

# 2019-20 Mingo Central High School Band Handbook

## Section I-Attitude

- The Mingo Central High School Band is to be a source of pride for the students, the school, and the community.
- Students are expected to keep a positive attitude and work ethic during all rehearsals and performances. To be a highly successful organization these qualities are imperative and expected.
- Students, and staff alike, are expected to show respect for one another always.
- Purposeful and deliberate terrorizing of another student's mental, emotional, or physical well-being will not be tolerated and may result in disciplinary action up to and including dismissal from the group.

Please remember that "we are all in this together", and for this to be the best band program that it can be, it will take all of us working for each other and with each other in a positive manner.

## Section II-Rehearsal/Performance Attendance and Performance Grading

Attendance to all after school rehearsals and performances is mandatory. Announced rehearsal and performance times will be strictly adhered to and band members are to be at the proper place, at the prescribed time, and with all required materials/equipment ready to perform the duties required of them.

- **Performances**
  - An "A" grade for the week can only be achieved through active attendance and performance in:
    - All required after school rehearsals leading to a performance
    - All required performance elements
  - Missing a maximum of ONE rehearsal before a Football Performance will result in:
    - Possible denial of performance privileges
    - A grade of "C" for the week
  - Missing TWO OR MORE rehearsals before a Football Performance will result in:
    - Possible denial of performance privileges
    - A grade of "D" for the week
  - Missing a performance will result in a FAILING grade
    - Any failing grade may be recouped with a detailed research paper and presentation to the class. See bulletin board for topics, requirements, and timeline for completion. Grade for paper and presentation will be based on the rubric that accompanies the assignment.
  - Missing music, materials, equipment, uniform parts, etc. will result in a ONE LETTER grade loss for the week's performance grade

- **Grading for make-up paper**
  - Director will provide topic, paper requirements, and grading rubric for paper expectations.

In the event of a sudden unanticipated situation or emergency, the band director shall have the discretion to deal individually with each situation. **COMMUNICATION IS KEY!!!**

### Section III Uniforms

#### **Student Responsibility:**

- Purchase and maintain an ALL BLACK pair of shoes
- Purchase and maintain a pair of prescribed ALL BLACK pants \*\*\*
  - \*\*\*type of pants to be determined by the director
- Purchase and maintain at least one pair of ALL BLACK, CREW LENGTH socks
- Students may be expected to help fundraise to provide for uniform needs
- The director reserves the right to deny the wearing of personal items that is felt to detract from the look of the group.
- ANY STUDENT WITH A FINANCIAL HARDSHIP NEEDS TO SPEAK DIRECTLY WITH MR. SOLTESZ PRIVATELY AND A SOLUTION WILL BE PROVIDED. COMMUNICATION IS KEY!!!

#### **School Responsibility:**

- All other uniform needs

Students will be informed about expected performance wear before each performance.

### Section IV- Performance Etiquette

- While in uniform you are representing yourself, the school, and the community. At football games students are to sit in the prescribed area and are not to invite people from outside the band to sit with the band. Also, students are to remain in their seats unless given permission by the band director.
- During football games, the band will be given until 2:00 minutes remaining in the third quarter of the game to use the restroom and eat. Students who cannot return by the appointed time dressed and ready to perform will lose third quarter privileges for the next football performance and will remain in the stands during that time.
- While in uniform students will not engage in arguments at all. Failure to follow this rule will result in disciplinary action ranging from loss of performance privileges to removal from the group and including a written account being submitted to the school administration and, if necessary, the police.

**Students are expected to carry themselves with dignity, respect and pride.**

### **Section V- School Issued Materials and Equipment**

- Students using personal instruments are solely responsible for the condition and working nature of their instrument.
- Any music, equipment, materials, instruments, uniform parts, etc. that are provided by the school are to be returned to the school upon request
  - Materials and equipment not turned in when requested will be reported to the school's administration for further action.
- The MCHS band program strives to acquire quality materials and equipment for the students to use, and as such, it is a privilege and not a right to use these materials and equipment.

Students will not be held responsible for what is considered by the band director to be normal wear and tear or unavoidable calamity.

### **Section VI-Other Rules and Policies**

- The MCHS instrumental music program is governed by the rules, policies, and laws of Mingo Central High School, Mingo County Schools, and the state of West Virginia.

### **Section VII-Performance Travel**

- In accordance with **school policy**, students shall be required to ride in transportation provided by the school to any event. \*\*\*
  - \*\*\*See Soltesz about possible exemptions
- Students may return from an event with parents or legal guardians only.
- The parent/guardian must notify the band director **BEFORE** the student will be released to leave.
- The student will not be released until all band responsibilities have been fulfilled.

### **Contact Information**

Parents and students can call, text, or email me at the following for band related questions or problems:

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