

Savanna High School

Marching Band



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Welcome!

Our program is about being able to grow both musically and as a young adult. This program teaches students how to work together and improves leadership skills.

During your time with us, together we will learn, grow, and strengthen ourselves and each other through our shared experiences, our passion for music , and our desire to reach new heights!

everything in this document also applies to concert band season

Expectations

- **Character:** Students are expected to display appropriate character in everything you do or say. Actions speak louder than words! It is expected that all members will be using appropriate language and valuing respect among ALL adults, whoever they may be. Always show integrity and always to what's right because you represent our program with every action
- **Parent/Student Involvement:** It is expected that you and your parents/guardians will be consistently attending monthly parent meetings. You should also be keeping with the calendar and upcoming events, and reminding your parents. This especially goes for fundraisers, whose revenue is vital to our program. Without these, we would not be able to provide things such as snacks for tournaments or props for our shows and the Fairshare would raise significantly. as

Expectations

- **Attendance and Punctuality:** Band is a group effort, with that being said, if you or someone in your section is tardy or absent it can have a great effect on the entire band. This especially goes for our events/performances. This activity requires you to give FULL commitment. We understand that students have lives outside of band but by joining this program everyone needs to make sacrifices.
- **Responsibilities:** You are always responsible for bringing your own items, (including dot sheets, flags, music, instrument, etc.), and most importantly you will be held accountable for practicing and learning your music/drill to the best of your ability. THIS IS A CLASS SO TREAT IT AS SUCH. Everyone is also responsible to be on top of their own fairshare and to contribute to as fundraisers as possible. In our program, integrity is everything. Feel free to contact Mr Penalosa if you have any concerns

Rules

- No phones, headphones, or other electronics on the field unless given permission in case of an emergency
- With a signed note from a teacher, a certain amount of time will be allowed to miss rehearsal for academic needs after school when no other option is possible
- A doctor's note or parent signed note is to be given to Mr. Penaloza or your section leader if absent. The student should inform their section leader, instructor, and director ahead of time.
- Respect should always be shown to peers, instructors and directors.
- Bullying and belittling of others is not acceptable
- Treat all your peers with respect
- Everyone will be held accountable for their personal items.
- PT is mandatory for every section. Under special circumstances such as injury, PT can be modified to work around limitations
- Sitting out will have a time limit unless very necessary.
- Attendance will be documented.
- Absolutely no stealing tolerated.

Consequences

- All punishments will take place after rehearsal on sections or students own time
- Unexcused absences/tardies will be punished, all absences/tardies have to make up lost time
- If needed the section leader, director, and student will have a meeting with the students parent.
- Each section leader is allowed to tailor punishments to their sections as they see fit
- Cleaning the band room
- Extra assignments. Ex; Formal written apologies to whoever was harmed in the incident

Punishments include, but are not limited to:

- Public apologies to the band
- After practice PT
- Punishments increase for recurring offenses
- If you're offenses build up you can be kicked out from the program

Consequences: The Three Strike Rule

*The Three strike rule was made in order to deter RECURRING offenses. This rule will give you a total of 3 chances. *Warnings will be given for minor, one time incidents**

Strike one: Section leader will pull you aside to talk about what happened. Depending on what the offense was, the section leader will give a suitable punishment. Mr. Penalosa will be made aware of the incident.

Strike two: At this point, because the offenses are actively affecting the band as a whole, Band Staff will be brought into the conversation as well as Mr. Penalosa. A public apology to the band will be issued as well as any consequence the section leader has.

Strike three: A meeting will be set up with the section leader, Mr. Penalosa, and the student's parents/guardians to sit and talk to said student about the overall situation. We believe your parents should be notified about behavior seeing as they are the ones paying for you to be involved in this team activity.

If the student remains uncooperative after given all three strikes, consequences will be dire. The student will most likely be taken out of the program. Due to this being a team activity, situations like these definitely take a toll on the overall band, for the wellbeing of the band incidents like these will not be tolerated.

Our goal

We wish to create a positive environment where each of our members can have a safe space and express themselves freely through music while also improving critical skills such as teamwork and communication to help us be the best band we can be together.

Important Notices

Before anything, we are a community, Mr. Penalosa and our staff want to make sure you can be as successful as possible. With this being said, If you have any type of issue or need special accommodations , such as: needing medication like an inhaler, having trouble with money and can't afford things such as binder or a dot book, or are simply having trouble at home and need someone to talk to, feel free to let Mr.Penalosa or ANY of the section leaders/band staff know. We are here for you and as a community, are here for one another!

Feel free to contact us.

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