

NITSCHMANN MIDDLE SCHOOL INSTRUMENTAL MUSIC ATTENDANCE POLICY

The Nitschmann Middle School instrumental program has a tradition of excellence in music, both in the concert hall and on the street. As a member of the band, orchestra, or jazz band, you have made a commitment to be a part of an ensemble and participate to the best of your ability.

Each member of every ensemble is expected to attend all rehearsals and performances. The following attendance policy is to ensure the instrumental music ensembles maintain their high levels of performance.

POLICY

Attendance at every rehearsal and performance is mandatory. We understand that there are times when conflicts, illness and emergencies occur, however it is the responsibility of the parent and student to notify the director as soon as possible about any absence that may occur whether in the past or future.

Each student is permitted a maximum of EIGHT (8) cumulative absences per ensemble. Any student that exceeds the maximum of EIGHT (8) cumulative absences faces dismissal from the instrumental music program. Extenuating circumstances need to be discussed with the director. Students are required to be in their assigned seat at 7:15 AM. Announcements begin promptly at 7:15 AM. If your child is not in his or her seat at 7:15 AM they will be marked absent. Three (3) lates equals one absence.

The following are considered Non-Cumulative absences and DO NOT COUNT towards the EIGHT (8) absences:

***Calculation of attendance numbers will begin on Monday, August 27, 2018**

1. Illness verified by a physician's note submitted within three (3) days of a student's return. Any absence in which a physician's note is submitted is not included in the EIGHT (8) days permitted.
2. Death in the family – from date of death until two (2) days after the funeral unless otherwise authorized by the building principal. (If special permission is granted please notify the director so accurate attendance records are maintained.)
3. Religious holidays - Do not count as an absence.
4. School function – participation in a school function that causes the student to miss a rehearsal is considered non-cumulative and does not count towards the EIGHT (8) days permitted.

You have made a commitment to participate in an activity and are expected to attend all rehearsals and performances. It is your responsibility to arrange your schedule to avoid homework or project conflicts.

Please return this copy with both a Parent or Guardian Signature and a Student Signature.

Student Signature: _____ Print Name: _____

Parent Signature: _____ Print Name: _____