

Northview Marching Knights

RULES, GUIDELINES and INFORMATION

- Attendance** at rehearsals and performances is required. Having said that, we know there will be absences and dealing with keeping track of them is very important part of our activity.
 - Absences should be cleared with the director ahead of time and not the “day of”. Please use our absence notification form. Do not send word with another student. Absences may be excused when the directors are notified ahead of time and it is deemed by the school to be an unavoidable & legitimate situation. An absence from a performance or contest will reflect upon the entire organization and therefore it is vital that any pre-planned conflicts the students have with our performance/contest schedule are identified as early as possible.
 - Please notify us if a student is going to miss an evening or Saturday rehearsal or event due to last minute illness or circumstances beyond your control.

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 - Vacation. Legitimate out of town family vacations during June and the first two weeks of August are excused when we are notified in writing ahead of time. Vacations after August 15 are not excused.
 - School sponsored activity. Please notify the director in writing one week in advance. Conflicts in schedules will be worked out by the sponsors and coaches. Students are not to be “put in the middle”.
 - Work is not an excused absence.**
 - Unexcused absences from a rehearsal or performance may result in a student losing his or her spot in the show and/or the lowering of his or her grade. If a student misses the last major rehearsal before a performance they may not be able to perform “on the field” at that performance but will be expected to attend that function as a member of the band.
 - A student must be in attendance for no less than the last half of the regular school day to participate in an after school or evening practice or performance. This rule may be waived with a written doctor’s note, a written note from a parent explaining a family emergency or a note from another meeting involving a professional. A student absence on Friday has no bearing on Saturday extra curricular participation.
- All band and guard rehearsals, events & trips are considered school activities and all rules and regulations as stated in the Northview High School Knight’s Code are in effect the entire time of the event or trip. Special Note: Use of the internet is a growing concern for all schools. We will not tolerate any inappropriate postings or discussions on the “web” that reflect poorly on the school or the band or guard program. This includes activity from a home computer.

No cell phones “on” during rehearsal. No “texting” or checking social websites during rehearsals or water breaks.
- Public displays of affection are not permitted. This includes time spent on the bus!!!!
- Courtesy, good manners and mature, responsible behavior are required. "Please" and "thank you" are a must when dealing with staff, parents and chaperones.
- Uniforms are provided for marching performances. Concert season attire is the student responsibility and should be a step above school clothes. Black tops and black bottoms will be required for all indoor concerts during the school year. Jeans, tennis shoes and t shirts are not considered “dress up clothes”.

6. School Bus Transportation is provided for all marching band events. All students are required to ride the bus to events and for most events they are required to ride the bus home. This is for the safety of the students and the Espirit de Corps of our group. There are times when it is appropriate for students to ride home with parents. This will be announced well in advance. In this case, written permission notes from the parents are due one day before the event and the parent(s) must come to the bus chaperone at the bus and "check out" their son or daughter. In these situations students may ride home with THEIR parents, not someone else's parents or a friend, boyfriend, etc

7. Students are expected to read the message board every day as announcements are not made in class. The board insures that everyone gets the same announcement and allows students to come back later to check times, etc. Handouts with times, maps, info, etc. are available on Monday or Tuesday prior to all contests and trips, extra copies for parents will be left on the music stand under the message board. Copies are also usually emailed and posted on the website. www.northviewband.org

8. Keeping track of the finances for 170 people can be a nightmare. Therefore the following procedure is extremely important and must be followed:

- Always pay by check or money order. Never pay with cash.
- Make checks payable to Northview Band and enclose in envelope with name, reason and amount on the front. (envelopes usually available above the silver slot)
- Deposit in silver lock box next to Mr. Medworth's door or mail to NHS Band at 3150 W 340, Brazil, 47834
- **Never, Never, ever, ever, give payments to director or staff member or leave on their desks, etc.**
- Questions about "band bills" - contact Judy Horn 812 448 2661 ext 1257 hornju@clay.k12.in.us

10. Uniform care:

- a. Uniforms are stored in school or semi. Do not take them home unless asked to make minor alterations.
- b. Hang on hanger correctly - make sure seams on pants are straight.
- c. Never walk around with coat unzipped, never be seen in public in half uniform.
- d. Carry uniform by hanger, not by the shoulders.
- e. Hats are either on or carried in left hand.
- f. You must supply your own white gloves. Available from boosters. \$3
- g. You must wear your Member T shirt, gym shorts and black socks under uniform.
- h. You must purchase your own black shoes and keep them clean.
- i. Hands off the plumes.....let the parents help.
- j. Hair must be up, not touching coat collar. No jewelry.
- k. No food or drink or gum while in uniform.

11. Band Booster Meetings are the second Monday of every month except July, at 7pm in the band room. Officers are nominated in April, elected in May and Committee Chairs are chosen in late May. Anyone may be a member of the Boosters. All financial records of the boosters are available at any time for public inspection.

We are quickly approaching the \$80,000 mark for an annual budget necessary to run all of our programs. Parent participation is no longer an option, it is a necessity. Gone are the days when a "core" of boosters can carry the load.....we need each and every mom and dad to share in the workload and help us out at sometime during the year.

12. Fund Raising and Student Accounts. On most all band and guard fund raising and spirit clothing sales, the students earn credit for each item sold. This credit is then applied to a student's band or guard fees, trip fees, etc. It is not a personal savings account and cannot be used for music accessory purchases, personal needs, other school bills, etc. When a student graduates or leaves the program any remaining credit may be transferred to a family member in the band, or it will be donated to the band booster uniform account.

13. Section Shirts are a long standing tradition within NMK. They are for fun and spirit and section identity. Due to the fact that in many cases a dozen or less items are being ordered....they can get expensive. For this reason they are totally optional. Also.....you do not have to buy one for the directors. ☺ And finally.....there are to be no designations between veterans and rookies or 1st players and 2nd players, etc. This is a totally student run project.....directors and staff are not involved in the design or ordering, and students do not earn "credit" for these sales or purchases.

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RULES, REGULATIONS AND FINANCIAL COMMITMENT ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

I hereby acknowledge that I have read and understand the material in the Northview Marching Knights Rules, Guidelines and Information Handbook and I that agree to the financial obligations of membership in the organization.

Student Signature

Date

Student Printed

Parent or Guardian Signature