



2021 Scarlet Regiment Commitment Contract

At Heritage High School, we are proud to offer a wonderful Marching Band opportunity as we continue to rebuild a program with a rich history of competitive success. Our growing program offers the opportunity to develop experience in an intense skill set, including: focus, self-discipline, determination, multi-tasking, teamwork and individual excellence.

This contract is a commitment and understanding that when one chooses Marching Band, it comes with a responsibility to all other members of the Band, and a recognition that success depends on consistency, both as an individual and as a team. Both musically and visually, each member learns to perform better based on what they hear and see from those around them. If each member missed just one rehearsal, we would never have a fully attended rehearsal.

One of the greatest aspects of Marching Band is the bond between members as they grow together in practice and performance. The bond is a natural fact of people striving for their individual best as well as the success of a team effort.

A Marching Band performance is graded as any other performance: on the consistency of the Band. This is what we strive for together, day after day, hour after hour. In no other class do ALL students receive the same “grade”. Marching Band is not the same as you might see in math class, where if absent, you can catch up, get a tutor or study harder. When you miss a rehearsal in Marching Band, it affects the entire band – your absence literally creates a “hole”.

“What you do in practice is going to determine your level of success. I used to tell my players, “You have to give 100 percent every day. Whatever you don’t give, you can’t make up for tomorrow. If you only give 75 percent today, you can’t give 125 percent tomorrow to make up for it”” – John Wooden

Attendance Policy: All Rehearsals, Sectionals, Field Shows, Pep Band Performances and Parades are MANDATORY.

Rehearsals/Sectionals: As stated, when a student misses a rehearsal, it places an unnecessary hardship on the ensemble – both musically and visually. For this reason, it is vital that parents and students work out schedules, as well as any academic/behavioral consequences, that do NOT include missing rehearsals. The attendance policy will be strictly enforced so please check your calendars carefully and do not commit to the season if you are not able to participate fully according to this attendance policy. See the calendar at Heritagebands.net for all of the dates. Any additional performances or practices not on the calendar will be part of this contract if two weeks’ notice is given.

Absences: All members will be allowed a maximum of: **0 unexcused absences, 4 excused absences (prior approval required); and 5 tardies for the duration of the season.** Acknowledging that families don’t always have control over some circumstances, these excused absence options are to take care of these situations. Use your allotted absences sparingly. All absences must have prior approval from Mr. Cuthrell and a request for absence form must be filled out on the band website (located in the members area). No absence at the rehearsal prior to a performance will be excused and if missed will result in not marching at the competition, game, or parade that follows as well as possibly forfeiting their spot to an alternate.

Excused Absences:

- Death in the Family
- Major Religious Event
- Funeral for a member of the immediate family
- Severe illness



Unexcused Absences:

- Work
- Homework (prioritize your time carefully!)
- Forgot we had practice
- Instrument not working or left in another car or home
- Last minute vacation getaway (especially during games and contests)
- Sports and Concert events (Rockies Game, Bronco Game, AC/DC, etc)
- Non HHS Team Sports Activities (Club, etc)
- Had to babysit

- ⦿ I understand that I must abide by the rules and regulations of Littleton Public Schools and the Board of Education.
- ⦿ I understand that the HHS Scarlet Regiment is drug, alcohol and tobacco free.
- ⦿ I understand and agree to adhere to the HHS Scarlet Regiment Attendance Policy and intend to participate in every rehearsal and performance.
- ⦿ I understand that for the Scarlet Regiment to be successful, we need 100% commitment from each member.
- ⦿ I understand that I am responsible for the Marching Band Fee (\$500).
- ⦿ I agree to bring a and cooperative attitude to each rehearsal and performance.
- ⦿ I understand that I represent the Scarlet Regiment Marching Band on and off the field. I understand that my actions reflect not only on myself but on the entire group. I agree to represent the band in a positive and responsible manner throughout the school and community.
- ⦿ I understand that students will travel on District busses for events that are held away from town. I further understand that transportation to and from all rehearsals is the responsibility of each family.
- ⦿ I understand that through the course of the season, students often have pictures taken for news articles, video clips and may be printed on our website or on Scarlet Regiment propaganda.
- ⦿ I understand that the HHS Scarlet Regiment is going to be the best time of my life and agree to have fun and cherish the memories and friends that I am going to make!!

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I have read and fully understand the above information and agree with the content. I am prepared to make a commitment to be a productive member of the 2021 Heritage High School Scarlet Regiment.

Student Printed Name

Student Signature

Date

I understand and support the commitment that my son/daughter has made to the HHS Scarlet Regiment Marching Band. I understand that this includes a responsibility on my part to help my child succeed in following through with this commitment.

Parent/Guardian Printed Name

Parent/Guardian Signature

Date