



Hickman High School Marching Band Commitment Form 2016-2017



Due: April 6, 2016

The 2016-2017 Hickman Marching Band is a volunteer activity. We would like everyone to consider becoming a part of this exciting group of students. The Marching Band can provide you a true sense of family and pride in our school, while having a great time.

- Marching Band will rehearse Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday and Friday during school, beginning at 7:00 AM.
- Marching Band will rehearse one evening per week (Wednesdays TBA), 6:30-9:30 PM
- Percussion and Color Guard members will hold one additional sectional per week, TBA
- Other rehearsals may be added as needed.

For those students choosing to participate in Marching Band, the outside school rehearsals **will be required**. Once our number of marchers is set, the show is written, the drill is taught and band camp is over we are committed to perform and compete with the show we have learned. If a student quits at this point, the entire band suffers, because having a hole in the show will negatively affect our evaluation at festivals. The only recourse is to teach a new person that position or to totally rewrite the show and eliminate the hole. This slows down our progress and would be a major set-back in learning the rest of the show. In addition there are often added expenses for rewriting the show.

To eliminate this problem we are requiring the signing of this commitment form to be sure the student and parent(s) understand the necessary commitment to the program. We are asking all families with student marchers to return this commitment form with a non-refundable \$60 deposit that will cover the student's uniform fee (2 shirts, shorts, gloves) in the fall. If a student chooses to quit the marching band portion of the program after the commitment date of April 16, 2016, there will need to be a meeting with directors, parents and the student to discuss the student's withdrawal from the marching program.

Please carefully read the responsibilities for members of the Marching Band prior to signing and returning this contract.

STUDENT NAME (**please print**): _____ agrees to participate in the Hickman High School Marching Band for the 2016-2017 school year.

I agree that my commitment will include (but is not limited to) the following items:

- I will attend band camp as scheduled (July 18-July 22 / July 25 –July 29)
- I will attend all performances as scheduled; including home football games, marching festivals and parades.
- I will attend all rehearsals during the months of July, August, September and October.
- I will be respectful to the Band Directors, instructors, drum majors, section leaders, chaperones and fellow band members.
- I will wear my uniform correctly at all times
- I will maintain my instrument in good working order (including any school instrument).
- I understand that it is my responsibility to notify the band directors of any absences with a valid excuse 1 week in advance of the absence.
- I will perform to the best of my abilities at all times (including rehearsals)

NOTE: Student non-compliance with the commitments outlined above may result in removal from Marching Band Activities

PARENT NAME (**please print**): _____ agrees to help our son/daughter participate in the marching band program in the following ways.

- I/We understand that band camp is the single most important activity to prepare the marching band for success.
- I/We will try to help maintain enthusiasm and individual practice at home.
- I/We understand that the uniform assigned to my/our child is our responsibility including extra cleanings if needed.
- I/We will help at home football games and competitions as our schedule permits.
- I/We give permission for our son/daughter _____ to travel with the HHS band to all scheduled events.
- I/We understand that marching band requires a high level of discipline and therefore understand that the band director makes all final decisions when rules/guidelines are broken. The HHS band will not tolerate drugs, alcohol, and public displays of affection. Appropriate consequences will follow. Written referrals will also be part of this discipline process which will be processed through the appropriate principal's office.

AGREED TO BY:

_____ (STUDENT SIGNATURE) STUDENT ID# _____

_____ (PARENT/GUARDIAN SIGNATURE)

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Contact Information

(PLEASE PRINT NEATLY)

EMAIL Contact - Student: _____

EMAIL Contact - Parents: _____

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PLEASE RETURN THIS CONTRACT WITH A \$60.00 NON-REFUNDABLE DEPOSIT BY APRIL 6, 2016 TO:

HICKMAN BAND DEPARTMENT

HICKMAN HIGH SCHOOL

1104 NORTH PROVIDENCE

COLUMBIA, MO 65203

Thank you for your support and participation to make the 2016-2017 Hickman Marching Band the best band to date.

Accepted by: Denis Swope _____

Tom Sweeney _____

Date Received: _____