



## Raytown Bluejay Pride Marching band



Marching band is an essential part of the entire band program at Raytown. It requires a tremendous amount of commitment and responsibility from every student. Marching band is not only important, but a required organization for every band member. We will pride ourselves in performing at the highest level possible. To accomplish this, the following information must be taken very seriously.

### **Attendance:**

Good Attendance will guarantee a successful marching band year. Every student is expected to be at every rehearsal. Students who have conflicts must submit the reason to Mr. Hill in writing prior to the absence for approval. Please be aware that not all absences will be considered excused. Unexcused absences will reflect negatively on our performances and therefore will reflect negatively on the student's grade. Although some absences will be excused, please try to limit your request for excused absences. Any time a student is not at rehearsal it hurts the group.

### Rehearsals:

Each rehearsal is graded and EVERY unexcused absence will affect the over-all grade for marching band. If you cannot attend rehearsals, please enroll in another class. Excused absences include those approved by the director with written prior notice, or valid reasons given upon return to school. School sports absences are excused as long as notice is given the director and an effort is made to split time between the two events.

\*\* Excessive unexcused absences = Removal from the field, student will help with equipment (at the directors discretion) (Grade can still be earned by continued participation in marching band activities)

If you miss any rehearsal, it is your responsibility to find out what you missed and be ready for the next rehearsal. We will not have time to go back and re-teach what has already been covered.

### Performances:

We are always working toward performances in marching band. Every student is expected to be at every performance. Excused absences from performances are limited and rare and should be discussed with the director well in advance.

\*\*1 unexcused absence = Removal from the field, student will help with equipment  
(Grade can still be earned by continued participation in marching band activities)

**Grading:**

In addition to attendance, students' grades will be affected by attitude and cooperation. We do not expect to have problems in this area. Hopefully, we all want to be here working hard towards a common goal.

**Respect:**

Respect is a word that is used rather often in our culture. It is still not enough. Everything we do as a marching band will be with tremendous respect. This happens in several ways.

Respect for ourselves: Show respect for every member of the band and the directors at all times.

Respect for other bands: At ALL times we represent Raytown in a positive way. We will show respect for all students from other schools. This includes positive support for the effort they make at all festivals. Negative comments should never be made about other schools. (if you must, wait till you are back at home)

The comment "we're number one" or "we are better than you" should NEVER be made by a Raytown band student.

**Uniforms:**

Students will be issued a uniform for marching band at the beginning of the season. It is their responsibility to make sure it is kept in good shape. Before every performance there will be a full uniform inspection. Any student with a uniform that is missing parts or that is in poor condition may not be allowed to march in that performance. The student's grade will also be lowered.

The Bluejay pride band will always be consistent in the way we wear uniforms. The entire band should always look the same in public. If the decision is made by a director to change out of the uniform at a festival or any time away from Raytown, then the entire band will change. While the band is in uniform, all parts will be worn correctly. All decisions about changing out of part or all of the uniform will be made by the directors only.

**Football Games / Performances:**

During all football games and other performances or events away from Raytown, the band members, staff, and parents assisting with the band, will be the only people allowed to be around the marching band. The band area at football games will be in the stands set up at the end zone. Friends or family that are not assisting the band will not be allowed in that area.

We will provide water and snacks at football games when appropriate. Students will normally be given the 3<sup>rd</sup> quarter "off" to visit with friends and purchase items from the concession stand. (remember that all parts of the uniform should be worn correctly during this "off" time)

Please sign and return to Mr. Hill

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I \_\_\_\_\_ (student) have read and understand the information provided for the Raytown Bluejay Pride Marching Band. I will give my full effort to help the group perform at the highest level possible.

Student signature \_\_\_\_\_

I \_\_\_\_\_ (parent/guardian) have read and understand the information provided for the Raytown Bluejay Pride Marching Band. I will enforce these guidelines above to help the band perform at the highest level possible.

Parent / Guardian signature \_\_\_\_\_

Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_