

JENISON MARCHING BAND CODE OF CONDUCT

In addition to all the policies and expectations laid out in the Jenison High School Band Handbook (available online at jenisonbands.org), Marching Band students will be held to high standards in terms of their academic responsibilities, attendance at school as well as at all marching band rehearsals and performances, and responsible behavior both on and off campus. This Code of Conduct has been created to improve the Jenison Marching Band as an organization by insisting that each member upholds these high standards, and therefore consistently contributes positively to our “team.”

School Attendance Expectations

Our students’ top priority must be successful completion of their secondary school education. Students must make every effort to be in attendance the full day of, or day before, any marching band performance. Attendance at school means a full day. Arriving to school late is not acceptable. Leaving school early to rest is not acceptable.

Several times in the fall season, the marching band travels beyond the local area to participate in Saturday competitions. Students may return to Jenison very late at night or even very early Sunday morning. All students are expected to be in attendance at school the following Monday.

If school absenteeism is a problem, the band directors or school administration may deny the student the opportunity to participate in marching band.

Academic Expectations

Marching band students will be expected to maintain a minimum GPA of 2.0. Students who drop below this GPA will meet with the band directors to develop an academic improvement plan.

While students are not allowed to miss marching band rehearsals or performances because of heavy homework/study loads, marching band rehearsals or travel schedules are *never* an excuse for a student to neglect his or her academic responsibilities.

Behavior Expectations

At ALL times both in and out of rehearsal, on or off campus, marching band members will conduct themselves as dignified young people, making responsible choices that reflect positively on our program.

- Members will treat each other, staff members, and parent volunteers with courtesy and respect.
- The Jenison Marching Band strictly enforces a No Bullying policy. Bullying may include gossip, back talk, arguing, hate speech, physical confrontation, hazing, taunting and mocking.
- Use of social media such as Twitter, Facebook, Snapchat, etc. must be in line with standards of conduct in person and on campus.
- The use of tobacco, alcohol, e-cigarettes/vapes or drugs by students is illegal and will NOT be tolerated in the Jenison Bands.
- Members will be expected to adhere to all Covid-19 health protocols put in place by JPS, Jenison Bands, and all other locations and venues that we visit.

- Actions and choices which bring discredit to the student, parents, band program, or Jenison High School WILL have consequences, up to and including expulsion from the Jenison Band program.

Rehearsal Expectations

- All members will be on time for each rehearsal. (“On time” means on the field ready to go with all necessary equipment at the designated start time.)
- The use of cell phones during rehearsal is prohibited unless directed otherwise by a staff member (for use as a tuner etc.).
- Members will not bring personal issues or negative discussions into the rehearsal environment.

Parents

- We look forward to and depend on parental involvement and support! Please help us by always serving as positive examples of teamwork, cooperation, volunteerism, and proper communication skills.

Student: I have read the Code of Conduct and understand my role and responsibilities as a member of the Jenison High School Marching Band.

Student Printed Name: _____

Student Signature: _____ Date: _____

Parent: I have read the Code of Conduct and understand my child’s responsibilities as a member of the Jenison High School Marching Band.

Parent Signature: _____ Date: _____