

2018-2019 MCHS Marching Band and Colorguard Performers Commitment Contract

At Mira Costa, we are proud to offer one of the finest Marching Band performance opportunities in Southern California and have a strong history of competitive success. Our superior program offers the opportunity to develop a degree of experience and intense skill set, including: focus, self-discipline, determination, multi-tasking, team work and individual excellence.

This contract is a commitment to and understanding that when one chooses Marching Band, it comes with a responsibility to all other members of the Band, and a recognition that success depends on consistency, both as an individual and as a team. Both musically and visually, each member learns to perform better based on what they hear and see from those around them. If each member missed just one rehearsal, we would never have a fully attended rehearsal.

One of the greatest aspects of Marching Band is the bond between members as they grow together in practice and performance. This bond is a natural outflow of people striving for their individual best as well as the success of a team effort.

A great Marching Band performance is graded as any other performance: on the consistency of the Band. This is what we strive for together, day after day, hour after hour. In no other class do ALL students receive the same "grade". Marching Band is not the same individual effort you might see in math class, where if absent, you can catch up, get a tutor or study harder. When you miss practice in Marching Band, it affects the entire band – your absence literally creates a "hole".

"What you do in practice is going to determine your level of success. I used to tell my players, "You have to give 100 percent every day. Whatever you don't give, you can't make up for tomorrow. If you give only 75 percent today, you can't give 125 percent tomorrow to make up for it"" – John Wooden.

ATTENDANCE

All Rehearsals starting August 6th and field show performances are MANDATORY. The MCHS Attendance Policy will be followed:

Excused: The following absences, with receipt of a parental note, are considered **excused**: illness, quarantine, medical appointment, funeral for a member of the immediate family, appearance in court, observation of a religious holiday.

Unexcused: The following absences, with receipt of a parental note, are considered **unexcused**: non-school sponsored field trips and/or athletic contests, family excursions, family or personal business, or traffic court. **Certain unexcused absences can be approved by the principal if a request is made in advance.**

The following actions will be taken for tardies or absences:

- 1 Rehearsal Tardy – Verbal Warning
- 2 Rehearsal Tardies – Parent Contact
- 3 Rehearsal Tardies – Equal to 1 Unexcused Absence
- 1 Unexcused Rehearsal Absence – Ineligible to perform at next performance
- 2 Unexcused Rehearsal Absences – Suspension from program pending parent conference
- 3 Unexcused Rehearsal Absences or 1 Unexcused Performance Absence – dismissal from performing in all future Marching Band performances

For the sake of the entire Marching Band, unexcused absences and tardiness cannot be tolerated. Extenuating circumstances can be discussed privately with the Director and will be handled on a case by case basis. At the discretion of the Director, an excused absence can still result in ineligibility to perform at the next performance, but will not accrue as a cumulative process toward dismissal. The dates for Summer Rehearsals, the Fall Training Camp and the season calendar will be posted on line at www.miracostabands.com under the Marching Band and Colorguard Calendar tab. Please ensure you review it and clear all dates for 2018 prior to committing.

AGREEMENT

We understand and agree to follow the terms of this document as they pertain to membership in the 2018 MCHS Marching Band.

Student Name (print)

Parent/Guardian Name (print)

Parent/Guardian Name (print)

Student Signature

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This document will be due at our 2018-Parent Meeting on June 6th. Once your commitment form is turned in we will then be able to commit to writing a spot in the music and drill of the field show that will be specifically for you and no one else.