

NAZARETH AREA “Blue Eagle” MARCHING BAND RULES and REGULATIONS

(updated 5/17/2021)

Nazareth Area School District Administrative Guidelines for Extracurricular Activities

1. All athletic teams / activities will abide by the PIAA Rules and Regulations.
2. All policies and rules of the Nazareth Area School District shall be followed. (*Any violation of a School District policy / rule may result in dismissal from the Band Organization*)
3. No activity monies shall be used for post-season and/or post-event parties.
4. No post-season and/or post-event parties shall be held in the name of the School District unless approved by the principal of the school in which the activity has been conducted.
5. No hazing or initiations will be allowed.
6. The same flexibility requirements applicable for participation in athletic events shall apply to all activities of the School District. (Conflicts between scheduled practices/rehearsals should be split)
7. Prior to removing a participant from a team or activity for disciplinary reason(s), the coach/director shall consult with the appropriate building principal.
8. Academic Eligibility – Each member must be academically eligible to participate in an extra-curricular activity.

ATTENDANCE POLICY

All “Blue Eagle” Marching Band members are expected to **attend each rehearsal and performance**. A detailed rehearsal / performance schedule has been issued to each member. This long range projection of Band Activities should be useful in avoiding conflicts such as doctor / dentist appointments, work, etc. Attendance at the October / November Championship(s) is mandatory.

Some schedule conflicts are impossible to avoid (weddings, confirmation, etc.). These situations should be brought to the attention of the Director **as soon as they are known**.

In the event of any absence, a note stating the reason for absence should be forwarded IN WRITING to the incoming mailbox (or email) after speaking to the Director.

Excused Absences

- A. Illness on a school day need only be verified by your name appearing on that day’s absentee list (*If you are absent from school due to illness, you may not attend that evening’s scheduled activity. If you are absent from school on Friday ... you may participate on the weekend*))
- B. Illness occurring after school hours or a weekend will require a note from a physician for that absence to be considered *excused*.
- C. Death in the family or other family emergencies will require a note from a parent.
- D. School related activities will be excused (athletic contest, college visit, (P)SAT Testing, etc.) with *prior approval* from the Director. (You may attend an evening rehearsal / performance in this situation)
- E. Participation in another school activity will be excused if:
 1. Rehearsal time is *shared* with *both* activities
 2. *Performances* take precedence over practices
 3. Material missed is *adequately* made up
- F. Work (jobs) and homework are never considered excused. While schoolwork **IS** important, you must learn to manage your time to complete your work. **EVERYONE** has schoolwork.

Tardiness

Your prompt attendance at all rehearsals and performances will be a key ingredient to any success our group may enjoy. The Drum Major and Band President will handle all instances of tardiness (push-ups, running, duty assignments, etc.). *If your tardiness is the result of an emergency situation, please make the Band Secretary aware of this at once.*

Academic Ineligibility

Absences due to academic ineligibility will be considered to be **unexcused** absences.

Unexcused Absences

After a member has accumulated two unexcused absences, he/she may-

- A. Forfeit their privilege to participate on the Spring Trip
- B. Forfeit their Band Banquet award
- C. Be dismissed from the organization

Why am I needed?

Your attendance is so very important to the overall success of the NAHS Marching Band. You are not only responsible for your own musical and visual contributions ... you are also responsible to the person(s) performing next to you on and off the field. This activity is like no other activity. An athletic team can insert a "second stringer" if a player is missing that day ... a drama production can proceed by using an "understudy" to fill a role ... a Championship Marching Band cannot!! You are all members of the "starting team". Each one of you has a specific purpose in our organization and you are responsible for yourself and to others in our organization.

BAND POLICIES

1. Members of the "Blue Eagle" Marching Band are expected to represent the Nazareth Area School District and community with pride and dignity at all times. Also, realize that while the majority of all events take place in August and the fall, but events do occur throughout the entire school year, and members are expected to attend these events as such.
2. Demonstrate respect for staff, chaperones and each other.
3. Respect and maintain your uniform and equipment. Members will be held responsible for the cost to replace any damaged or lost equipment and uniforms.
4. PDA (public display of affection) is not permitted at rehearsals and performances.
5. Proper foot attire is to be worn at rehearsals (sneakers). No bare feet, sandals, flip flops, etc.
6. Inappropriate language will not be tolerated.
7. Behavior not deemed acceptable by "Blue Eagle" Band standards may result in dismissal from the organization (school suspensions, detentions, etc.).
8. Any checks / paperwork / fund-raiser orders given to the Director should be placed in a clearly marked envelope (name, purpose, etc.) Place these items in the Incoming Mailbox (located in the band room)
9. It is the responsibility of each member to check their mailbox for rehearsal / performance updates and parent information. Each member should also forward all materials addressed to their parents. Communication will take place via Band emails and the Band website
10. Hats are not to be worn indoors.

PERFORMANCE GUIDELINES

1. Report to each performance in "partial uniform" unless directed otherwise. Partial uniform will be explained prior to our first performance.
2. March "to and from" football games and competitions in silence.
3. You are to remain in full uniform ... unless directed otherwise.
4. Chewing gum is not allowed while in uniform ... at rehearsals ... or while performing.
5. Respect the band on the field. Observe their performance, learn from it and enjoy! Talking in the stands should be kept at a soft level during competitions. Stand up for the host band.

6. No food or drinks are allowed in the football stands. You will be given an opportunity to purchase food and drinks. *Please consume them during your break time.*
7. Bus behavior:
 - A. Ipods with **headsets only**
 - B. Keep buses clean
 - C. Respect your chaperones and bus drivers
 - D. Remain seated while bus is moving
 - E. No hair spray / perfume is to be used while on the bus
 - F. Band Secretary will conduct bus seating sign-ups prior to each trip (sit in your designated seat)
 - G. No singing on the bus

UNIFORM GUIDELINES

1. All uniform parts and shoes should be clean for all performances. Inspections will be conducted by the band officers / parent sewing committee.
2. Uniforms should be kept on a hanger in your garment bag.
3. Football Games – remain in full uniform for the entire game
Competitions – we usually change into “civies” after our performance (jeans, sneakers)
4. Never place a wet / damp uniform in a plastic or air tight bag ... allow it to dry thoroughly.
5. You are responsible to have your uniform dry-cleaned as needed.
6. A care list will be issued to you when you receive your uniform.
7. Band shirts are to be **worn** only at **designated times**. *Damaged or lost shirts must be replaced at your expense.* If you *outgrow* your shirt, you may **exchange** it for a new shirt. The shirt is yours upon graduation.
8. You may wear a band raincoat or band jacket on top of your uniform while sitting in the stands at football games.
9. Uniforms and garment bags must be taken home after each performance (unless stated otherwise).
10. Hair must be worn off the collar (Band – under your hat, Guard / Pit – off the collar) Facial hair, hair style (length) and hair color should not draw attention to the individual.
11. Typically, band members will be responsible for providing shoes, gloves, and the band polo shirt. Information regarding ordering these materials will be given to you by the director. Shoes generally run about \$35 per pair, gloves \$5 per pair, and the polo shirt \$25. These are approximate figures. Guard expenses and needs depend upon the costume for the season.
12. Uniforms will be collected at a time designated by the uniform committee.

MEDICAL INFORMATION

Up to date medical information forms must be completed before the first football game of each year. Forms will be available by August. This information will allow us to pursue timely emergency medical treatment if the need should arise. Please forward any updated medical information throughout the school year.

PLEASE SIGN AND RETURN
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The signatures below indicate that we have read and understand the policies listed above.

Student PRINTED NAME

Date

Student Signature

Date

Parent Signature

Date