



West Milford High School Marching Band Contract

Dr. Brian McLaughlin, Mr. Matthew Gramata - Directors

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Name: _____ Instrument/Section: _____

Address: _____ City/Zip: _____

Home Phone: _____ Current Grade: _____ Shirt Size: _____

Parent/Family Email: _____ Parent Cell: _____

Student Email: _____ Student Cell: _____

Attendance

All members are an important part of the ensemble and negatively impact the entire group when not present. Attendance is mandatory at Band Camp, Rehearsals, and Performances. Members will be allowed "0" Unexcused Absences. During a performance week, if a student misses a rehearsal, their participation in the performances is at the discretion of the director. If an absence does occur, written documentation must be provided from Doctor, Teacher or Parent. If a student/parent anticipates a forthcoming absence, they should contact the director well in advance. The season is roughly 2-3 months long; please plan accordingly. The directors must be notified of any scheduling conflicts at least 30 days in advance.

Music/Work and Drill

All students will be expected to memorize their portion of field show and parades. Managing this responsibility takes effort and time on the member's part. Some students will have to work more diligently in order to perform to the expectation of the group. Rehearsals are meant to provide an opportunity to refine the individuals work (practice) that has been done away from the group. There will be periodic checks of work and music.

Academics

Members are expected to maintain passing grades in all subjects while involved in marching band. Should your academic progress fall below an acceptable level, you may become ineligible to participate.

Finances

The West Milford Board of Education requires a \$75.00 pay to play, one time participation fee in order to participate in any school activity, and covers the student's participation in all activities for the entire school year. The West Milford High School Music Department will supply students with the majority of the instruments utilized on the field, including percussion, marching brass, tenor/baritone saxophones, piccolos, and color guard equipment. Students are responsible for the upkeep of these instruments and are to return them in the condition in which they were received. If a student neglects to care for the instrument and causes damage to it, the student may be responsible for the repair costs. Students are required to purchase marching shoes (approx. \$33) and gloves (\$5). In addition, each marching band member is required to provide a uniform cleaning fee of \$15.

Uniformity and Image

All members are expected to respect the desire of the ensemble to be uniform. Therefore, large jewelry, long hair, and articles that are not part of the uniform should be handled appropriately. Each member is encouraged to exercise good personal hygiene and a professional appearance. Members should also not engage in any activities that could take away from the positive image of the group. Personal conflicts have no place in rehearsal.

I have read and understand the terms listed above. I also understand that the success of the West Milford Highlander Band is partially my responsibility. By signing this agreement, I confirm my participation in the West Milford Highlander Marching Band for the 2019 season. Music and drill formations are written specifically for me, and uniforms, as well as other equipment are purchased specifically for me as well. I understand my commitment regarding attendance and my responsibility to notify the director if an issue should occur. I understand that it is to be expected that I may be removed from the show should the expectations above not be fulfilled.

Band Member Signature: _____ Date: _____

Parent/Guardian Signature: _____ Date: _____