

V I . R U L E S



A. Band Rules:

**Band is a privilege . . . not a right. The director reserves the right to withhold privileges if deemed necessary.*

- 1.) All students must attend every rehearsal and every performance of their band. Excused absences are counted for personal illness of students, which prohibits school attendance, and for family emergency (i.e. death in the family, accident, etc.) Unexcused absences from rehearsals may result in the student being withheld from the performance.
- 2.) All school handbook policies also apply to all band activities.
- 3.) PDA between couples is not appropriate during Band Activities.
- 4.) Each member is required to have all equipment* at each rehearsal or performance. (*This includes instruments, reeds, music, lyre, mutes, drum sticks, pencils and music.)
- 5.) Members are expected to be in their place with instruments, equipment, and music in proper order ready to begin at the designated times.
- 6.) Goofing off, reading or talking will not be permitted at any time during the rehearsal.
- 7.) The band office is not for student use. Permission must be obtained to use office telephone. *Students should not be in the office unless Director is present.*
- 8.) Do not play or practice individually while outside or in the walkway during school.
- 9.) All talking and playing must cease when any authorized person steps up to the director's stand (podium). The conductor will occasionally step away from the stand to give you a chance to relax. DO NOT walk around the room unless given permission.
- 10.) Only band members are allowed in the band room during band class or practice unless given permission by the director.
- 11.) Unauthorized playing of school or privately owned instruments will not be permitted.

12.) Instruments may be inspected periodically for maintenance.

13.) No inappropriate language! First offense gets a warning with consequence; second offense is reported to the parent; the third results in suspension from performances.

14.) Be in the right place at the right time to do the right job at hand.

15.) The conduct of the members of the Warner Velvet Blues Marching Band should be such as to always reflect credit to Warner Christian Academy and the Lord, Jesus Christ. The band can and should be influential in creating goodwill between school and community as lights of Christ.

B. Attendance Explanation:

Because rehearsal time is kept to a minimum, each rehearsal is important. Every member must attend every rehearsal. Absences are excused for 3 reasons only:

- 1.) Personal illness of student which prevents school attendance (or a Doctor's note.)
- 2.) Death in family.
- 3.) Family emergency (must be worked out between parent and Band Director, as listed above.)

A student missing rehearsal or performance because of work will not be excused. Family vacations can be excused absences if notification is given one month in advance. (*No festival absences, please!*)

An unexcused absence from rehearsal will eliminate that student from that week's performance(s). Should a band officer be removed from a performance for an unexcused absence, that student shall forfeit his/her leadership position.

C. Parent Administered Discipline

It is requested that participation in band practices and performances not be used as a means of punishment for your child. Please find other, more effective means, for those times when punishment is required. Keeping your child out of a practice or performance punishes the entire band along with the school. All performances are taken as serious events and require full participation from all. Please discuss this matter with the Band Director if no other options seem viable.