



## **Attendance and Grading Policy**

All members of the Blue Thunder Marching Band will abide by this policy. It is in effect for scheduled rehearsals (MWF 12:00-1:50) as well as rehearsals before games, performances, sectional rehearsals, and any other outside performances.

### **Excused Absence Policy**

If a member is absent from any portion of a scheduled rehearsal, that member is responsible for completing and turning in an absence form. These forms are available at the receptionist desk. It is your responsibility to pick up a form, fill it out, and return it to the office with supporting documentation no later than five academic days after the absence or tardy. When possible, submit the form in advance of the absence. The Blue Thunder faculty and staff will evaluate all absence forms for approval; if your absence is unexcused, you will be notified as soon as possible.

### **Tardiness Policy**

A graduate assistant will record the number of minutes that a band member is late to rehearsals and performances. This number will be recorded in the band office, where a tally of all tardy minutes will be kept. When a student accumulates 50 tardy minutes, he or she will receive one unexcused absence; the penalties for unexcused absences will apply.

### **Other Information**

If a student is absent from the rehearsal immediately prior to a performance, for whatever reason, the Section Leader and Director will determine whether the student will be permitted to perform in the show.

In some instances the Director and/or Band Council may allow students to do service or practice time in order to expunge unexcused absences from the record. This is entirely at the Director's discretion and is not a certainty.

**Grading Rubric:**

Your Blue Thunder grade is determined by your preparation, positive contribution, and attendance. The following rubric explains how each grade category is earned:

<b>A+, A, A-</b>	Consistently prepared. Strong evidence of positive contribution to rehearsals and performance. Up to one unexcused rehearsal absence. Zero unexcused performance absences.
<b>B+, B, B-</b>	Frequently prepared. Excellent evidence of positive contribution to rehearsals and performances. Up to two unexcused rehearsal absences. Zero unexcused performance absences.
<b>C+, C, C-</b>	Inconsistently prepared. Good evidence of positive contribution to rehearsals and performances. Up to three unexcused rehearsal absences. Zero unexcused performance absences.
<b>D+, D, D-</b>	Frequently unprepared. Little evidence of positive contribution to rehearsals and performances. Up to four unexcused rehearsal absences. Zero unexcused performance absences.
<b>F</b>	Consistently unprepared. Poor evidence of positive contribution to rehearsals and performances. Five or more unexcused rehearsal absences. One or more unexcused performance absences.

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By signing below, I indicate that I understand and agree to follow the guidelines of this policy.

Print Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Section: \_\_\_\_\_

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_