

Adamson High School Band

2021-2022 Attendance Agreement

Attendance & Conduct

Attendance & Commitment to “BE THERE”

Because the Adamson High School Band functions as a team and counts on each member’s presence at rehearsal to accomplish the goals, **prompt attendance at each and every band function is mandatory and a part of the commitment to the program.**

For attendance purposes, a band function is defined as: Any rehearsal, sectional, performance, trip, or event scheduled by a Director.

Each member is responsible to be at the required location, properly attired, with his or her instrument and all of the necessary equipment, **before** the appointed time that attendance takes place.

The following guidelines outline the attendance procedures and policies for the marching band:

Attendance will be taken within the first five (5) minutes of rehearsal during stretching block on the field.

Morning rehearsals begin at 7:00AM and the band hall will be open at 6:40AM every morning. Students should arrive at least ten (10) minutes prior to rehearsal to allow time for unpacking, and other preparations for the rehearsal.

Excused Absence

Your grade in the Adamson High School Band will reflect active participation in rehearsal and success as a performer. Coming to rehearsal prepared continues to reign paramount over all things, enabling you to enjoy a successful performance during the competition season.

Excused absences are limited to:

1. Medical Emergency (Doctor’s note required)
2. Death in the family
3. Academic Intervention (conference with teacher/counselor required)

For advanced notice absences, parents/students must complete an Absence Request form and deliver the form no later than 48 hours prior to the missed rehearsal. Students who are continually ill should provide a Doctor’s note in case there are special instructions we need to follow. If in doubt, an absence should be checked with a director.

Absences/Tardy

A tardy will be converted to a mark of “absent” 15 minutes after the rehearsal begins. Tardy is defined as arriving to an event after the start time. Excessive tardiness will follow the same consequences as unexcused absences.

NOTE: We will only hold sectionals, pass offs and student leadership sessions after school.

Without question, schoolwork and academics remain the number one priorities for all students at Adamson High School, whether or not they participate in a varsity sport or co-curricular ensembles. With that said, “I had a lot of homework last night...” or “I had a family over last night..” will not suffice as an acceptable excuse for missing a rehearsal. It is up to you to learn to balance your time responsibly. We will definitely help with this...but planning is the key!

Participation in the Adamson Band means a commitment to not only one’s own time management and personal involvement, but also to other members of the team. During the season, the marching band rehearses Monday through Friday from 7:00AM to 8:40AM. The marching band performs at **ALL** football games, pep rallies, marching band competitions and parades. It is extremely important for the students AND parents/legal guardians to understand the time commitment for marching band from August through November. Regarding the concert bands, the bands begin on the first day of school and perform at graduation on the **very last day** of school. We kindly ask that everyone try to adhere to these schedules and try to avoid vacations or taking students away during performances, since every student is vital to the success of the program. We are always visible and need perform to the best of our abilities all the time.

Barring unforeseen medical emergencies or loss of a family member, no further conflicts are expected or accepted. Should an academic conflict arise, parents should schedule a meeting with the Band Director immediately to discuss possible scenarios. If a student has a conflict with an athletic team, the student needs to discuss this immediately with the band director as well.

Unexcused Absence Consequences

Students who have an unexpected absence will be subject to one of the following consequences:

1. Lowering of rehearsal attendance/performance attendance grade.
2. Loss of marching privilege for one or more games
3. Loss of marching privilege for one or more competitions
4. Removal from the marching band

Sectionals

Sectionals may be called by a Band Director or by the section leader. Section leaders must obtain approval from a Director in advance and give the section at least 24 hour notice for all sectionals. Section leaders **MUST** ensure that a sectional will not cause a violation of the 8-hour rule. Sectionals shall be used to play-off or prepare music.

Eligibility

Many band activities are designated by the state as extra-curricular. These activities are therefore governed by the state laws regarding participation.

The state law is such that a student shall be suspended from participation in all extra-curricular activities sponsored or sanctioned by the school district during the six week period following a grade-reporting period in which the student received a grade lower than seventy (70) in general classes and sixty (60) in AP courses. However, the student may not be suspended from participating during the period in which school is recessed for the summer. Also, students are not suspended for practice or rehearsal of extra-curricular activities.

Students may regain eligibility under certain circumstances. If a student has been suspended as a result of failing, he/she may regain eligibility by passing ALL courses in the third week of the affected grading period.

A few band activities are designated by the state as co-curricular. These activities are those that occur on campus, and are a natural extension of the learning taking place in the classroom. Examples of this type of activity are the public concerts or Pre-UIL which are presented at Adamson High School. These activities are not governed by the state eligibility law.

On the following page please review the marching band schedule and have both the student and parent/legal guardian sign and return the consent/acknowledgment form.

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2021 Adamson Leopard Varsity Football Schedule

Week	Day	Date	VS	SITE	TIME	H/V
1	Thurs	27-Aug	Irving MacArthur	Sprague	7:00pm	Home
2	\$ Sat	4-Sep	Sunset	Sprague	6:00pm	Visitor
3	*Fri	10-Sep	Seagoville	Hutchins	7:30pm	Home
4			BYE			
5	*Thurs	24-Sep	Kimball	Sprague	7:00pm	Visitor
6	#*Fri	1-Oct	TJ	Hutchins	7:30pm	Home
7	*Fri	8-Oct	Spruce	Seagoville	7:30pm	Visitor
8	*Thurs	14-Oct	Hillcrest	Franklin	7:00pm	Visitor
9	*Fri	22-Oct	SOC	Sprague	7:30pm	Visitor
10	*Fri	29-Oct	Mesquite Poteet	Seagoville	7:30pm	Home
11	*Thurs	4-Nov	Conrad	Franklin	7:00pm	Visitor

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 CONTEST
 # HOMECOMING
 \$ SENIOR NIGHT**

Thurs	14-Oct	UIL Marching	Kincaide Stadium
Sat	23-Oct	Area UIL	Mesquite Memorial
Sat	19-Feb	UIL Solo/Ensemble	Red Oak HS
Tues	20-Apr	UIL	Richardson HS
Wed	21-Apr	UIL	Richardson HS

***There will be parades and pep rallies that will be scheduled after the beginning of school.

These events will be communicated as soon as they are scheduled.

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(Please Print)

First Name: _____

Last Name: _____

Instrument/Section: _____

2021-22 Grade Level:

Parent/Legal Guardian Contact Name: _____

I understand the attendance and time obligations of membership in the Adamson High School Band Program, and am committing to membership. I understand that I need to be on time and attend all rehearsals and performances in order to maintain membership, and will speak with the Head Band Director if any issues arise.

I understand that this agreement must be on file by August 31st, 2021 in order to participate in the band program for the 2021-2022 school year.

NOTES:

Member Signature



Date

Parent/Legal Guardian Signature



Date

******Please sign and return this form to Mr. Reichert***