

West Chester East High School – Indoor 2010

Philosophy

The East High School band program philosophy is based on a sense of excellence, commitment, pride and self-worth. Each individual that calls themselves a member of the “Viking Band” is an essential element to our unit – consider yourself a Varsity starter from now on.

Every student is capable of achieving greatness and when we combine our efforts and determination we can accomplish anything we set our minds to! It is stressed that we realize the importance of teamwork, cooperation and dedication as we all need to work together to complete any tasks we come across. Without this sense of camaraderie, it is so easy to let bitterness and envy overcome our goals and our true potential.

Always strive for excellence, take pride in your organization and do your very best.

Membership expectations

- Observe all policies set forth in this handbook
- Reference this handbook
- Ask questions if you are unsure of anything!
- Check the website on a regular basis for announcements:
www.wceastvikingband.org
- Follow the WCASD High School Code of Conduct
- Honor all financial commitments & deadlines
- Display good sportsman like conduct at all times
- Keep a sound body & mind – substance or drug abuse will not be tolerated.

Calendar

See attached schedule and please note times and rehearsal locations. They may change. Anything listed at “TBA” will be announced via e-mail, phone or through school announcements.

Competition departure times will be released closed to the actual date of the show.

Cost of Participation

A membership fee of \$150 must be collected from each individual. The indoor activities are not school-sanctioned activities. Like ice hockey and rugby, a membership fee must be collected to pay for transportation, uniforms, equipment, etc. This fee can be fundraised. Details about fundraising will be mentioned later.

Attendance

In short, all rehearsals and competitions are mandatory. The ensemble’s level of success relies on how much work is put into the rehearsal. *Review the schedule and plan ahead.* This activity relies on 100% participation from every member in the

organization at all times whether it is through rehearsal or competition. Missing members = holes in the drill, choreography and music. Holes = an incomplete show. Exceptions to this attendance policy are: a family emergency, illness or an Act of God. Please review the *CODE OF CONDUCT*. If a student is not in school the day of rehearsal, the student cannot participate in the rehearsal.

Winter sports athletes/musical participants will need to make decisions: all competitions and rehearsals are mandatory. Special considerations will be made on a case-by-case basis with the band director and the caption head.

Failure or homework, study for an exam, etc. are not acceptable excuses from rehearsal. Budget your time wisely.

In-eligibility

If you were deemed ineligible at the end of the first quarter, you and a parent must sign a contract stating that if you fall ineligible in two or more subjects at any time during the season (Jan. 4th through April 24th) you will be removed from the ensemble at the discretion of the instructors.

In short, in-eligibility is NOT ACCEPTABLE. You cannot participate if you are failing 2 or more classes. This greatly affects the entire ensemble and holes are created (please refer to the above ATTENDANCE policy and the information about holes).

Behavior/Etiquette

Students are expected to act with respect and are to abide by the WCASD code of conduct at all times. Members of the ensemble are expected to represent the school in and out of uniform.

Foul language, horseplay, disrespect and public displays of affection will not be tolerated. Students that receive several warnings will receive parent notification.

Use of school equipment

All instruments, flags, etc. are to be checked out with the director. Treat the items with care. Some items are more susceptible to wear and tear so please alert a staff member if you notice this.

Damage, lost and/or stolen equipment may incur a fee. This will be handled on a case-by-case basis.

Uniform policy

All members will perform in a uniform decided on by the instructors. More to come later.

Transportation

Transportation may be provided by school bus. Local competitions may require carpooling based on how much the mode of transportation costs. Again, Indoor is a club activity not sponsored by East High School. Also, chaperones may be asked to drive to the competition in the event of unavailable seating on a bus.

Competitions are all day events. Please plan ahead. Thank you for your patience in advance.

Fundraising

As a club activity, fundraising is a must (no matter how much we hate it!) Most fundraisers will be done as a group, rather than an individual. However, a few individual fundraisers may be available. Many of these fundraisers will be held in conjunction with the Band Boosters.

Parent Involvement

The Band Booster association is a foundational structure to the band program at East High School. The Viking Band would not be able to do many of the things that we are able to do without the support of the Booster association. Parents help in a multitude of ways, for example: chaperoning, equipment personnel, uniforms, concessions, fundraising, etc. Contact a band booster representative today to find out how YOU can help!

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