

# Talawanda Band Policies

## **I. General Conduct**

Participants in the Talawanda School District Music Programs are expected to conduct themselves in a well disciplined manner, both in and out of music rehearsals and performances. Rules of school conduct apply to all activities at home or away from school and en route.

## **II. Travel**

We will know more about transportation closer to performance times.

## **III. Permission to Participate**

Before an individual may participate in any out-of-school or after-school events they must turn in an Emergency Medical Form.

## **IV. Grading and Attendance**

Your overall grade is determined by:

- 60% rehearsal participation, attitude, and rehearsal skills, playing tests, and musical improvement
- 30% performance activities such as attendance, and having appropriate equipment, clothing, and materials for performance.
- 10% performance reflection

Bonus points may be given for extra effort.

Points will be given at each rehearsal and performance based on:

- Promptness
- No Gum, food, drinks, etc.
- Preparation
- Having all required materials
- Appropriate rehearsal and performance behavior

All performances and practices are required by all members to ensure our success. Therefore, unexcused absences will result in lowered grades and disciplinary action.

Excused absences include illness, death in the family, family emergency, etc. ***Work is not considered an excused absence.*** The director has the final say as to whether or not an absence is excused, and excuses will be judged on their individual merit. Absence requests must be received by the director before the absence except in case of emergency. Excused absences may result in make-up assignments for the student. Excessive absences may result in removal from the group.

## **V. Expectations**

1. Students will inform their parents of all performances. Put these events in your planner and your calendar at home and plan ahead.
2. Rehearsals will start on time.
3. School rules will be enforced at all band rehearsals and performances.
4. There will be no talking while instructions are being given.
5. Students are responsible for their music and for their instruments. Any damage to school owned instruments must be reported to the director immediately.
6. Students are responsible for all information at every rehearsal. It is the student's responsibility to get any missed hand-outs and announcements.
7. The director's office is off limits to all students unless you are talking to the director or have the director's permission. All band instruments and equipment not assigned to you are also off limits.
8. There will be no gum chewing, candy, or other food allowed in the music room at any time.
9. No decision concerning the band or its activities will be made without consulting the director.
10. Students will have a pencil on their music stand at every rehearsal.
11. Students will wear appropriate clothing for rehearsals and performances.