General Information for Marching Band Performance Waivers for 2017-18

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Niceville is currently the ONLY high school band program in Okaloosa County that offers a waiver for ANY reason other than medical. Please understand, students on a Marching Band Performance Waiver create and additional responsibility for the band staff during the busiest time of the year.

As a matter of clarification please review the following guidelines for Marching Band Performance Waiver eligibility. If you have questions, please contact the Band Office in writing at wootend@mail.okaloosa.k12.fl.us.

1. All performance waivers are at the discretion of the Director of Bands and the school Administration.
2. Eligibility:
   a. Students must audition into Symphonic Winds or Wind Ensemble to apply for a performance waiver.
   b. Any student who is a member of an in season school sponsored sport that would directly conflict with Marching Band rehearsals/performances. (Note: This does not include travel teams, etc.)
   c. Any student playing a non-marching instrument (i.e. double reed or string bass) or with a doctor verified physical impairment or medical condition may apply for a performance waiver. (However, these students are encouraged to play a secondary instrument or play in the front ensemble/”pit” in the marching band.)
3. Students must audition into Symphonic Winds or Wind Ensemble to apply for a performance waiver.
4. Any student (regardless of class placement) may qualify for a performance waiver by participating in a Fall sport.
5. If a student drops any band class during the school year, they will not be eligible to re-enroll in any band class the following year except in compelling circumstances. (i.e. chronic illness, military transfer, etc.)
6. Students must participate in all music portions of each class period (unless otherwise assigned) during football season. All individual “pass-off” assignments must be prepared/completed outside of class time. (This is intended to balance the time requirements of the rehearsals/performances of the marching band with students on a waiver.)
7. Students not taking private lessons must purchase an “at-home” subscription to SmartMusic to be used for most assignment submission/assessment.
8. Students must document private lessons (assignments/attendance/progress signed by their private teacher) or prepare/submit/pass-off weekly playing assignments using SmartMusic.
9. Grading for students on a performance waiver will be based exclusively on the quality of performance submissions. (There is no attendance aspect to the grading policy for waivered students.)
Marching Band Performance Waiver Requirements

Fall Semester Only

The following is a list of requirements for students who are requesting an exemption from the marching band requirements connected to registration in Band I-VI fall semester. Please keep pages 1-2 of this document for your records and turn in the signature page to the band office no later than July 29, 2017.

Special note: Band I-VI is a year-long class. Students are not permitted to skip the fall semester and register for the spring semester. If a student drops any band class at the end of the fall semester they will not be eligible to re-enroll in any band class the following year.*

Requirements:

A) Weekly performance pass-off of material assigned by the Director of Bands (DoB) or his designee. Or, evidence of weekly private lessons with a DoB approved private teacher.

B) Pass-off All State Audition materials for DoB or his designee by the end of September 2017.

C) Pass-off All-County materials by the end of November 2017 for DoB or his designee.

D) Complete a concert critique and turn in to DoB no by the end of November 2017. (See director for Critique Guidelines)

E) Prepare a piece of solo literature to be performed for the band staff prior to the end of the fall semester. This piece must be rated at least “excellent” using the Florida Bandmasters Association Solo and Ensemble adjudication rubric.

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My signature indicates that I have read the requirements outlined above and understand the expectations surrounding the Marching Band Performance Waiver.

Student Name ________________________________________ (please print)

Student Signature __________________________________________ Date:____________

Parent Name __________________________________________ (please print)

Parent Signature __________________________________________ Date:____________

(Please sign and return this page to the Band Office)