

# **Benton Central High School Marching Band**

Code of Conduct (Please also review attendance policy on the back)

1. Since Marching Band is a Benton Central activity all members MUST adhere to all rules and regulations set forth by Benton Central Jr/Sr High School and BCSC.
2. Superior, attentive conduct is mandatory at all rehearsals and competitions. Full cooperation with the Band staff is expected.
3. There will be no use or carriage of illegal substances, drugs, alcohol, or tobacco in any form at any time.
4. Violent actions or aggressive behavior will not be tolerated. Band members are to keep their hands to themselves.
5. Band members will refrain from any questionable behavior or action (aka, avoid the perception of wrongdoing!).
6. Vulgar and profane language, in any form, will not be tolerated.
7. Band members must act courteously and dress appropriately at all times, including practices, contests, on busses, and at other facilities. Students are to show respect for all people, property and rules.
8. Band members will respect the equipment they are using including but not limited to uniforms, instruments, sound equipment, poles, silks, rifles, sabers, music stands, props, carts, band tower, and transportation vehicles.
9. Band members who carelessly damage equipment or property will be responsible for the replacement cost of the damaged item.
10. Band members must be in place, with their equipment, ready to rehearse prior to the beginning of every rehearsal.
11. Band members will follow all bus driver rules during transport. Disruptive, inappropriate or distracting behavior will not be tolerated.
12. Band members will attend all practices and performances unless their absence has been submitted in writing and preapproved by the Band Director.

Any Band member who fails to abide by this Code will be subject to BCSC disciplinary policies and procedures and will forfeit their membership in the Benton Central High School Marching Band.

I understand and accept the Marching Band Code of Conduct as stated above. I accept my part in the Band. If I am unable to fulfill my obligation I understand that I will forfeit my membership in the BCHS Marching Band.

Student Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Student Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Parent Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Parent Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Attendance Policies of the BC Marching Band  
2013 Season

I. BAND CAMP

- A. The BC Marching Band camp begins on the afternoon of Friday, July 26 for all members. Please ensure that all family vacations are complete by this point. We have an immediate performance goal that requires everyone's attendance!
- B. Attendance at all sessions and activities is required unless other limited conflicts have been approved in advance (participation in other sports, unavoidable medical appointments, etc.)

II. ATTENDANCE

A. Attendance is required for all scheduled rehearsals and performances of the WLMB. Absences must be approved in advance whenever possible.

**B. The BCMB policy on rehearsal and performance conflicts is as follows:**

- 1) When a BCMB rehearsal is in conflict with a competition of another fall sport, the student is expected to attend the sporting event.**
- 2) When a BCMB performance is in conflict with a practice of another fall sport, the student is expected to attend the BCMB performance.**
- 3) When a BCMB rehearsal is in conflict with a practice of another sport, the student is expected to "split" the conflict time.**
- 4) When a BCMB performance is in conflict with a competition of another fall sport, the student MUST notify Mr. Richardson as soon as the conflict is recognized. In most cases, the student will have the choice as to which event to attend. A student who picks the sporting event will not be penalized in any way within the band. However, that student may be sidelined for rehearsals prior to the performance so that we may rehearse with our known personnel.**
- 5) Mr. Richardson is willing to meet with students and coaches to explain this policy, but understand that primary responsibility is on the student to resolve conflicts appropriately.
- 6) Understand that these policies are in place to develop the best band possible, while still allowing members to pursue other activities. In many schools, this doesn't happen! Abuse of this conflict policy will result in dismissal from the band.

C. Your attendance may affect your standing within the band as follows:

- 1) An unexcused absence from any performance may result in dismissal from the band. At the least, the student will be required to give a formal spoken apology at the next rehearsal.
- 2) A student who misses every rehearsal the week of a performance (regardless of reason) will not be allowed to perform on the field during that performance. If the performance is a football game, they will be expected to play in the stands as usual.
- 3) Three unexcused absences during the season are grounds for dismissal from the BCMB.
- 4) Two tardies to rehearsals equal an unexcused absence.