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MCHS MARCHING BAND PROCEDURES – CONTRACT (SCHOOL COPY)

The following procedures are set in place to maintain an atmosphere of good sportsmanship, respect, reliability, and responsibility in the band. Successful bands contain all of these qualities.

1. Students should **have fun and be respectful to one another, the football teams, the other band, and the crowd** during the group’s time together.
 - a. In the event of a player injury on the field, students will follow traditional sports respect etiquette: sit down and refrain from talking.
2. Band is a **team effort. Every student is a valuable and irreplaceable part of the band.** When a team member is missing, we cannot function the same as a fully present band. **Students should make every possible effort to attend all games and performances.**
 - a. If the band is not expecting an absence, we cannot plan to be successful during that absence. As a reminder, please **contact the director beforehand if your child is going to be missing a performance.**
 - b. For the full **attendance policy**, see the **MCHS Band Syllabus/Handbook.**
3. **The band will appear in a common uniform at all times.**
 - a. Students are expected to **wear the summer uniform polo in every game.**
 - b. When we start to wear the full uniform, **the summer uniform polo will go under the full uniform jacket.**
 - c. If students ask to **take the uniform jacket off in the stands**, they will **only be permitted to do so if they are wearing their summer uniform polo.**
4. During a football game, **the band could be expected to perform at any moment.** As such, students will be required to **remain with the band in the stands or on the field for the entirety of the warm-up period; pregame; halftime; and quarters 1, 2, and 4.**
 - a. Students may **get permission from the director to use the restroom.**
 - b. Students will be permitted to **visit the concession stands, mingle** with the other band, and visit non-band friends **during the third quarter only.**
5. There are regulations about when the band can play during football games. Students will be permitted to **play their instruments only when instructed to do so by the director.**
6. If parents want to **pick up their child after an away game**, the **parent must be present to sign out his or her child.** If a student’s parent is not present, district/state policy requires the student to ride the bus back to Monroe Central for his or her safety.
7. As per state mandate, **masks are required on the school bus on all trips.** Masks should be worn properly in order to follow state guidelines.

SPECIAL NOTE: Due to COVID-19, sections #3 and #4 may look a little different this year. I will let you know any changes as soon as I know them. THANK YOU!

Student: I have read this document with my parent or guardian. I fully understand these procedures and how important they are to the success of my band. I agree to follow them.

Student Name (please print): _____

Student Signature: _____ Date: _____

Parent: I have reviewed this document with my son or daughter, and I fully understand the procedures.

Parent Name (please print): _____

Parent Signature: _____ Date: _____