



Mabank High School Fall/Marching Band Expectation Sheet

WELCOME to the Mabank HS Panther Band! The purpose of this document is to establish clear guidelines and expectations for the Fall semester. Our staff wants our bands to be FUN and HIGH IN QUALITY...in that order. To achieve this, we need to keep in mind that we are constantly representing ourselves, our families, Mabank ISD, and our Panther Band. This sheet, in combination with the Mabank ISD Code of Conduct will help students and parents know what is expected.

1. **Marching Band & Games:** As a member of the band, you are expected to be at each and every football game. A participation grade will be given for each rehearsal/performance. Because games are 'live' on Friday nights, it is impossible to make up a performance grade. If there is an absolutely unavoidable situation that comes up with your family, the band directors will need to know ASAP with a signed note/email/or message on Band App from the parents. Behavior at the football games will be outlined by Mr. Weisberg with the students. *All students should plan to come to home games after having dinner.
2. **Equipment and Music:** A student's equipment EACH DAY consists of the following: Instrument or flag, music, coordinate sheet, and a pencil. There will be times when we do an equipment check for a grade...with these simple requirements, this should be an easy 100. School owned instruments are VERY expensive. Students are to treat the instruments with respect, and any damage caused by the students (including dents, dings, and other cosmetic items) will be repaired by the music store, and paid for by the student's parents.
3. **Band Hall:** The band hall IS the place where our students can 'hang out,' and socialize together. There is to be NO food/drink unless approved by a band director. Our band hall is our rehearsal space, so no trash of any kind is to be left behind. Our band hall and practice rooms should be treated with respect. ***Golden Rule:*** "If it's not yours, please don't touch it!"
4. **'Weisberg Time:'** There will be a given CALL TIME for each performance and/or game that we do as a team. The CALL TIME is the time a student is expected to be in their seat-ready to go. 'Weisberg Time' is 15 minutes BEFORE the call time. This is in place simply to ensure that we are all here, on time, ready to prepare for our event. So in other words, if the call time is 5:00 PM, 'Weisberg Time' would be 4:45. This prepares our young adults for the 'real' world, and knowing what to do as employed adults.
5. **Uniforms:** What we wear to school on Fridays and to games will be up to the band directors and student leaders. Our new band uniforms are to be worn with PRIDE, taken care of at all times, and left at school. No running in the band uniforms.
6. **Grading:** Grades in band will be taken in the following categories: A) Playing assignments, B) Participation, C) Music Memory, and D) Attendance/being on time.

7. **Behavior:** As young adults, and being a member of the Panther Band, it is expected that all students come to band with a good attitude, proper attire, proper equipment, and ready to TRY their hardest. We realize that our students have good, medium, and bad days. Because the success of our group relies upon EACH member, it is important to be here every day and come with a spirit of cooperation. Poor behavior will result in these actions: A) Speaking privately with a student, B) A call to the parent/guardian, C) Discipline referral to the office, and D) Removal from the band team. Poor attitudes, eye rolling, vulgar language, negative postings on social media, and a non-cooperative spirit will not be tolerated in a group trying to exhibit QUALITY and PRIDE.

8. **Performing at a Game or Concerts:** When a selection is called up, students are to be listening, and ready to play. Many times at a game, the opportunity to play comes quickly and all eyes are to be open and ears listening to the band directors in order to support the PANTHERS! Restroom usage will be in 2's. Students are NOT to go to the concession stands, meet friends under the stands, or stray away from the band at any time. If another band is performing, we will watch and be SUPERIOR audience members – Always classy and supportive. Poor behavior at games/concerts will not be permitted.

9. **Bus trips:** There is NEVER a time when any body part should be out of a bus window. This can be very dangerous, and it will not be accepted. Students are to be respectful to all directors, chaperones, and each other.

10. **Cell Phones:** Our directors want our students to have their cell phones outside of the normal school day. When in a band rehearsal or performance situation, they are to be used for emergencies ONLY. Before, after, and during breaks of a rehearsal are the PERFECT times to be on the phones. If there is a problem adhering to this policy, we will have to collect the phones before each rehearsal/performance, lock them up, and return them to the students after our activity. We hope to take the mature approach and realize that we cannot EVER get better if a percentage of our students are always on their phones.

***Please be aware, directors will handle issues as they arise, on a case-by-case basis when necessary.*

Panther Band Fees/Dues

Our fees per student this year will be \$100.00 (for the year). This fee will cover band shirts, brass supplies, woodwind supplies, and sticks/mallets/drumheads for the percussion students. We are happy to accept payments so this fee will be manageable for our families. Band fees need to be paid in full by the end of December.

Parent/Student Signature

I understand and will support the band in the items listed in this expectation sheet. As a student/parent, I realize that band takes time and dedication-and I am willing to show that in my attitude, the way I prepare, and the way I show PRIDE each day. Winners show up to win every day. Winning is not a part-time activity. I'm excited to be a part and support the Panther Band program.

Student Signature/Date

Parent/Guardian Signature/Date