



2018 Rehearsal/Performance Contract

Preface

The commitment that is necessary for membership in the Marching Mustangs of Downers Grove South High School reflects numerous and various rehearsals, performances, and financial obligations. These must be met not only by each student member, but their parents and families as well. The purpose of this contract is to promote awareness and responsibility towards the events of the season, the financial responsibilities of each family, and to obtain a written commitment from each student and family to dedicate their time and energy towards the season in its entirety.

To that end, the performances, rehearsals and obligations included in the band calendar (posted on the website) will not be changed or altered by any student or member of the staff of the Marching Mustangs. Each event must be attended, completed, and/or fulfilled by all students, families and the staff. It is also important for all students and staff members to respect the starting and ending times outlined. Students must arrange their schedules to be on time, and staff will release the group on time as well. No additional expenses will be required other than those outlined here.

No additional full rehearsals or performance dates will be added. Extra sectionals are at the discretion of student section leaders. The field house will be available in case of inclement weather; no student or family should assume that any rehearsal or performance would be cancelled. In the case of an event listed in the tentative calendar as TBA, all students, families and staff must reserve the day. Further information will be provided when possible (for example, football playoffs games are not determined until arrangements are made with other teams).

Mission Statements

Marching Mustangs Student Leader Mission Statement

We, the dedicated leadership team of the Downers Grove South Marching Mustangs, believe that by supporting each other and giving our best focused effort, we will continually improve in practice and performance. We promise to hold each other accountable through cooperation and trust to create a respectful family bond. Through urgency and self-discipline, our endeavors will repeatedly raise our standard of performance.

Marching Mustang Music Bowl Mission Statement

We believe that competition is an integral component of every band program. Healthy and respectful competition can develop poise, character, discipline, and engage the musical development of each individual member. Students that collaborate in a group endeavor involving competitive performance often learn values such as teamwork and group dynamics while learning to balance the needs of others above their own. It is the goal of our students, staff and parents to share the value of competition within our District 99 community, our neighboring school districts, and as we travel to other events so as to foster a greater understanding and awareness for all who experience the performing arts.

Marching Band Values and Goals

I Attendance

Each rehearsal and performance will be executed according to a predetermined list of goals and procedures. In order to achieve the most effective process, all students and staff must attend all rehearsals and performances. Directors must approve excused absences in advance, therefore students and parents must submit the *Request for Excused Absence Form* prior to requested dates. In addition, any student with a paying job must obtain the signature of his/her employer verifying their understanding of the rehearsal/performance calendar because work conflicts will not be accepted as excused absences. Being a member of this program also requires students, parents and families to manage their time efficiently in order to achieve true ownership of the group. Managing homework, planning activities in advance and working out carpools and the like are all part of learning to utilize time in a proactive manner.

II Standard Operating Procedures (S.O.P.'s)

As indicated in the mission statement, each performance at a football game, competition or otherwise must reflect an improvement over the previous one. In order for performances to reach higher levels, the rehearsal process must also reflect a performance atmosphere. The student section leaders, leadership clinicians and staff have developed a set of Standard Operating Procedures that will help realize our goal of not only rehearsing to perform, but performing our rehearsals. These procedures will become part of the fabric of our rehearsal time together. It is our ultimate desire to teach each member of the band not only to follow these procedures because they are asked to, but because they want to in order to become a better band.

III Motivation and Inspiration

As we learned from our past guest composers and clinicians, motivation that comes from an external source can provide an emotional boost, but inspiration that is born from the admiration of others and also from musical expression can turn into an internal source of pride and energy that will never run out and cannot be quenched. During time spent in the marching band activity, students will also learn about the many ways they can influence or be influenced by other students and adults. It is the goal of the group as a whole to turn positive influences into mutual confluence, and thereby creating a powerful synergy that can propel the band in ever further positive directions.

IV The Marching Mustang Legacy

Students, parents and staff must always be aware that the Downers Grove South Fine Arts Department and the Marching Mustangs have a rich tradition and history of excellence. Everything students say and do, from their behavior at school rehearsals and events to the way the uniform is worn, must reflect an attitude of pride and respect toward our historical achievements and the goals of the present season. Specific behavior and conduct expectations are part of the Mustang Band Handbook, and the rules contained in the South High Parent/Student Handbook. By signing this contract, all students will be held accountable to these standards and rules, and that they will do so knowing that everyone in the group will respect and follow these rules for the greater good of the band program.

Communication

Directors, staff, students and families are strongly encouraged to maintain communication with each other through e-mail or voice mail as listed below, or the band website: <http://dgsbandboosters.com> for quick updates and contact information for booster executive board members. Specific questions and information are available through the band director and fine arts department chairperson as indicated below:

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Students and Parents that sign and return this contract must understand and commit to all the calendar and financial requirements of the Marching Band Season. Costs are outlined on the intent to participate form, and any conflicts (known prior to March 12, 2018) to the dates indicated on the *Tentative Calendar* must be indicated on the *Request for Excused Absence Form* printed on the reverse side of this page. Any changes to the *Tentative Calendar* will be made prior to May, 2018. The ongoing version is posted on the website as a google calendar that can be downloaded to your smartphone or computer. Students should submit any additional *Excused Absence Forms* as soon as the need may arise.

Students and Parents further understand that they are required to abide by all policies of Community High School District 99 South as set forth in the Parent/Student Handbook, and the rules set forth in the Mustang Band Handbook. Additionally, signing this contract, reading the Athletic/Activity Code and Academic Eligibility Requirements, and viewing the activity code video posted at www.dgsbandboosters.com signifies the member and family commitment to the District 99 Athletic/Activity Code which is always in effect, 24/7, 365 days of the year.

Employers that sign this contract have been made aware of the calendar requirements for marching band and agree to schedule employment without conflict to these dates and activities.

Signed: _____
Student

Date: _____

Signed: _____
Employer (to be signed only if student is employed)

Date: _____

Signed: _____
Parent or Legal Guardian

Date: _____

**Please detach this page and return by April 10, 2018.
Keep the first page for your records.**