



## Fighting Cardinal Marching Band

### Code of Conduct

#### Expectations & Etiquette

- All rules and regulations as stated in the Mentor High School Student Handbook shall be in effect at all times for all band rehearsals, performances, trips and activities. Any violations of student conduct will be dealt with following administrative and athletic extra curricular guidelines. Violations of conduct dealing with the use of tobacco, drugs, or alcohol are punishable by suspension from the season for a minimum of one third and a maximum of the entire season.
- Remember you are always representing our band and our “brand”. (24/7/365)
- Inappropriate language will not be tolerated by band members.
- Follow all directions the first time given.
- Be on time for all events - early = on time
- Be prepared for all events - have EVERYTHING you need
- Show respect for yourself, your peers, and your band
- Public Displays of Affection (PDA) – in accordance with school policy, public displays of affection will not be permitted in the music area or during any rehearsal, performance, or travel situation. NEVER IN UNIFORM!!!
- The care of equipment is the responsibility of the student to which it is assigned. Any misuse of equipment will be considered vandalism.
- Be dressed properly for marching rehearsals – and plan to go out EVERY day – this means appropriate footwear, comfortable clothing, and layers in colder weather.

#### Pass-off Requirements

- All FCMB Members have a pass-off every week. Pass off requirements will be posted at the beginning of the week.
- Students have until **Thursday at 5:00PM** to complete their weekly pass-off requirement.
- The pass-off requirement counts towards the first quarter grade in band and also eligibility for social time and the opportunity to perform at band events.

- There are two ways to meet the requirement for the week: students may perform the music requirement from memory for a director, field commander, section/squad leader. If there is trouble memorizing the requirement, **students can complete 45 minutes of group music practice each week (MONDAYS 2:30 - 3:15). In order to receive credit for the monitored practice, students must sign-in before the practice session.**
- If the student performs from memory, or completes the 45 minutes of practice, student has completed the pass-off requirement for the week and is eligible to perform at the football game and/or competitions.
- Pass-offs are cumulative - if you do not pass off this week you will now have two pass offs for the following week.
- Once a student performs the pass-off from memory, points will be given towards the band grade and they will be “passed-off” for the week.
- Time spent in sectionals **does not count** towards the monitored practice – you must attend the group practice.

## Uniforms

- FCMB members will be issued a uniform that will be worn for each performance and kept in the school uniform room.
- FCMB members are required to wear the complete band uniform at all times for the entire band function. No deviations from the uniform will be permitted.
- Dinkles must be worn with BLACK socks that cover the ankles. “No-Show” socks are not acceptable for the band uniform.
- All band members must wear THE black T-shirt and gym-shorts/sweatpants under their uniforms at all times. Under Armour is encouraged for cold weather.
- Uniforms must be properly cared for at all times. This includes cleanliness & taking care of all uniform parts. Disrespecting the uniform will not be tolerated.
- If food/beverage is spilled on the uniform, it shall be the student’s responsibility to pay for dry-cleaning, repair, or replacement of the uniform part(s).
- Hair must be no longer than shoulder length when in uniform. Long hair must be tied back, pulled up, or pinned up into hat.
- Jewelry is not to be worn when in uniform including rings, ear/face/body piercings, watches, necklaces, bracelets, etc.
- Any tattoos must be covered while in uniform.
- Sunglasses may not be worn in uniform.
- Each student is responsible for getting and returning their own uniform at the end of the evening. **DO NOT ASK SOMEONE TO GET OR RETURN YOUR UNIFORM FOR YOU.**
- Perfume and body spray are not to be used when in uniform.
- All Make-up, glitter, and hairspray must remain in either the Ladies restroom or the Guard Room. No hairspray, curling irons, hair straighteners or other beauty appliances allowed in the band room.
- Keep your uniform and personal belongings in the Music Wing neat and organized.

## Food

- Food is permitted during Third Quarter Break Only! No food is allowed in the stands at any other time during the football game or band event, with the exception of water provided by Music Mentors.
- Gum chewing is not permitted during performances or rehearsals. Gum can lead to very expensive instrument repairs, and it is a choking hazard when playing an instrument.
- When in uniform, band members may only eat with permission from the directors. Students may not leave the stands to get food on their own.
- When snacks/food/refreshments are provided, students are to be polite and respectful to those who provided them. Remember the magic words: "Please" and "Thank You!"

## Cell Phones & Electronic Devices

- Cell phones are permitted in rehearsals when using the Ultimate Drill Book App.
- Cell phones are not allowed to be out in the stands during the football games.
- Cell phones may be used on the bus when traveling to and from band events.

## Travel

- Students will sign-up for a bus for all band trips during the season.
- Students are not permitted to change bus assignments throughout the season.
- The Directors reserve the right to make seating and bus changes at their discretion.
- All students must adhere to the rules set forth by the bus drivers - they establish the rules for your safety.
- Refrain from yelling, screaming, and singing loudly when traveling on the band bus.

## Stands

- Non-band members are not allowed in the stands.
- Band members are required to sit in their instruments sections for the entire football game or performance.
- Play your instrument only at appropriate times, and only when the whole section/band plays.
- Take care of your instrument to prevent damage – your instrument must always be in your possession even when the band is not playing.

## Third Quarter Break

- Band members shall have the third quarter of all football games to socialize and eat refreshments. **Remember, third quarter break is a privilege that must be earned.**
- Band members will be served refreshments at all home football games. Be gracious hosts to the guest band – allow them to get refreshments first. Be polite and courteous to all volunteers. Remember the magic words "Please," and, "Thank you."

- All band members must be back in the stands, seated in their sections, and ready to play at the end of the third quarter break as instructed by the directors.

### **Instruments & Lockers**

- Every student will be provided with a band locker. All instruments must be properly stored in an instrument case and in the correct locker with a lock.
- Students are responsible for loading and unloading their instruments from the equipment truck/trailer before and after band events. The Service Crew is there to help you, not be your personal assistants.
- Instruments that are left out on the floor or in the hallway will be confiscated by the directors. Students are to store their instruments and cases properly at all times.
- Students should keep items such as books, valuables, and purses locked in their school locker or band locker during rehearsals, football games, and performances.
- The music staff is not responsible for personal items that are lost, stolen or damaged.

### **After School Rehearsals**

- The FCMB rehearses every Tuesday and Thursday throughout the season. Check the schedule for times.
- After School Rehearsals are mandatory for all band members.

### **Band Points**

Band members will earn points throughout the season towards their band letter awards which are presented at the marching band banquet. Points are awarded for attendance at rehearsals and performances. Points are not awarded if students are absent from these events.

Awards are given at the following point totals:

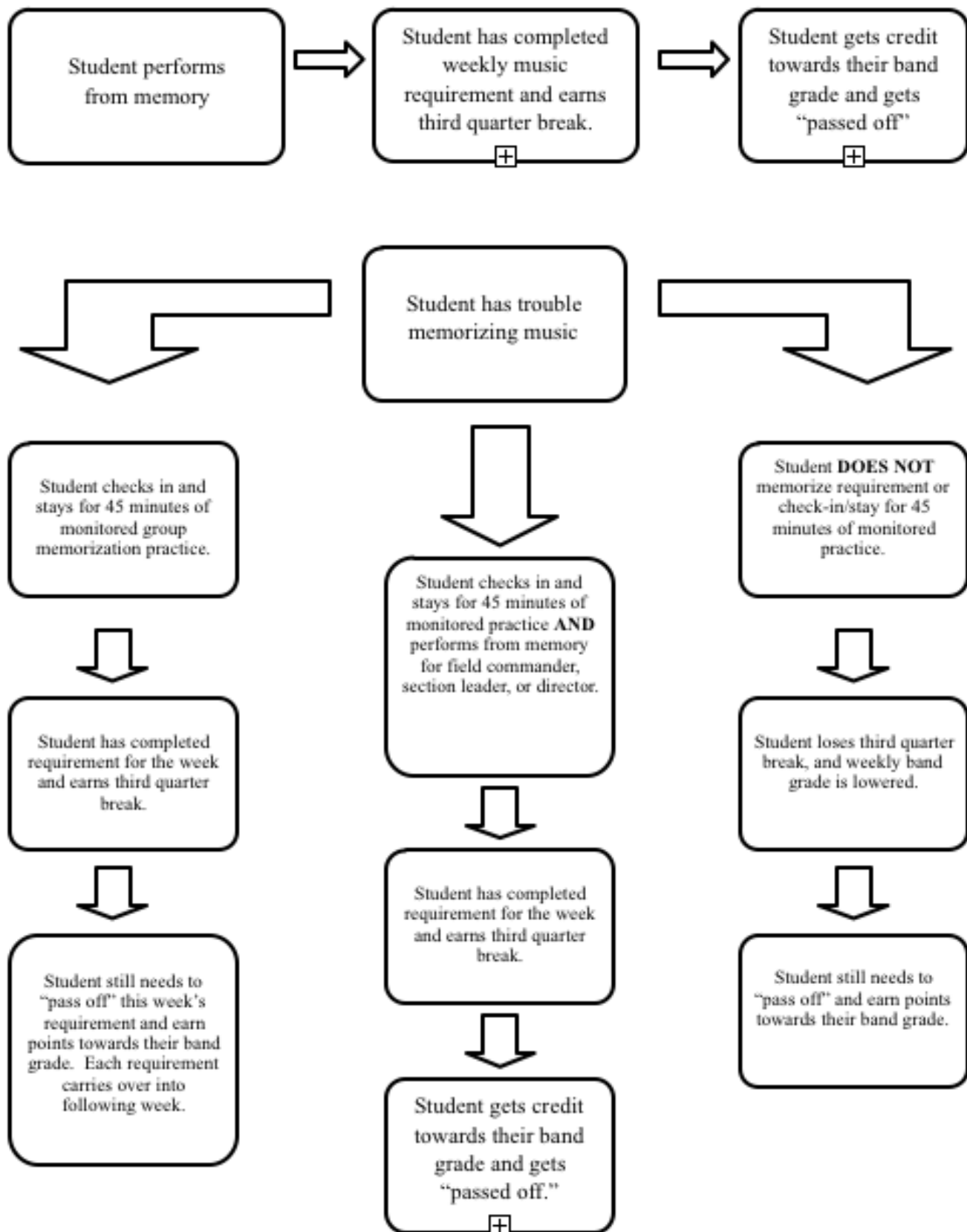
700 points - 1st year band letter award

1400 points - 2nd year band award

2150 points - 3rd year band award

2900 points - 4th year band award

## FCMB PASS-OFF REQUIREMENT AT – A – GLANCE



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Student Name (Print): \_\_\_\_\_

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Student Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

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