

*Please note that these are basic expectations for membership and participation.  
For more specific information on policies and grading please see the Band Handbook.*

#### Attendance:

- You must be here
  - With the exception of extreme illness, you need to be in first hour every day.
    - No skipping. With the exception of a doctor's appointment that takes place during first hour, you should not be signing into school after first hour.
    - Please schedule appointments with other school personnel outside of first hour.
    - If you tend to miss large chunks of school, we need to meet with parents/guardians ahead of time to make a plan. If there is a medical or family issue I need to understand what to expect from you.
  - Band is a "co-curricular" activity and you must attend the scheduled rehearsals and performances that take place outside of the school day.
    - Any conflicts need to be reported to the director in the time and manner described in the band handbook.
    - Missing a performance is a huge issue. This should never be taken lightly.

#### Citizenship:

- Drug, Alcohol, Tobacco, and Vape use will not be tolerated.
  - Using these during **any** school function can result in limiting your participation in band activities and possibly your dismissal from the band.
  - If the use of these substances outside of school negatively impacts your participation in band activities your participation will also be limited and you may possibly be dismissed from the band.
- Represent OVHS and our Band well.
  - You may not use foul or inappropriate language during band activities.
  - Any time we are in uniform or at a band function you are expected to behave with maturity and in a manner that puts our Band in the best light.
  - Consistent negative behavior at any school function could negatively impact your participation in band activities, especially those that involve travel.

#### Effort, do the minimum, attempt the maximum:

- Basic expectations will be outlined for each activity. These will not be based on talent or ability, but rather on effort. As the word "expectations" implies, you will be expected to do these things. If you feel that these expectations are not part of what you want to do, you may want to consider other educational opportunities instead of band.
- Our program is striving for excellence. Don't worry about if you are good enough, just be prepared to try hard enough.