Students and Parents:

High school band students are required to participate in several performances/rehearsals outside the school day. Most of these performances/rehearsals require families to make adjustments in their plans and often inconvenience band families. Though this is regretful, the Band needs all members to be at all performances and rehearsals. The concept of “making up” a band performance/rehearsal is impossible- it simply cannot be replicated on an individual basis after the performance/rehearsal has happened.

The following illustrative list (not all-inclusive) demonstrates some typical accepted, excused reasons to miss a band event:

1. personal illness- a note from a doctor or qualified health care professional required upon return (notes from parents are accepted, but will be verified on a case by case basis);
2. severe illness, eminent death or death of family member;
3. participation in a wedding (e.g. a member of the wedding party, not just simply attending);
4. school-related conflicts will be negotiated with the sponsor of the conflicting club, activity, or sport (realize none of these are a class, like band is, so we negotiate from a position of academic versus extra-curricular).

Additionally, even when a band member is out for excused reasons, it still does nothing to change the fact that a hole in the drill has occurred, or that a part is not being played; such is the nature of music performance. So, even though extended absence may occur for excused reasons, steps may still have to be taken to fill in that hole or part.

With this knowledge, enrolling in the band program becomes a commitment unlike any other class. The signature of the band student and parent below acknowledges this commitment, and serves as a written promise to abide by it.

Finally, attendance policies and procedures are addressed throughout the band handbook given out at the beginning of the year. Signing this commitment contract signifies your acceptance of the terms stated in the handbook regarding prompt attendance to all band performances/rehearsals.

PRINT band student name

Signature of band student

PRINT band parent name

Signature of band parent