

You earn your trophies at
Practice.

You just pick them up at
Competitions.



CNS NORTHSTARS MARCHING BAND ATTENDANCE POLICY

It is the philosophy of the Northstars Marching Band that attendance at rehearsals and performances is vital to the success of the team. No amount of individual practice can make

up for instructional time or ensemble rehearsal time that has been missed. Holes at practice make it difficult for all performers to learn their parts, and holes in shows diminish our overall effect. We cannot simply pull from a “bench” as is the case in other activities, as every team member plays an important role. This is a **COMMITMENT** which sometimes means missing out on other events to fulfill your responsibility to the team. This is a great life lesson.

It is for this reason that we provide a schedule well in advance of the season for your planning purposes. We ask that you schedule appointments and other activities around marching band whenever possible. While we do understand that some conflicts cannot be avoided, we ask that you make every effort to be at all scheduled events. Please also be sure to arrive in time to get your supplies and be in your designated start area BY the start time.

Notification:

Anticipated absences should be submitted to the director in writing AS SOON AS YOU ARE AWARE OF THE CONFLICT. Notes should include- Student’s name, date(s) of absence, REASON FOR ABSENCE, parent signature. This allows us to best plan our rehearsal agendas. Notes may be put in the mailbox in the band garage.

Unanticipated absences (ex:illness) should be submitted to Ms. Seamans through email no later than 1 hour prior to the absence. kseamans@nscsd.org

The following are considered **unexcused absences**:

1. Any absence that does not follow the above guidelines for notification or is missing any information.
2. Work (Make employers aware of your schedule in advance)
3. Homework/Studying- Manage your time wisely as the team should not have to suffer for your poor planning.
4. Any absence notification that is deemed to be false or untrue or any absence that was unnecessary or frivolous.

Two or more unexcused absences may result in a student being suspended from 1 or more performances. In this case, the student must attend the performance in uniform and stand in the “pit”.

Please note that **ANY** absences may result in a change in a student’s role in the show. If vital instruction is missed, changes will be made to best ensure the success of the **TEAM**.