

2017 DHS Marching Band Manual

Students are expected to conduct themselves in accordance with the following classroom behavior guidelines as well as those listed in the Davie County Schools Code of Conduct:

1. Enter the room quietly, get out your instrument, and line up or sit in your assigned seat.
2. DO NOT touch items that do not belong to you. Keep your hands and personal belongings to yourself.
3. Horseplay is not tolerated and severe and immediate consequences will occur.
4. Bring your instrument, music, tuner, and pencil to rehearsal every day. If you do not have these items when asked to show them, you will forfeit your participation in the following away game.
5. Raise your hand and be recognized before speaking.
6. NO food, gum, candy, or drinks at ANY time.
7. Act in a responsible and respectful manner toward fellow students and teachers.

Possible consequences for improper behavior may include but are not limited to the following:

Verbal warning
Dismissal from 1 away game
Dismissal from all away games
Removal from the band program

Materials

Working instrument/equipment
Assigned Music, Flip Folder & Lyre, Pencil, Tuner
Band Fees - Paid in Full

Marching Band Rehearsal Procedures

1. Every band member should bring instruments, music, pencil, and proper equipment to every rehearsal.
2. Only band / color guard / dancing boot students are allowed in the band room.
3. Music folders, instruments, and equipment should be kept in their proper storage place when not in use.
4. Personal belongings should not be left in the band room.
5. Instrument lockers are to be kept clean and free of trash.
6. Playing and talking out of turn in rehearsal will not be tolerated.
7. The director's office, the music library, and the uniform storage rooms in the bandroom are off limits unless you are instructed otherwise.
8. Electronic devices (cell phones, etc.) will not be permitted at rehearsals.

General Rules of the Davie High School Marching Band

1. All students are to respect one another. The band that cannot get along together cannot perform intricate marching routines and play difficult music together. Teamwork is essential and every person in the Marching Band is a very important member of our team.
2. The Drum Majors are the student leaders of the Marching Band and are second in command to the Band Director. All students are expected to follow the directions of the Drum Majors at all times.
3. Students using profanity, displaying a poor attitude, or being disrespectful to the drum majors, section leader, fellow band member, or parent/chaperone will be subject to appropriate discipline.
4. Any student found smoking or possessing any tobacco products will be subject to school penalties and may be dismissed from the band program by the band director.
5. Any student found possessing drugs or alcohol or under the influence of the same will be subject to school penalties and may be dismissed from the band program by the director.

6. All students will assemble in the band room and be seated before games. This will be done prior to loading the bus unless otherwise instructed by the director.
7. All students will need to be present before the scheduled performance time. For home football games, students will need to be ready in uniform at 6:00 for 7:30 games. Anyone late will not be allowed to participate in the halftime performance and the following away game.
8. The director will give band members instructions pertaining to arrival times and uniform instruction prior to away games or parades.
9. Missing a performance is not acceptable unless a true emergency has arisen. Any band member missing a performance without prior approval from the director will forfeit his or her membership in the marching band.
10. Uniforms are the students' and parents' responsibility. Students will be asked to dress at school except for parades. Students are responsible for supplying black socks(solid). Unnaturally colored hair will not be allowed in uniform. Hair below the collar must be pinned up beneath the helmet. No earrings or facial piercings are allowed for performances. Return uniforms neatly to the proper uniform manager after each use. Uniforms not properly returned will be subject to consequences. Inspections will be held before each performance to insure proper dress - student's who are not in proper dress will not be allowed to participate. Any damages to the uniform will be charged to the student.

Policies Regarding the Band Section at Football Games

1. Only CURRENT Davie High School Marching Band members are to sit in the band section.
2. All band members are to enter, sit/stand and exit the stands in an orderly manner. We will always march in to the stadium, to a drum cadence.
3. The band will sit by sections and students must remain in their sections. No moving around is necessary after we are seated. Our job is to be ready to play when needed to do so. Always be aware of the director and drum majors who will give instructions about when and what to play in the stands.
4. Students are not to play on their own in the stands. This makes the band look and sound extremely bad. Either the director or Drum Major will give instructions for playing. All members will play their part. Generally the band will play at quarter breaks and time-outs. The band does not play while our team is on offence.
5. **All students** will have their flip folder, lyre, and all Marching Band music at every game.
6. No band member may leave the band section during a game without the permission of the band director.
7. Third quarter break is a privilege that is determined by the director. When we have this break at away games,, band boosters will have food prepared for you. You must be in the band section and ready to play with three minutes remaining in the third quarter. Keep in mind that getting back late from the quarter break could cause the loss of this privilege.
8. No public displays of affection (PDA) while in uniform.
9. No electronic devices will be used in the band section during a game.. If seen, they will be confiscated immediately and will only be returned to the student's parent/guardian. Electronic devices may be used during the third quarter break.
10. The band will remain in full uniform (jacket fully zipped) when leaving the band's assigned area in the bleachers unless otherwise instructed by the band director.
11. Full uniform is to be worn at all times at games and parades. Anytime you are in public view, the uniform is to be fully zipped and complete. The band director may allow you to remove your jackets and hats if he so chooses. Do not ask to remove this items. Though not a meteorologist, the director is aware of the weather.