

DILLON HIGH SCHOOL 2019-2020 Supplemental Marching Band Handbook

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The mission of Dillon High School is to prepare all students to achieve excellence by creating an environment conducive to learning where students, staff, and families work together to promote the skills needed in a continuously changing world.

Rehearsal Materials

Instrument/Flag
1" black three-ring binder
Plastic sheet protectors
Pencil
Music/Method Book

At various times during the marching season, sheet music will be issued to each student. If a student is absent, he or she is responsible for obtaining a copy of the music from Mr. Wright or the band librarian. Sheet music should be placed in the plastic sheet protectors before being placed in the student's binder. Please be responsible for all music issued. A fee may be incurred if student misplaces or damages issued music.

Lost or Stolen Instruments

The band program, the school district, Mr. Wright and the band boosters **are not** responsible for student-owned or rented instruments and materials that are lost or stolen. Each parent and student is responsible for recording the instrument's serial number at home, and each student is responsible for making sure his or her instrument is always taken home at the end of the school day. **Parents who rent their child's instrument from a music store or from the school instrument inventory are strongly encouraged to purchase insurance on that instrument.** Parents who purchase an instrument are recommended to check with their homeowner's insurance policy regarding potential loss or theft of that instrument during the school day.

Note: Parents are responsible for returning instruments to the rental store if their child discontinues band.

Required Forms

Each school year, the following forms are required to be on file in the band room for all students:

1. Personnel Record (if you own your own instrument)
2. Permission to Travel Form
3. Statement of Responsibility
4. Completion of Data Form/Survey (online)
5. Cyberbullying, Social Media, and Chat Forum Agreement

Please note that students will not be allowed to travel with the band until **all** forms are submitted and on file!

Rules and Regulations

As in all groups, the Dillon High School Band must operate under a certain number of rules and regulations in order to ensure the successful completion of its goals. Even though some of these regulations may vary from activity to activity, it is important that each rule and regulation be understood and followed by all band members. All rules and regulations are designed to serve one of three purposes. These purposes are:

1. To ensure the safety of the student.
2. To protect and maintain the reputation of the organization.
3. To allow the organization to meet its objectives.

Classroom and Rehearsal Behavior

- * Students are expected to practice at home 120 minutes each week. This is best accomplished by practicing 30 minutes per day, 4 days per week. This is the equivalent of homework in other classes.
- * Students are expected to use the restroom either before or after rehearsal.
- * Students are expected to be polite to other students and instructors.
- * Students are expected to enter the band room in a quiet, calm manner and to be on time for each class and rehearsal.
- * Students are expected to always **walk** in the band room, and to never participate in horseplay in the band room.
- * Students are expected to have their instruments assembled when Mr. Wright begins class or rehearsal.
- * Students are expected to have instrument, binder, music, and pencil in class each day.
- * Each student is expected to not talk while instruction is ongoing.
- * Students are expected to follow the directions issued by Mr. Wright, other band directors, clinicians, and chaperones – with no argument! Instructions issued by an adult are not open for student debate.
- * Students are expected to only handle their own instruments.
- * Students who are not enrolled in band are not allowed in the band room at any time.
- * Students causing damage to either Dillon High School band equipment, or that of another student, will be held financially responsible for the repair or replacement of the damaged item.
- * Cellphones and other communication devices are prohibited during all band rehearsals and performances with the exception of breaks. The director may grant usage in special circumstances.

Band Room Rules

- * Food, candy, drinks, and gum are not allowed in the band room.
- * No stands or chairs are to be left in the practice rooms.
- * No students may be in the practice rooms without Mr. Wright's permission.
- * School Instruments are to be placed in the storage room, not in the main band room area. All instruments should be put in a cubby, not on the storage room floor.
- * No books, cases, bags, etc., should be kept in the seating formation.
- * The band director, the school, and the booster club **are not** responsible for the safekeeping of student owned or school issued instruments left overnight in the band room.
- * Instruments are to be taken home at the conclusion of the school day.

Additional Band Member Expectations

Because each band member expects to go on trips that, at times, may include missing portions of the school day, additional conduct and grade expectations exist for each member. Band members represent themselves, the school, and the band program at all times. Band members who do not meet the following additional expectations may not be allowed to go on band trips:

- * Students are expected to maintain a strong academic standing in each class, as well as an 85 average or above in the band class to be eligible for trip participation.
- * Prior to a band trip or activity in which participation involves missing all of or part of the school day, the student should make arrangements for the successful completion of all missed assignments.
- * Students must submit all required paperwork for the trip in advance of the departure date. Students failing to do so, will not be allowed to travel with the band.
- * Student accounts **must** be current.

Consequences for Inappropriate Behavior

1. Verbal warning from Director or Leadership Team Member.
2. Partial performance suspension.
3. Denial of performance, or Chair/leadership demotion, depending on behavior.
4. Discussion with parents, either through a phone call or parent conference.
5. Removal from the band program subject to administrative approval.

Attendance

Rehearsals and performances depend on 100% attendance to be effective. Each member depends on all other members. ***You are important and we need you at each and every rehearsal and performance!***

The policy is quite simple – if the school will excuse it, we will excuse it. If the school will not, we will not. Dillon High School will excuse for Death in the Family, Religious Holiday, and Illness with a Doctor's Excuse. **Jobs, Clubs, Homework, Sports Activities, are not excused absences.**

If a student is absent on the day before a performance or not present for the final run-through, the student will be denied the opportunity to perform the field show.

Absent Policies

1st Unexcused Absence – Partial Stands performance suspension, (starts with 4th quarter).

2nd Unexcused Absence – Full Game-performance suspension, Mandatory Parent Conference.

3rd Unexcused Absence – Student will not travel on 1st Out of town Trip (No Refunds).

4th Unexcused Absence – Student will not travel on 2nd Out of town trip. (No Refunds).

5th Unexcused Absence – Dismissal.

(Please note this includes moving to and from field rehearsals and sectionals.)

Tardy Policies

1st Unexcused Tardy – Warning.

2nd Unexcused Tardy – Partial performance suspension. , (starts with 4th quarter)

3rd Unexcused Tardy – 1 Full Performance suspension, Mandatory Parent Conference.

4th Unexcused Tardy – Performance suspension

Continued Excessive Tardiness – Dismissal from activity.

No excused passes will be accepted after 4:45 p.m., under any circumstances. (Please note this includes moving to and from field rehearsals and sectionals.)

Turning in Money

All money paid must be in a sealed envelope, and all checks should be made payable to “Dillon High Band Booster Club.” The student should put his or her name on the envelope, in ink, along with the amount enclosed and what the payment is for, (i.e. fundraiser, all-state, lost music, band fees, etc.)

** Please specifically identify your student and your reason for payment on the memo line of your check.*

** Please make all checks payable to “Dillon High Band Boosters” unless otherwise directed.*

Band Fees

Warm up Suit - \$105

Spats - \$10

Band Shoes - \$35

Flag and Dance Shoes - \$40

Booster Fee - \$20

Flag Uniform - \$150

Dance Uniform - \$160

Band Uniform

Dillon High Formal Marching Band uniforms will be issued during the beginning of each marching band season. The uniform will be stored at the high school and dry cleaning will take place as needed.

During the marching season, with the exception of auxiliary, jewelry will not be worn while in full uniform and **long hair must fit in the hat in full uniform**. At no time is any part of the uniform to be removed when in public (except for hat and gloves). The student will have the responsibility to repair or replace any damage to the uniform beyond normal wear and tear. Wear your uniform with pride! You represent us all – be a “Class Act.”

Student Dress Code Policy Clothing for students should consist of normal athletic attire during rehearsals.

Rules:

- All clothing worn on the lower half of the body cannot be shorter than mid-thigh above the knee in the front and rear.
- Not allowed: leggings, pajama pants, bedroom shoes
- Any pants containing holes above the knee must have leggings under the garment.
- No pants may be worn that sag below the hips.
- ***All shirts must cover the shoulders and midriff***. No tank tops, spaghetti straps, or strapless tops allowed.
- Shirts must adequately cover the top part of the body and cannot be sheer or see through.

**** If clothing attire is not appropriate as deemed by the band staff, students must call parents to bring appropriate clothing and wait until clothing has arrived. If clothing doesn't arrive in a timely manner, participation in practice or performance on that date may be denied.**

Marching Band Master Performance Schedule Fall 2019
After school practice schedule 3:45-6:45 Mon., Tues., Thurs.

August

19	First Day of School. After school practice schedule begins.	
23	Football: Havelock @ Dillon	Dillon, SC
30	Football: Dillon @ Purnell Swett	Maxton, NC

September

Fruit Sale Starts This Month

6	Football: Latta @ Dillon	Dillon, SC
7	Benedict vs. Fayetteville State	Fayetteville, NC
13	Football: Dillon @ Lake View	Lake View, SC
21	Sandhills Classic	McBee, SC
27	Football: Marlboro @ Dillon	Dillon, SC
28	Pineforest Band Competition	Fayetteville, NC

October

4	Football: Marion @ Dillon	Dillon, SC
5	Dillon Battle of the Bands Competition	Dillon, SC
7	<u>Deadline to Pay for Region and District Auditions</u>	
11	Football: Loris @ Dillon	Dillon, SC
18	Football: Dillon @ Aynor	Aynor, SC
19	2A Lower State Marching Band Championship	Lexington, SC
25	Football: Dillon @ Lake City	Lake City, SC
26	Keenan Competition	Columbia, SC

November

1	Football: Cheraw @ Dillon	Dillon, SC
2	Darlington Band Competition	Darlington, SC
9	Band Day @ South Carolina State University	Orangeburg, SC
21	Fall Recital	DD4 Auditorium
30	Rowland Christmas Parade	Rowland, NC

December

2	District Honor Band Auditions/Hartsville M. S.	Hartsville, SC
5	Dillon Christmas Parade	Dillon, SC
6	Latta Christmas Parade	Latta, SC
7	Marietta Christmas Parade	Marietta, NC
	Lake View Christmas Parade	Lake View, SC
12	Holiday Concert	DD4 Auditorium
13 (If Approved)	Small Ensemble Tour of Elementary Schools	Dillon, SC
14	Dillon Battle of the Drumlines (tentative)	DHS GYM

_____ First Letter of Last Name

**Dillon High School Band Program
Statement of Responsibility**

Student: I have completely read the Dillon High School Supplemental Marching Band Handbook. I understand and agree that I will follow each rule outlined in the handbook, including those on rehearsal behavior, after school rehearsals, and performances. I understand that my contribution to the band is an important part of the ensemble's success. I understand that if I miss an after-school rehearsal or performance that my participation in the ensemble will be affected, unless that absence has been excused. I also have a copy of the band calendar of events.

Student's Name _____

Student's Signature _____ Date _____

Parent:

I have completely read the Dillon High School Supplemental Marching Band Handbook. I understand that my child is expected to follow each rule outlined in the handbook, including those on rehearsal behavior, after school rehearsals, and performances. I understand that my child's contribution to the band is an important part of the ensemble's success. I understand that if my child misses an after-school rehearsal or band performance that his or her participation in the ensemble will be affected, unless that absence has been excused. I also agree to pick up my child no later than 30 minutes after a performance or the rehearsal has ended, and that if I am going to be late, I will telephone Mr. Wright so that he may be made aware of the situation. I am also aware that my family has a financial obligation to the band program. I also have a copy of the band calendar of events.

Parent's Name _____

Parent's Signature _____ Date _____

Dillon High School
Band Student Personnel Record Form

Student Name: _____

Parent Name: _____

Parent Cell Phone: (____) _____

Home Phone: (____) _____

Parent Email Address: _____

Student owned Instrument name: _____

Instrument Brand Name: _____

Instrument Serial Number: _____

For Students Who Own or Rent Their Instrument.

**DO NOT FILL OUT THIS FORM IF THE INSTRUMENT IS
OWNED BY THE SCHOOL.**

DILLON HIGH SCHOOL BAND

PARENT PERMISSION SLIP FOR FIELD TRIP

Name of Student: *(Please Print)* _____

Name of Parent/Guardian: *(Please Print)* _____

Address: _____ Phone: _____

I, the parent or guardian of the above named student, give my permission for my child to participate in the field trip described as follows:

Destination: All Trips listed in the 2019 Marching Band Handbook Date of trip: TBD

Departure Time: TBD Return Time: TBD Cost: TBD

Information: Schedule is attached.

Medical Information and Release

The following special health problems concerning my child should be noted – if none please check “none”;

- Heart condition Allergy (specify below whether food, bee sting, etc.) Asthma Hemophilia Diabetes Other
 None

Describe condition noted above with particularity, including any medications or other instructions:

In the event of a medical emergency, I hereby authorize the teacher/chaperone attending to my student on the trip to secure medical attention or hospitalization for my child.

Child's physician: _____ Physician's phone number _____

Parent/Guardian contact numbers: (home): _____ (work): _____ (cellular): _____

Alternative emergency contact & relationship to child: _____ (Number): _____

I understand Dillon School District 4 does not provide medical insurance for my child for purposes of this trip, and I am solely responsible for providing such insurance and for payment of any medical treatment expenses for my child that are not covered by insurance.

****I have read the information, verifying its accuracy, and agree to the statements made above:**

Parent/Guardian Signature: _____