

Student's Name _____

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WESTMINSTER MARCHING BAND COMMITMENT CONTRACT

Marching Band is a co-curricular activity. Participation in the marching band requires all students to enroll in one of the Instrumental Music or Band Front (Color guard) classes. There must also be a commitment from students who choose to be a part of the group to be on time to **ALL** rehearsals and performances. This will mean rearranging work schedules or other activities. Parents must ensure that students will be on time to all rehearsals and performances. Unlike sports teams, there is no way of substituting players who do not attend or do not perform up to standard. Failure to participate will be detrimental to the organization. This will result in increased expenditures to pay the design team for drill revisions.

I. SCHEDULE

I have received the schedule of activities for the year, and I make the commitment to attend all rehearsals and performances.

II. PREPARATION

I make the commitment to come to all rehearsals fully prepared with my instrument in good working order, a 3 ring binder with sheet protectors containing all sheet music and drill charts, dot books and appropriate clothing and shoes. Failure to do so may result in suspension from the Marching Band for the next performance.

III. ATTENDANCE

I understand that attendance at all rehearsals and performances is mandatory unless prior arrangements have been negotiated. The Band Directors may make individual exceptions based on specific circumstances. If a student misses a rehearsal he/she must make up the time and the material that was covered in the rehearsal to be eligible to participate in the next performance. Students must fill out an absence form to be excused from a rehearsal or performance. The attendance policy is as follows:

Summer Rehearsals:

A maximum of **3 excused absences** will be allowed for rehearsals.

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Season Rehearsals and Performances:

A maximum of **3 excused absences** will be allowed for rehearsals

A maximum of **1 excused absence** will be allowed for competitions and performances.

2 un-excused absences will result in removal from the marching band.

2 un-excused lateness will result in **1 un-excused absence**.

NOTIFICATION OF AN ABSENCE (other than illness) MUST BE SUBMITTED TO MR. LORTZ IN WRITING ONE WEEK PRIOR TO THE REHEARSAL.

Excused absences are: Illness, death in the family, vacation, or professional engagement, (i.e. Musical, School related events, etc.).

Un-excused absences are: Work, homework.

One absence from rehearsal, excused or un-excused, may result in suspension from the Marching Band for the next performance. A parent conference may be needed to regain eligibility.

If my attendance or behavior jeopardizes the success of the group the directors have the right to withdraw me from the marching band.

IV. FAMILY SERVICE COMMITMENT

Each student and parents agree to donate service to the WHS Marching Band/Boosters for **two** of the following (check two that apply):

- Sell fundraising items
- Volunteer to serve on a Instrumental Music Booster Committee (parents only) [SEE BOOSTER HANDOUT**]
- Donate food, baked goods or supplies for Marching Band/Booster activities
- Volunteer to work at Marching Band/Booster events

Student Signature

Date

PARENT CONTRACT

I support the commitment that my son or daughter has made to the Westminster Marching Band. I understand that this includes a responsibility on my part to ensure that my son or daughter has transportation to and from each rehearsal and performance. I will also take an active part in the guidance of my son or daughter's time management to guarantee that this commitment is fulfilled.

Parent/Guardian Signature

Date

PLEASE RETURN TO YOUR WHS BAND DIRECTOR BY MAY 5, 2008

