



LAKE SHORE HIGH SCHOOL INSTRUMENTAL MUSIC DEPARTMENT

MR. BRAD ARNOLD, DIRECTOR

2022-2023 Shorian Marching Band Attendance Policy

Marching band is a unique organization that offers many benefits to its performers and audience. For this organization to be successful, all stakeholders must be aware of the necessary commitment of all involved. As with sports, missed practices lead to increased errors and potential injury. To this end, attendance at all practices, performances, and fundraisers are required of all students.

STUDENTS: Attendance is important to your fellow members. This includes being on time (early) for all events. Marching band will challenge your time management skills. It is important you keep up with all your class work and seek the help of a student leader, teacher, or staff member when you need help. It is suggested you put the marching band calendar into your smart phone, be sure to monitor the Band page, and sign up for the Remind 101. When a conflict arises, be sure to notify the director and your section leader as soon as possible.

PARENTS: A calendar of events will be provided so you are aware of the time requirements for your student. Please void scheduling appointments and other commitments during these dates and times. If an illness or conflict arises, please contact the director as soon as possible. Often, we can work out conflicts with a little compromise. Please be aware of two important things. 1st, a student cannot excuse themselves from any event (rehearsal, performance, fundraiser). A parent or guardian must contact the director. 2nd, Notification of conflict does not mean a student will be excused.

Summer Calendar – Marching band begins in July with many important rehearsals. We realize families will be going on vacation during the summer months. The policy of the marching band for summer events will be: If the student is in town, they are expected to be at rehearsals. If the student is on vacation, the student will be excused with proper notification.

Camps/Fall Schedule – Attendance is required at all practices. Below are the most common conflicts:

1. Activities
 - a. School sponsored events – we will work with students to allow them to do both activities to the best of our ability, provided we are notified.
 - b. Non-school sponsored events – Students will not be excused for avoidable or electable events such as outside groups, work, and celebrations.
2. Drivers Training – Driver's trainings is an important part of the high school students experience. If you plan to start training this year, please be aware of some potential conflicts with pre-camp and away-camp, as well as concert season performances.

If you have any questions regarding the attendance policy, or you have a conflict with the calendar, please contact Mr. Arnold at barnold@lsps.org or 586.285.8960