



Spirals Valley Blackhawk Brigade

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Spirals Valley Blackhawk Brigade Attendance Policy

Attendance at after-school rehearsals and performances is required for students enrolled in 7th period Jr./Sr. High School Band Class. Band is a class and students receive a grade and course credit. The school attendance policy will be used to determine absence status.

Excused Absences - Make-up assignments are required for excused absences. The student must provide proper documentation and complete the make-up assignment in the time provided. The grade from the make-up assignment will replace the rehearsal grade. No make-up assignment is required for waived absences.

The 8 absence rule does apply to band class. Students that are absent (excused and/or unexcused) more than 7 times are considered in violation of the attendance policy. This will result in non-credit status. Non-credit status includes the loss of academic credit and a F+ course grade.

Make-Up Assignments - There are two different types of Make-Up assignments:

1. SmartMusic assignment provided by Mr. Aylsworth.
2. Chromebook recorded practice sessions that equal half of the time missed (e.g., 6 hour Saturday practice would equal 3 hours of recorded practice)

Make-Up assignments are due a week after the absence. Students MUST email Mr. Aylsworth the date of the excused absence and request a make-up assignment. If the make-up has not been completed by the due date, the student will receive a zero for the time missed. These assignments are designed to replicate the material missed during rehearsal. Students should expect to spend the same amount of time on the make-up as they missed from practice. Assignments should be uploaded using Google Drive, Collabra, or SmartMusic. It is the student's responsibility to register and maintain their free SmartMusic or Collabra subscriptions. If an assignment cannot be located on, it is the student's responsibility to notify Mr. Aylsworth before the deadline has been reached.

Unexcused Absences - Students will receive a failing grade for that rehearsal or performance. No make-up assignment will be available.

Athletic Conflicts - If a student is absent from practice or performance due to an athletic event, the absence is waived. The student must be an active participant in the event. If there is an athletic practice at the same time as band rehearsal, the student is expected to stay at band until 4:00 p.m. If the rehearsal takes place outside of the agreed schedule, the student is expected to split the conflicted time evenly. If a student is absent for an entire week of rehearsal due to athletic conflicts, the student may be ineligible to perform at the next performance.

Athletes are expected to stay at band practice as long as possible on nights when there is a conflict. Students should make advanced plans for meals, equipment and uniforms. Students may be released earlier than 4:00 p.m. when the athletic bus must leave before that time.