

# Marching Band Hand Book

## **Bus assignments**

Students will sign up for buses before the first football game. These bus assignments remain in place for the duration of the marching season. Students cannot switch buses at any time.

## **Rehearsals**

During marching season, full band rehearsals are generally as follows:

- Tuesday - 7:00a.m. - 8:00a.m. and 5:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m.
- Wednesday - 7:00a.m. - 8:00a.m. and 5:00p.m. - 7:00p.m.
- Thursday - 7:00a.m. - 8:00a.m.

Additional rehearsals may be required on football game days and as marching contests near. Any changes in the marching rehearsal schedule will be announced by the directors.

## **Required Items for Musicians during Marching Season**

During marching season, uniforms and hats will be issued in the band hall before the band departs for an event. Students must have the following items in order to be issued their uniforms and hats:

- Black Under Armor shorts and shirt to be worn under uniform.
- Black dress socks, at least calf-length (no half-length or ankle socks, or socks with designs or logos)
- Clean and polished black marching shoes. Write your name on the inside.
- Flip folder with sheet music. Put your name on it.
- Marching lyre
- Your instrument

## **Required Items for Dancers/Guard Members during Marching Season**

All members of the color guard must bring the following to every performance:

- Body tights
- Makeup
- Performance shoes
- Tote bag
- Towel
- Hair supplies

## **Policies for Football Games and Other Marching Events (Musicians and Guard)**

Clark Band students are encouraged to have fun during marching season, but they are also expected to display professionalism and respectfulness while representing their school at band events. A supportive attitude and cooperation from each individual regarding the following policies will ensure an enjoyable and successful season for all:

- **No jewelry** may be worn on the buses, in the stands, or at any time during football games or other marching events. The only exception is Clark senior rings and religious necklaces. Students are advised to leave their jewelry and all valuables at home to prevent loss or theft.
- **No nail polish** may be worn on the buses or at any time during marching events. Students wearing nail polish will be required to remove it before boarding buses.
- **No cell phones, CD players, video games, or other personal electronic devices** are permitted in the stands and are discouraged on the buses due to the potential for loss or theft. In the case of an emergency that requires a phone call, students should notify a chaperone.
- **No food, drinks, candy, or gum** may be brought on the buses or into the stands. Chaperones will provide plenty of water during games, contests, and other marching events.

#### **After-school procedures on game days**

On game days, there will be a short run-through after school.

Pre-paid meals will be made available on certain game days, to be announced during summer band. These are optional but will save students and parents time and hassle in getting food on these busy days.

#### **After the games and contests**

**Uniform Check-In** - Upon returning to school, students must check in their uniforms and hats before going home. Please place hats in their cases and hang the garments properly on their hangers, making sure all buttons are buttoned, zippers are zipped, etc., before turning them in.

**Student Pick-Up** - For the safety of all students, parents should make every effort to be at the school when the band returns, ready to pick up their children.

#### **Marching Band Rehearsal Attendance Policy**

In order to maintain a high-quality marching band, attendance from all members is essential. Unlike other classes where a student's success is based upon individual accomplishment, the band's success depends upon complete member participation. Please review the following attendance policy for the school year:

## **Absences from rehearsals**

1. You are considered absent if you arrive more than 20 minutes late or miss an entire rehearsal.
2. If you know that you will be absent on a certain date, you must hand a note from your parent directly to one of the directors as soon as you know you will be absent. Your note must be given directly to a director - not to a drill instructor, guard captain, drum major or other adult staff.

\*\*\*It is up to the directors' discretion to decide whether an absence is excused or unexcused.\*\*\*

## **Excused Absences**

1. A student with two excused absences from any rehearsal in one week will not march at the next football game or contest or perform at the next concert.
2. The directors will decide what is excused and what is not.
3. For an absence to be excused, the student must provide an acceptable note.

## **Unexcused Absences**

A student with one unexcused absence from any rehearsal in a given week will not march at the next football game or contest or perform at the next concert.

## **Tardies**

1. If you are not in your warm-up position or assigned position by the time attendance is taken, you are considered tardy.
2. Two tardies equal one absence.
3. Parent/teacher notes for tardies follow the same rules for absences.

If you have any questions about this attendance policy, contact one of the Clark directors at 210 397-5240.

## **Nine Weeks Eligibility Dates**

Northside ISD students who are not passing all classes on the date of an eligibility check are considered "ineligible." Any band or guard student who is ineligible cannot attend or participate in any extracurricular events including football games, region band contests, UIL events, solo & ensemble contests, Fiesta events, etc. Ineligible students may, however, participate in rehearsals.

Eligibility Check - End of day on the day report cards are distributed.

\*Time of school day ending may vary. Remember, the time a student gains or loses eligibility is always the time school normally ends for that student's respective school. Remember,

students who have lost eligibility will begin reestablishing eligibility the first academic day following the last grade check.