

2021

Revere Marching Band Class Guidelines

The Revere Marching Minutemen represents Revere High School to the community. Great expectations are demanded from our community and ourselves. It is our duty to provide the best possible performances as possible. The following is how class operations and expectations will help us reach our goals. Beyond the pure enjoyment of participating in band and color guard, students learn life skills and musical knowledge. The music program teaches responsibility, communications, leadership, and self-esteem.

Marching Band Class is a participation course and shall be graded accordingly. There are a few simple guidelines to follow. The key to a successful organization is working together to provide the best possible chance for success. Guidelines are in place to give an organized manner of grading and discipline for participants.

The marching band participates at all football games; a season finale concert and four local marching band competitions. Upon a successful OMEA performance the marching band will perform at state marching band finals.

Class Expectations/Rehearsal Procedure

1. Be on time. (in the classroom before the bell rings and at evening rehearsals)
2. Bring a pencil, dot cards, music, extra shoes, and equipment to all class sessions.
3. Mark music only with pencil.
4. Respect others and their property.
5. Maintain a strong work ethic throughout the rehearsals.
6. Keep food, gum or beverage OUT of the rehearsal rooms during the class sessions. (bottled water is acceptable)
7. The rehearsal room is NOT your locker. Keep your instrument case and storage compartment clean of trash and clothes. You are assigned a cubby.
8. Follow all school policies included in the Code of Conduct during school sponsored events. (see school handbook for more details)
9. If the instrument, flag, equipment are not yours or signed out to you do not play with them.
10. Flip folder are \$5.00 to replace if lost.
11. Cell Phones are to be off while at band functions. You may use your phone to call for an emergency or to be picked up at the end of the function.

Evening Full Band (variable), Color Guard (Thurs) and Percussion Sectionals (Tues)

Attendance is expected and is part of your overall grade. Absences should be dealt with through a form turned in to Dr. LeBeau two weeks prior. Follow the schedule, days alter according to stadium availability.

Discipline Procedure

Behavior issues

1. Friendly reminder from the directors or Chaperone
2. Discussion with student and director.
3. Telephone call to parent.
4. Meeting with parent, student and director.
5. Referral to principal.

All music used in a performance must be memorized. With the rehearsal schedule that is in place, there should be no problem memorizing music and drill. If you have not checked your music off with camp staff or directors the day prior to the performance, the following procedures may be followed.

Performance Issues (missing rehearsal, or music not checked-off)

1. Sidelined for the performance
2. Loss of third quarter privilege. It is a privilege, not a right.
3. Loss of participation and/or performance grade for that event

Marching Band Grading Policy

Weekly Participation Grade is a weekly record of your participation in class. You will need to be in class on time, with your equipment, and your music and participate to receive full credit. A total of 10 points can be earned per week. Missing class can affect your grade. **You cannot get full participation credit if you do not know your music, march the drill or miss class.** This is a participation class, not playing or spinning is not an option. (100 points). Weekly evening rehearsals are an addition to your participation grade (100 points). They are a part of the success of this ensemble and expectation. (*See calendar*)

Performance, Attendance, and Behavior Grade is given to each student for being in attendance, following the rules and dressed according for the scheduled performance. An absence will require two week notice prior to performance. There is no good excuse to miss a performance and no good one for missing a rehearsal. Calendars have been issued since May 2021, total of 10 points can be earned per performance. (160 points) **Anytime you have an attendance issue it needs to be written down on the appropriate form and given to the directors 2 weeks prior to the date.**

Appropriate Under Uniform Attire: Students are to wear blue band shorts and the Blue "R" shirt under the marching band uniform to all football games. The year's show theme shirt for 2021 will be worn on competition days and always black socks.

Dear Parents,

I don't wish to under mind your authority; however, do not ground your child from band performances or rehearsals. I understand you using grounding as a form of punishment, but band is a curricular class and is graded on attendance and performance of the work given in class. It not only hurts the child by allowing them to fall behind, but also affects the entire program as a whole. If you have grounded your child, please have your child attend the event and then come home immediately after. I suggest grounding your child from the social events that may occur after the performances.

Performance Expectations

When in Uniform:

1. Do not run, Walk with Pride
2. Do not remove any parts unless you have been instructed to.
3. For band members, wear your Blue Band T-shirt and Blue Shorts under your uniform. If you cannot find yours, buy another set.
4. Do not use inappropriate language.
5. Arrive on time to events.

When at a football game:

1. Be in uniform when you step out of the band room or the bus.
2. The band sits together at all times, by like instruments.
3. No non-band students may sit with the band.
4. Only water may be brought up into the stands during the games.
5. Third Quarter: This is the only time you may eat or purchase items from a concession stand. This is a privilege. You can lose your next third quarter privilege if you do not return to your seat before 00:00. Third Quarter privilege can be lost if you do not follow any of the guidelines listed in the handbook or demerit system.
6. Ask before going to the restroom, you must take a chaperone with you.

When on the bus: All school policies apply.

1. Only uniform jackets and hats may be removed for short rides.
2. Remain in your seats at all times and wear you masks if mandated.
3. NO inappropriate language is to be used.
4. NO Food or Drink on the bus.
5. Keep your hands in the windows.
6. Moderate Cheering is fine, NO SCREAMING.
7. Remain on bus until dismissed after announcements.
8. No changing bus assignments once you have signed up.
9. Clean up the bus before you leave and close the windows.
10. Follow dress code rules.

When at a band show or competition:

1. Follow above guidelines, but be aware that adjustments will be made to fit the situation. Main concern will be changing in and out of uniform. We will advise prior to each event.

Enclosed are copies of forms to be used during the season. Copies will be in the band office if you need them, It is important to be prepared and think ahead. Please be responsible for your actions

Grading Scale for 1st semester

93% - 100% A	261-280
90% - 92.99% A	252-260
87% - 89.99% B+	244-259
83% - 86.99% B	233-243
80% - 82.99% B-	224-232
77% - 79.99% C+	216-223
73% - 76.99% C	205-215
70% - 72.99 C-	196-204
67% - 69.99 D+	188-195
63% - 66.99 D	177-187
60% - 62.99 D-	168-176
0% - 59.99 F 0.0	167-0

2021 Marching Band Handbook Contract

I (print student name) _____ have and understand the policies and guidelines presented here in this booklet. I agree to hold honestly and respectfully to these guidelines and understand that I will be held fully accountable for failing to meet the expectations of this class.

**Please return this Contract
By Friday, September 3rd, 2021**

Student Signature _____

Parent Signature _____