

Bingham High School Marching Band Disclosure

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Course Times:

- Season: August 27 – November 4
- Regular Rehearsals Monday, Wednesday, Thursday 3:00pm – 6:00pm
- Home football games (4) 7:00pm – 10:00 pm (approx) Call time – 6:00 pm
- Competitions (7) See Calendar

Objectives:

- Promote excellence in music and movement and to strengthen ensemble playing, musicianship, and school spirit
- To learn and utilize correct playing and marching techniques such as posture, breath support, technical ability, embouchure development, musical sensitivity, memorization, movement, and precision.
- To develop an appreciation of music and all of the performing arts, self expression, and performance skills
- To provide spirit through music at fall school events, provide pregame and halftime performances at home football games, and compete against other marching performance groups for the betterment of the art form
- Positive reinforcements for good rehearsal behaviors / performances include occasional treats & fun class activities / socials.

Classroom Policies:

- Obey all BHS school rules and expectations
- No gum, food, or drink allowed in the music room during indoor rehearsals or in the stands during game performances. Water only allowed on the practice field or stands.
- Come to class on time with all equipment, music, drill sheets and other necessary props or instruments needed every day for complete run-throughs.
- Professional rehearsal techniques are required during all class periods (promptness, being musically prepared, memorization completed, full attention, etc.)

Consequences:

- Verbal warning
- Conference with teacher & staff
- Parent / Guardian contact
- Administrative intervention
- Dismissal from the class with “F”

Grading:

- 20% weekly Sectional Rehearsal Testing
- 30% Rehearsal (daily attendance, class participation, preparation, good rehearsal behavior, memorization)
- 50% Group performances (Grades based on 90%, 80%, 70%, 60% scale)

Attendance Expectations:

The award of credit in this class is subject to the conditions outlined in the BHS attendance policy. Absences in excess of 2 per class per quarter that are not made up or waived through the appeals process will result in loss of course credit regardless of course grade.

Because this course receives a full semester of credit for just one quarter's worth of work, and because this course can be used to waive the 11th grade elective PE course, it is imperative that **ALL** rehearsals and performances are attended by **ALL** members in order to receive credit. Any rehearsal absences **MUST** have been cleared with a R.A.L.F. form before the date of absence. Emergencies **MUST** be cleared with a R.A.L.F. form the following rehearsal day of the absence. No R.A.L.F. form means no credit for that rehearsal. The acceptance of R.A.L.F. form excuses is at the sole discretion of the director and successful petition only grants **half** of the rehearsal points back. Roll will be taken at the beginning of class and at the end and points deducted for late arrivals or early leaves. Students more than 15 minutes late will be required to get an attendance slip from the attendance office. More than two of these will result in an NG for the class until those tardies are made up through attendance school. Non-BHS students will not have to deal with attendance slips, but will have half the rehearsal points deducted for that day.

Performances, by their very nature, cannot be made up and because the formations will have "holes" if members are missing for performances, it is imperative that **ALL** members be present for **ALL** rehearsals & performances. In the event of an absolute, unexpected emergency, an alternative assignment can be assigned to "make up" the performance points, but this is left to the discretion of the director. Please see the BHS Band Disclosure insert for details in regard to attendance policies and more details on grading.

Performance / Rehearsal Expectations:

- Students who are not full-time BHS students will be allowed to be late to rehearsals, not to exceed 3:05 pm
- All Students must be paid in full for **ALL** course fees before September 1st.
- Students are responsible for memorization of show music, care and upkeep of school uniforms, and return of music, flip folders, and other school-owned equipment checked out to them.
- Students are expected to have appropriate footwear (tennis shoes) for all rehearsals.
- Students must have their three-ring binder & clear page protectors for drill sheets and music and their pencil everyday for rehearsal.

