



Spiral Valley Blackhawk Brigade

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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. In some cases, students also receive dual credit for PE. The school attendance policy will be used to determine absence status. Please consult page 3 of the [Student Handbook](#) and section 650 of the [District Policy Book](#). Non-Credit Status, Tardiness, and Final Exam Exemption status will also be determined by the school policy (including after-school practices and Saturday practices/performances).

Waived and Excused Absences – Waived absences do not require a make-up assignment. Please consult the student handbook for examples of absences that would be eligible for the waived designation.

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.

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 grade of F.

The Final Exam Exemption also applies to band class, afterschool rehearsals and performances.

Make-Up Assignments – Make-up assignments will be Chromebook recorded practice sessions on Collabra that equal half of the time missed (e.g., 6 hour Saturday practice would equal 3 hours of recorded practice). If the absence is considered excused according to the school attendance policy, students should independently complete a make-up assignment and email Mr. Aylsworth when it is completed.

Make-Up assignments are due a week after the absence. If the make-up has not been completed by that time, 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 or Collabra. It is the student's responsibility to register and maintain their free Collabra subscription.

Unexcused Absences - Student 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. once the adjusted band schedule has started. If the rehearsal takes place outside of the new 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. All athletic students are expected to be in attendance for the full time on Friday rehearsals.

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.