This document should serve to answer questions about being enrolled as an Instrumental Music student at Niceville High School while attending the Collegiate High School (CHS) or Home School. While we are happy to be able to offer this experience to individuals who are not fulltime students on our campus, we are charged with certain requirements by the State of Florida and the Florida Music Education Association and the Florida Bandmasters Association. Niceville High School is unique in that we have the highest number of dually enrolled students in the county. The Niceville Band program has benefitted from many fine musicians that attend the Collegiate High School for over a decade. In the past few years some issues related to being in our program while registered elsewhere have come to light. We are eager to address these issues early so that everyone understands the expectations associated with this special relationship. Please find an explanation of the most prevalent issues below. After reading this document, feel free to contact us and/or make an appointment to discuss your questions or concerns.

**Absence from Band class:**
All Collegiate or Home School students registered for a band class at NHS are expected to attend all scheduled classes at NHS. Any absence from this class will be counted toward the accrued total that requires the End of Course Competency Exam. **Any absences for labs, exams, field trips, etc...** are at the discretion of the Director of Bands and/or NHS Principal. In the event that an absence is excused, the contact time away from class will have to be made up on site at NHS. This includes Late Start Days as well. Again...this is at the discretion of the Director of Bands and/or Principal. Exceptions for Tuesday SOAR, Friday Assembly and Late Start schedules will be made case by case, in advance, and only when a class is in session at CHS. All CHS students are expected to attend NHS exams during the week and time block they are given.
Absence from Rehearsals or Performances:
All Collegiate and Home School students are bound by the same class guidelines for absence from rehearsals or performances as any fulltime NHS students. Those guidelines are found on our website and are given to each student at the start of each school year. The signature page for each student/parent is kept on file in the Band Office. Attendance and grades can be tracked by the parent of any NHS student in the Parent Internet Viewer—no matter the number of classes for which a student is registered at NHS.

Class Grades:
Last school year we had several students/parents inquire about the validity of our grades in band as it relates to their academic record at the Collegiate High School. We encountered questions like “…why do they need to take that audition? It’s not like the grade is going to count at Collegiate is it?” Or, “…we’re not overly concerned about his grade in band because it will not be counted in his GPA at Collegiate.” Some stated “…I thought my NHS class was an audit class.” Fact: the grade earned in ANY class at NHS will count in a student’s GPA at Collegiate.

General Observations:

- Collegiate students generally missed when:
  - NHS was on an adjusted schedule
  - Collegiate was on an adjusted schedule

On the whole Collegiate students made Collegiate the priority—often without notice to the Band Department.

- Collegiate students would miss when a project was due (at C.H.S.) or if they had “an important exam” on the horizon at CHS.
- Collegiate students who drove themselves to and from school generally missed more than those who did not.
Please sign and return to the band office

Name ________________________________________________________________

Grade __________________________

Check one: ( ) Collegiate School? ( ) Home Schooled?

I have read and understand the expectations outlined above. My signature indicates a willingness to adhere to these policies and I understand that any deviation from these expectations could result in diminished participation or dismissal from the program/class.

Student Signature ___________________________________ Date______________

Parent Signature ___________________________________ Date______________