

STEVENSON HIGH SCHOOL

MARCHING BAND ATTENDANCE POLICY

Individual attendance at rehearsals and performances is an essential component to being part of the Stevenson High School Marching Band. When individual absences occur, the rehearsal experience and performance quality of the entire group is impacted. For those who use the Marching Band P.E. Waiver, frequent absences are also in conflict with the spirit of that policy, which requires an equivalent amount of physical activity through Marching Band as one would have through a semester of P.E.

Students who do not attend summer camps and then also consistently miss Fall rehearsals and football games are not upholding their commitment to the group, nor meeting the spirit of the PE Waiver. Therefore, students who meet the criteria below will lose the opportunity to participate in the Marching Band and will no longer be eligible for a PE Waiver.

1. **Missing All Of Band Camp:** Any student who misses all of the rehearsals prior to the start of the school year (Monday, 7/31/23-Friday, 8/4/23; Tuesday, 8/8/23) will be notified that they will be up for removal from the Marching Band (and the loss of their P.E. Waiver) if they miss any more rehearsals or performances after Monday, 8/14/23 (first day of school). Students, Guardians and Counselors will be notified.
2. **Missing Excess Rehearsals or Performances:** Students who attend all rehearsals prior to the start of the school year, but then have unexcused absences for 2 rehearsals or performances during the rest of the season (8/14/23 or later) will be notified that they will be up for removal from the Marching Band and the loss of their P.E. Waiver upon their 3rd unexcused absence.

The steps will be:

1. Once a student crosses the threshold for unexcused absences, the band directors will meet with the student and notify them that continued issues with attendance could result in removal from the Marching Band and removal of their P.E. Waiver when applicable. Guardians and School Counselors will be notified.
2. If that student continues to miss events, the Band Directors will notify the Director of Fine Arts that the student has been removed from the Marching Band and the PE waiver should be eliminated.
3. If agreed upon, the Director of Fine Arts will notify the student's Counselor to remove the student's PE waiver immediately and enroll the student into a Physical Wellness course. They will also notify the student and their guardians of this change.

Excused Absences - Parent Communication Required	Unexcused Absences
Religious Holidays Weddings Funerals Personal Illness Family Emergency Youth Orchestra Performance or Other Event Driver's Education Training *SHS Athletic Games (in conflict with a <i>rehearsal</i>) *SHS Competitive Team Events (see below)	Work Volunteering Family Event *SHS Athletic Practice (in conflict with a <i>performance</i>) Club Sport Practice Club Sport Games College Visits or Interviews

**In the case of Marching Band rehearsals and games, it is usually possible for students to participate in both their athletic games or practices and Marching Band on a given night. The Band Directors will work with families to adjust call times or departure times for students who have such conflicts.*