

JENISON MARCHING BAND

Code of Conduct 2016-17

In addition to all the policies and expectations laid out in the Jenison High School Band Handbook (available online at jenisonbands.org), Marching Band students will be held to high standards in terms of their academic responsibilities, attendance at school as well as at all marching band rehearsals and performances, and responsible behavior both on and off campus. This Code of Conduct has been created to improve the Jenison Marching Band as an organization by insisting that each member upholds these high standards, and therefore consistently contributes positively to our "team."

School Attendance Expectations

Our students' top priority must be successful completion of their secondary school education. Students must make every effort to be in attendance the full day of, or day before, any marching band performance. Attendance at school means a full day. Arriving to school late is not acceptable. Leaving school early to rest is not acceptable.

Several times in the fall season, the marching band travels beyond the local area to participate in Saturday competitions. Students may return to Jenison very late at night or even very early Sunday morning. All students are expected to be in attendance at school the following Monday.

If school absenteeism is a problem, the band directors or school administration may deny the student the opportunity to participate in marching band.

Academic Expectations

Marching band students will be expected to maintain a minimum GPA of 2.0. Students who drop below this GPA will meet with the band directors to develop an academic improvement plan.

While students are not allowed to miss marching band rehearsals or performances because of heavy homework/study loads, marching band rehearsals or travel schedules are *never* an excuse for a student to neglect his or her academic responsibilities.

Behavior Expectations

At ALL times both in and out of rehearsal, on or off campus, marching band members will conduct themselves as dignified young people, making responsible choices that reflect positively on our program.

- Members will treat each other, staff members, and parent volunteers with courtesy and respect.
- The Jenison Marching Band strictly enforces a No Bullying policy. Bullying includes gossip, back talk, arguing, physical confrontation, hazing, taunting and mocking.
- Use of social media such as Twitter, Facebook, etc. must be in line with standards of conduct in person and on campus.

- The use of tobacco, alcohol, or drugs by students is illegal and will NOT be tolerated in the Jenison Band.

Actions and choices which bring discredit to the student, parents, band program, or Jenison High School WILL have consequences, up to and including expulsion from the Jenison Band.

Rehearsal Expectations

- All members will be on time for each rehearsal. (“On time” means on the field ready to go with all necessary equipment at the designated start time.)
- The use of cell phones during rehearsal is prohibited unless directed otherwise by a staff member (for use as a tuner etc.).
- Members will not bring personal issues or negative discussions into the rehearsal environment.

Student Name (please print): _____

I have read the Code of Conduct and understand my role and responsibilities as a member of the Jenison High School Marching Band.

Student Signature

Date

I have read the Code of Conduct and understand my child’s responsibilities as a member of the Jenison High School Marching Band.

Parent Signature

Date

This form, signed by the student and parent, is due on Monday, June 20 (first rehearsal of the season).

JENISON COLOR GUARD

Code of Conduct Addendum

Color Guard members and parents, please review the following Code of Conduct expectations which are in addition to the Marching Band form, then sign and return along with the Marching Band Code of Conduct form.

Dress Code

During rehearsal, all members will only wear the following:

- Form fitting clothing and athletic shoes for workouts and regular rehearsals
- Black tank, sophie shorts and footless tights for dance classes
- Hair pulled back in a ponytail and no bangs
- Members may bring long sleeved black tops for layers
- **NO** jewelry allowed except for stud earrings

Attendance Policy

In addition to the rules laid out in the "Attendance" and "Rehearsal" sections in the Marching Band Code of Conduct, guard members need to understand that:

- The guard director must excuse any absences.
- In the event of an absence, members must have all work and choreography learned by the **start** of the next rehearsal.

Equipment and Uniforms

- All issued equipment will be in pristine condition (properly taped, labeled and weighted) at all times.
- Members must carry white and black tape at all times. Flag bags and guard bags must be at every rehearsal. These bags will be properly cared for at all times. If a member damages a flag or guard bag, that member will be responsible for the cost of a replacement.
- Uniforms will be properly washed and cared for. Clean uniforms must be worn to every performance. The directors will give care instructions.

Participation

- Based on skill level, work ethic, attitude and attendance
- Not following any part of the Code of Conduct will result in consequences, up to and including expulsion from the Jenison Color Guard.

Parents

Parents are expected to serve as positive examples of teamwork, cooperation, volunteerism, and proper communication skills.

(Please sign on the reverse side of this page and return this form *along with* the signed Marching Band Code of Conduct.)

Student Name (please print): _____

I have read the Code of Conduct and understand my role and responsibilities as a member of the Jenison High School Color Guard.

Student Signature

Date

I have read the Code of Conduct and understand my child's responsibilities as a member of the Jenison High School Color Guard.

Parent Signature

Date