

Marching Band
Central High School of McMinn County
Mrs. McDonald
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7th Period
Fall 2017

I. Course Description

MARCHING BAND: Grades 9-12 Credit: 1

Prerequisites: Desire to learn fundamentals and techniques of marching band. This course is offered for those interested in learning a band instrument in order to perform at football games, parades, and marching band competitions. The traditional "corps-style" concept of marching technique will be used as the foundation of performance teaching, along with modern visual technique. Emphasis will be placed upon fundamentals of musicianship, marching and maneuvering, musical expression, showmanship, technique and execution of the music, and development of discipline and character. Previous experience is preferred.

The standards taught in this course are based on the State of Tennessee Music Standards and can be found online at <http://www.tennessee.gov/education/standards/arts.shtml>

Participation is required in all class periods, after school rehearsals, performances and competitions as outlined in the fall schedule listed below. Attendance and participation is mandatory. All policies concerning dress code, class attendance, cell phone policy, etc. as outlined in the student handbook will be strictly followed.

II. Class Requirements: The following is required for success over the course of the fall semester.

1. Bring proper materials to class and rehearsal at all times. This includes correct shoes, instrument, music, uniform, flags, props, etc.
2. Knowledge of all routines, music and drill taught in class time. This requires outside practice to ensure routines and music are memorized and perfected prior to any performance.
3. Respect of the director, drum major, and fellow band members while in class and outside school hours.
4. Attendance to after school rehearsals, Friday night football games, and Saturday competitions as outlined in the schedule below.
5. Obey the attendance policy outlined below concerning any absences from rehearsal and performance.
6. Only water is permitted during school hours in the band room, beverages other than water must wait until after school hours to be consumed.
7. HAVE FUN!!! This is going to be a great year!

III. Attendance Policy

1. The Charger Band considers all practices and performances mandatory and unexcused absences can affect a student's band grade. The band director should always be notified ahead of time if a conflict exists. Documentation is required of any absence, including printed work schedules, doctors notes, and parent communication.
2. Excused Absences:
 - a. Death in the immediate family

- b. Personal illness
- c. Previously scheduled event of an important nature (other school trip, etc.)
- 3. Unexcused Absences:
 - a. Doctor, dentist, or hair appointments that have not been cleared with the band director at least 1 week prior
 - b. UT Football Game, concert, etc.
- 4. Other: If a student needs to make up work or to attend tutoring for another class, the student should make every effort to schedule around practice. Make up work needs to be scheduled on Monday or Wednesday.

IV. Grading Policy – As with all classes, work needs to be made up if absent. This includes excused and un-excused absences.

- Attendance and Participation:
 - o Students receive 20 point per day for attendance and participation
 - o 20 points, for 5 days per week= a weekly grade out of 100 points.
 - o Unexcused absences result in a 0 participation grade
 - o Excused absences will result in a makeup practice assignment for 20 points
 - o Forgotten instrument/music: 2 point daily deduction
 - o Off task/ not following instruction: 2 point daily deduction, x number of offenses
- Assignments: Each assignment out of 100 points
 - o Not turned in by due date: 5 point assignment deduction
- Performances are graded as test grades out of 100 points
 - o Unexcused absence for a performance results in a 0, with research assignment possible for makeup points, up to an 80.
 - o Excused absence: Makeup essay assignment required for up to 100 points.

*Central High sports, club activities, field trips are excused only if the directors are notified 1 week previous to the scheduled rehearsal.

V. Fall 2017 Schedule

1. All schedules also available on the CHS band website, mcminnchsband.com

After School Rehearsals: (Beginning Monday August 14th)

MONDAY: 3:30-5:00pm, Percussion

TUESDAY: 3:30-5:00pm, Winds and Guard

THURSDAY: 3:30-5:00 pm, Full Band (Percussion, Winds, Guard)

FRIDAY: As needed before games.

Football and Competition Schedule:

Friday, August 18th AWAY vs. McMinn County

Friday, August 25th HOME vs. Sequoyah

Friday, September 1st HOME vs. Sweetwater

Friday, September 8th AWAY vs. Polk Co.

Friday, September 15th HOME vs. Red Bank

Friday, September 22nd AWAY vs. Meigs

Friday September 29th AWAY vs. Loudon

Saturday September 30th- A Bradley Classic Competition, Cleveland, TN

Friday, October 6th- AWAY vs. Bledsoe

Friday October 13th AWAY vs. Signal Mtn.

*****This game is the Friday of Fall Break and attendance is mandatory, please plan accordingly.**

Friday October 20- OFF FRIDAY- No Game

Saturday October 21st Tentative Marching Band Contest

Friday October 27th HOME vs. Brainerd

Saturday October 28th- Tentative Marching Band Contest

** Playoff Schedule is all TBD, depending on the season. All games will be announced as soon as they are released, and attendance is required.

**Christmas parade and Concert dates are TBD, will announce as soon as finalized.

All dates are posted on the band website as well and communication will be sent with changes to any of the above dates.

Let's have a great marching season!!

Mrs. McDonald

Parent and student signature required below, acknowledging that both student and parent have read and understand the contents of this course and it's requirements.

Please tear off this bottom portion after signing and turn in to Mrs. McDonald on August 11th for the first grade of the semester.

Signature of Student:

Date:

Signature of Parent:

Date:
