



Como-Pickton CISD

Band Rules and Regulations

I. EXPECTATIONS

1. Member will maintain high standards of excellence in music studies and all academics.
2. Member will cooperate with the Band Director, Chaperones, Sponsors, Faculty, Administration and other members of the music department at all times.
3. Member will promote unity among the music department and throughout the school and community.
4. Member will apply rules and regulations from the Student Handbook at all times.
5. Member will represent the music organization with pride, honor and respect.
6. Member will be expected to meet the high level of commitment required to participate in the music program. Members will be expected to plan their job and other activities around the music program.

II. QUALIFICATIONS

1. Grades

- a. All members will be governed by UIL eligibility rules involving grades. The member must maintain passing grades in all academics through out the school year.
- b. If declared ineligible due to grades: Members cannot participate in extra curricular activities until the 3rd week reporting period of the following six weeks period. At that time, the member must be passing in all academics to be eligible for participation in extra curricular activities.
- c. **Continued** failure to pass all academic studies will negatively affect the member's ability to participate in extra curricular activities. This will negatively impact the member's ability to participate in music studies, maintain passing grades in music studies, and could lead to removal from the music program.

2. Physical Fitness

- a. Member will need to meet all physical attributes needed to participate in music studies.
- b. Member will maintain personal grooming at all times. No extremes in hair, make-up or dress will be tolerated.

3. Instruments

- a. Member must be able to provide the instrument of their focused studies (i.e. Trumpet, Saxophone, Flute, etc.) at all times. An inability to provide this instrument will negatively impact the member's ability to participate in musical studies.
- b. Member will maintain the quality of their instrument. Regardless of this instrument being personally owned, rented from a vendor or rented from school.
- c. Member will never abuse instruments or use them in a dangerous manner.

4. Transportation

- a. Member must make accommodations to attend all extra curricular events, practices and rehearsals.

III. MARCHING SEASON

1. Summer Band

- a. Member will attend all summer band meetings and rehearsals.
- b. Member will wear clothing that is in accordance with School Dress Code.
- c. Member will manage their conduct according to moral, ethical, Student Handbook rules and Band Rules standards.
- d. Member will treat this time as though they were in school.
- e. Member will have instruments and all materials needed for music studies prepared before summer band starts.
- f. Member should be aware of the physical demands of summer band and make appropriate accommodations.
- g. Member will wear tennis shoes for marching practices.

2. Performances

- a. Member will be required to attend all football games.
- b. Member will be required to attend all UIL sponsored events and competitions.
- c. Member will be required to attend any additional performances as they may present themselves.
- d. Member will know all routines by memory.
- e. Member will be required to be in marching uniform at all times during performances unless otherwise instructed by the Band Director. (See Section 4 Uniforms for more detail.)

3. Practice

- a. Member will attend all scheduled practice sessions.
- b. Member will be on time to rehearsals and practices.
- c. Member will not be allowed to violate UIL rules and regulations governing time.

- d. Member will be expected to add additional personal practice outside of formal rehearsals and practice sessions to meet all expectations of them. (Also known as homework.)

4. Uniforms

- a. Member will rent a marching uniform from the school.
- b. Member must meet the required care and maintenance expectations for the marching uniform.
- c. Member will have the marching uniform cleaned and pressed before each performance requiring the uniform's use.
- d. Member will return the marching uniform to the school when instructed to do so.
- e. Member will have the marching uniform professionally cleaned, pressed and in good condition when returned to the school.
- f. Member is responsible for the marching uniform while in their care.
- g. Member will not have hair below the ear. Member with long hair will have the hair pulled up.
- h. Member will not wear jewelry while in the marching uniform.
- i. Member will wear approved shorts, shirt and BLACK SHIN HIGH socks underneath their marching uniform.
- j. Member is responsible to purchase Band Director mandated marching shoes. Directions will be given to member on this procedure. Member is encouraged to keep these items for future marching season uses.
- k. Member will keep their marching uniform stored and hung properly in a garment bag when not in use.
- l. Member will keep their helmet stored in the appropriate hat box when not in use.
- m. Member will not purposefully damage or abuse plumes.
- n. Member will meet any other expectations to marching uniform appearance as mandated by the Band Director.

5. Conduct

- a. No smoking, use of drugs, drinking alcoholic beverages, vulgar behavior or abusive language will be tolerated. Nor any immoral or unethical behavior will be tolerated.
- b. No gum chewing, candy or drinks will be allowed when performing on the field or while in the stands regardless of performance in progress or not.
- c. Member will stay in the appropriate section within the band while in the stands.
- d. Member will not have friends or family members within the band seating area in the stands. Exception made to chaperons and emergency situations.
- e. Member will behave according to the Student Handbook and Band Rules.

- f. Member will be able to enjoy a third quarter break for refreshments and socializing with friends and family outside the band seating area. Member will be back in their appropriate section in the band seating area in the stands with 2 minutes left in the third quarter. The member will be ready to play at that time. **This is a privilege and can be removed or modified in any way and for any reason as deemed by the Band Director.**
- g. Member is responsible for their equipment and marching uniforms at all events.
- h. Member will show proper respect to all chaperons, faculty, students, administration, adults, Drum Majors and the Band Director at all times.

IV. CONCERT SEASON

1. Performances

- a. Member will be required to attend all performances.
- b. Member will be required to attend all UIL sponsored events and competitions.
- c. Member will be required to attend any additional performances as they may present themselves.
- d. Member will know all material rehearsed before presenting to an audience.
- e. Member will be required to be in concert dress at all times during performances unless otherwise instructed by the Band Director. (See Section 3 Concert Dress for more detail.)

2. Practice

- a. Member will attend all scheduled practice sessions.
- b. Member will be on time to rehearsals and practices.
- c. Member will not be allowed to violate UIL rules and regulations governing time.
- d. Member will be expected to add additional personal practice outside of formal rehearsals and practice sessions to meet all expectations of them. (Also known as homework.)

3. Concert Dress

- a. Member will wear approved band polo with blue jeans or band marching uniform as instructed by the Director.
- b. Member will wear approved footwear with polo or marching shoes and black socks with the marching uniform.
- c. Member will maintain personal grooming care. Male members hair will be appropriately fixed and not below the ear. Female members will have hair well groomed and fixed; hair is not required to be pulled up if longer than ear length.
- d. Member will not be allowed to wear jewelry in excessive or gaudy measures. Band Director maintains final approval.

- e. Member will meet any additional appearance requirements as mandated by the Band Director.

4. Conduct

- a. No smoking, use of drugs, drinking alcoholic beverages, vulgar behavior or abusive language will be tolerated. Nor any immoral or unethical behavior will be tolerated.
- b. No gum chewing, candy or drinks will be allowed when performing.
- c. Member will behave according to the Student Handbook and Band Rules.
- d. Member is responsible for their equipment at all events.
- e. Member will show proper respect to all chaperons, faculty, students, administration, adults, Drum Majors and the Band Director at all times.
- f. Member will follow appropriate concert etiquette at all concert events.

V. TRANSPORTATION

1. Member will go to all events, performances and activities as a group in transportation designated by the Band Director or Administration.
2. Member will return to the school grounds from all events, performances and activities as a group in transportation designated by the Band Director or Administration.
3. Exceptions to this will be made based on emergency situations only. (See emergency section VI.)

VI. EMERGENCY SITUATIONS

1. Member will maintain a “Medical Release Form/ Medical Treatment Permission Form” on file with the Band Director. This form is important will be required before the member can participate in extra curricular activities.
2. Emergencies will be governed based on Como-Pickton’s Crisis Management Plan, Student Handbook, Employee Handbook and the “Medical Release Form/ Medical Treatment Permission Form”.
3. Emergencies can come in many unexpected forms. The Band Director and Administration reserves the right to dismiss a student from participation in an event, activity or performance based on emergency situations.

VII. Special Considerations

1. Member will be excused from an event, performance or activity in the following cases: Illness with a note from the doctor or parent; medical emergency with belated doctor’s note; death in the family; special situations discussed in detail with the Band Director and receiving **ADVANCED APPROVAL** for excused absence from the Band Director.
2. Member will attend all events, performances and activities other than what has been listed if the Band Director deems it necessary.
3. Member will participate in all fund raising activities as they present themselves.

4. Member will be on time to all events. Band Director will dictate specific time expectations to the member.

Band Rules and Regulations Acknowledgement Form

Name of Member: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Mailing Address (if different): _____

Father: _____

Employer: _____

Home #: _____ Work #: _____ Cell #: _____

Mother: _____

Employer: _____

Home #: _____ Work #: _____ Cell #: _____

Guardian (if applicable): _____

Employer: _____

Home #: _____ Work #: _____ Cell #: _____

I have read the *Band Rules and Regulations* completely. I agree that I will fulfill my obligations to the best of my ability. I agree that I will follow all rules and regulations as stated in the *Band Rules and Regulations* packet. I agree that neither UIL, Como-Pickton CISD, Band Director nor Sponsor assumes any responsibility in case an accident or emergency occurs.

Member's Signature

Date

Parent's or Guardian's Signature

Date

Form must be signed and on file with the Band Director for Member participation.