

MCKINNEY NORTH BULLDOG BAND

2008-09 STUDENT/PARENT HANDBOOK

FORWARD

Welcome to McKinney North High School and the award-winning “Bulldog Band.” In our short history we have achieved an enviable record of performance and spirit in our school, area and state. The band has traveled to New York, California, Colorado, San Antonio and South Padre Island as well as an amazing performance at the Morton Myerson Symphony Hall in Dallas. The band has also achieved the following awards: UIL Sweepstakes (Division I in Marching, Concert, Sightreading) 5 consecutive years, UIL Area Marching Finalist, TMEA Area Honor Band Finalist, 18 All-State Band students, NTCA State Champion Colorguard, TMEA All-Region Band-Host School and UIL Region 25 Concert and Sightreading-Host School

Each of you are the reason that we maintain a tradition of excellence and fun. This handbook is designed as a policy and procedure guide for both students and parents. For further information, please call or email the MNHS Band Staff at: aharkey@mckinneyisd.net or 469.742.4493 (band office).

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BAND LEADERSHIP TEAM

One of the primary goals of our program is to cultivate leadership skills in each and every member. Each student will be encouraged to develop team and leadership skills that will add to their success in high school and beyond.

We are extremely fortunate at McKinney North High School to have outstanding student leaders. These students are invaluable to the success of the band program. Drum Majors and student officers are selected based on:

- Successful completion of drum major and officer training sessions
- Musicianship and leadership skills as displayed throughout the year in band
- Behavior
- Punctuality
- Band and academic grades
- Recommendations
- Essays
- Participation in band related activities

Officers help with the daily implementation of rules and procedures of the band program. They receive training by attending leadership sessions and are the catalysts for the success of our band program. Officers also provide a leadership role in spirit activities and work to develop friendly relationships between our band and other bands. Any student with a question or in need of help should feel comfortable approaching an officer.

2008-09 Drum Majors, Officers, Section Leaders, & Appointed Positions

Drum Majors

Nikki Cassidy (Flute)
Zach Bitting (Trumpet)

Assistant Drum Majors

Mia Ward (Colorguard/Flute)
Nicole Burgos (Clarinet)

Section Leaders/Officers

Colton Robbins (Clarinet)
Sangmin Lee (Saxophone)
Allahya Yates (Trumpet/Horn)
Josh Rose (Trombone)

Sara O'Brien (Euphonium/Tuba)
Ellyn Lobato (Colorguard/Flute)
Taylor Allen (Colorguard/Clarinet)

Participation Expectations

By accepting membership in the McKinney North High School Band, you agree to perform to the best of your abilities and work together with the band staff in making this year's band the finest musical organization that our combined efforts can produce. We do not expect every person in the band to be a virtuoso musician or performer. We do expect mature, responsible attitudes and actions - and lots of hard work! Report promptly to all rehearsals, classes, and performances. Practice sufficiently to be able to perform your part well, and give it your "best shot" - every time, all the time!

The success of any organization is dependent on the spirit, pride, leadership, teamwork, dedication and cooperation of its members. Certain rules, policies and procedures are necessary so that the overall goals of the group are met and the welfare of each individual member is best served.

The band directors and band members have developed this handbook through the years. Its purpose is to familiarize each band member with: (1) the general operation and procedures of the Bulldog Band, and (2) the standards by which all band members are expected to conduct themselves. The handbook is not intended to be all-inclusive, as every possible situation and question cannot be predicted in advance; however, a thorough knowledge of these materials is essential to the smooth operation and success of the band this year.

The fun, enjoyment and success of the band is dependent on the consistency of each member. A band calendar is enclosed for use in planning your family schedule for the 2008-2009 school year. Each band student is important to the success of our program. Band rehearsals are interactive teamwork. If one person is missing, it impacts the ability of others to learn their parts. We must be able to count on **100%** attendance at all rehearsals and performances. If a parent feels that their child has justifiable cause for missing a rehearsal or performance, he/she must call the band office or provide a written note (preferably via email) in advance. If parental notification is not received, the absence will be considered unexcused. Please be aware that the designation of excused or unexcused is at the director's discretion. Vacation time should be planned around rehearsal time. When summer band camp begins, that is the beginning of school for band students. Doctor and outside appointments should be scheduled around band. Occasionally, there are family commitments (weddings, graduations, etc.), which will be accommodated. Commitments such as these should be discussed well in advance (a month or more) for the student to be excused and so that adjustments can be made that affect the other students.

Part time jobs are not a reason to be absent from a rehearsal or performance. Many band students work at part time jobs and are also successful in band. Students should take a copy of the band calendar to their employer and clear all band rehearsals and performances in advance.

If a band student has an unexcused absence from a performance/required function, he/she is subject to disciplinary action.

- Any student with an excused or unexcused absence from a rehearsal will make up the rehearsal time missed by practicing assigned music or an assigned task.
- Any student with an unexcused absence from a performance will receive three zeroes (Punctuality, Appearance/Dress, Performance) and may be placed in a lower band, or the student may be removed from band.

Tardies

Remember: To be early is to be on time! Being on time consists of being in the designated area with all needed materials (instrument, music, drill book, pencil, sticks, mallets, tuner, reeds, mutes, flags, etc.) and ready to participate at the beginning of each rehearsal. The director(s) will set a time clearly defining expectations when and where the student should be in order to begin rehearsal.

Students not ready to participate or not in the designated area are considered tardy.

- Any student tardy to a rehearsal or sectional will be assigned an extra task. If the extra task is not completed within the time determined by the director, the student's participation average will be lowered for the current grading period.
- Students tardy to marching band rehearsals will stay after rehearsal and will march yards and/or be assigned extra work.
- Tardies of more than 15 minutes are considered an unexcused absence.
- Excessive tardies may result in removal from performance(s) or suspension from band.

Basic Rules & Regulations

1. No food, drinks, or gum are to be consumed in the band hall or facilities including practice rooms, practice room area, orchestra room, the auditorium, or during rehearsals.
2. Students must have all materials (instrument, music, drill book, pencil, tuner, mic, berp, etc.) for each rehearsal.
3. Students are responsible for setting up and putting away chairs, stands, equipment, etc. as assigned.
4. Rehearsals are to be quiet and orderly. Students should always raise their hand to be called upon before speaking.
5. Students are **never** to touch or play another student's instrument (including guard equipment) without director permission, or touch other's belongings without the student's permission.
6. All instruments must be stored and locked properly in assigned lockers at all times. Locks must be kept locked.
7. Instruments, personal belongings and trash must be cleared out of lockers each day.
8. Only percussionists are to be in the percussion room.
9. Students must maintain a passing grade in all classes to participate in extracurricular band activities. *****State mandated law.**
10. Students must pass off music by the assigned date for their officer or director.
11. Orderly behavior is expected on the bus at all times. This includes sitting correctly in the bus seat; keep head, arms and hands inside of the bus at all times. Keep the noise level to nothing above a normal speaking voice. No yelling or loud out of control behavior that is disruptive to the driver or chaperones. Personal electronics are okay with headphones. No speakers of any kind are permitted. NO PDA (public display of affection) is allowed on the bus. Band director and chaperone's word will be final.
12. No eating or drinking in uniform. Students are not allowed to hold food or drinks while in uniform.
13. Students must keep track of their uniform at all times. All of the band uniform must be worn at all times unless specified by a band director.
14. Students must wear appropriate attire to marching rehearsals, including tennis shoes, shorts (in hot weather) and light colored t-shirts. No skater shoes, Converse, sandals, flip-flops, or flats.
15. Students must notify the band directors in advance when requesting to leave an event with a parent. Turn in a note (email) beforehand and do not ask to leave early.
16. Students must maintain continuous enrollment in the band program. Students may not drop band and then re-enter at a later date. Exceptions will be made only at the director's discretion.

Consequences

It is essential that students follow these regulations to insure the success of the band program. If a rule is broken, consequences may be selected from the following:

- Student will hand copy the rules and consequences section of the band handbook and turn it in to the directors by the following rehearsal.
 - Laps, arm circles, squats or push-ups or other consequences.
 - Any student who fails to pass off music by the assigned time will march without his/her instrument during the next performance (as assigned by a director).
 - Students talking or being disruptive in marching rehearsal could be subjected to stand at attention during or after rehearsal. Subsequent offenses could result in more severe consequences.
 - Students talking without permission in marching rehearsal could be subjected to stand at attention during rehearsal, serve detention or march after rehearsal. Subsequent offenses could result in more severe consequences.
 - Any student failing a class must attend tutoring (outside of rehearsal time) until the grade is raised. A student tutoring program has been established for this purpose.
 - Lockers (and all band facilities) will be checked daily: leaving ANYTHING three times overnight during the year will result in the loss of your locker for one day. Each additional offense results in the loss of the locker for another day.
 - Leaving anything in the band hall, not locked in a locker, will result in a \$5 fine or a 30 minute detention. It is the student's responsibility to keep the instrument and their belongings safe throughout the day.
 - Laps, arm circles, push-ups or other consequences may be assigned for rules violations.
- *All students are subject to additional disciplinary action as described in the McKinney ISD student code of conduct.

Behavior

By the time a student reaches high school, he/she should have an understanding of appropriate rehearsal skills and behavior. Efficiency of successful band programs demonstrate appropriate behavior and the utmost respect for the organization. High behavior standards are expected of everyone in our program. Rehearsals are to be quiet and orderly. Students should conduct themselves with dignity and class at all times, whether in rehearsals, performances, outside of the band hall, or on the bus. Remember, you are representing The McKinney North Band at all times.

Inappropriate behavior will be dealt with by:

- Private conference with student
- Loss of privileges
- Parental notification
- Office referral
- Moving student to a lower band

If a student's conduct grade falls below an "S (Satisfactory)" in band, he/she could be suspended or removed from band at the director's discretion. Members who continue to display inappropriate behavior or who violate the policies of the school could be permanently removed from band.

Internet Usage

We trust each member of our program to uphold our beliefs and values. Posting language, images, video, or audio on the internet which could negatively impact the learning environment, threaten the safety of students or employees, is crude or insensitive to students or employees, or negatively portrays a student, employee, or campus in the McKinney ISD will not be tolerated and may result in disciplinary and/or legal action.

Remember that you are part of the band, and everything you do reflects upon this organization, our school and our community.

All-Region Band

Members of Wind Ensemble are required to audition, and all others encouraged, for the UIL All-Region band. Music is selected by the state and given to each student at the beginning of the year; directors make weekly assignments to prepare for this audition. Auditions take place on Tuesday, November 13 for freshman and Saturday, December 8 and 10 for all high school, and consist of etude cuts. Those selected will perform with the All-Region bands on January 31 and February 1.

This music serves two functions: All-Region audition music and McKinney North band auditions for the spring semester.

Section Rehearsals & Extended Rehearsals

With demanding concert literature being performed in Wind Ensemble and Symphonic Band, section rehearsals are vital to the successful performance of such a high level of music. These are scheduled either before or after school with consideration for the majority of students in a given section. Section rehearsals are co-curricular; therefore they will be graded according to participation and assignments. If students are absent from sectional rehearsals, they are subject to disciplinary action, a lower grade, and moved to last chair. Section rehearsal times will be scheduled by each band director for his or her individual bands. Sectionals are not optional. Students who fail to attend may be moved to a lower band or removed from the program.

Extended rehearsal time is often necessary for Wind Ensemble and Symphonic Band. In concert season, Wind Ensemble will add 30 minutes to the class period in order to cover advanced techniques and literature. Wind Ensemble is considered an honors class. Students who are unable to attend fully will be placed in a lower band. Symphonic Band may also call extended rehearsals at the director's discretion contingent on the level of literature selected. It is not unusual for some advanced literature to be lengthy, thus requiring more time to put together.

Solo and Ensemble Participation

Band students are required to participate in MISDSolo and Ensemble Contest. Students benefit both musically and technically from playing in an ensemble and playing a solo. Solo and Ensemble Contest is one of the best methods to improve the musicality of our band. The MISD Contest is February 21 for Ensembles and March 28 for solos

When a student enters solo and ensemble competition, we consider this entry a commitment and expect fulfillment of that commitment. Directors will hire and schedule accompanists. Students will be responsible for paying the accompanist and entry fees. Students may hire their own accompanist with prior communication to the director.

Band Uniforms and Accessories

All band students are required to buy a band shirt at the beginning of each school year. These shirts and a pair of khaki shorts (shorts need to be knee-length, no cargo shorts or extra pockets), white socks and white tennis shoes are worn at pep rallies and at other informal performances.

The McKinney North band uniform and all the major accessories are provided by MISD. A garment bag will be provided to carry the uniform on band trips. Band students will provide: (1) A pair of black marching shoes (exact type specified by the director) (2) A pair of black gloves (3) A pair of black socks (4) An official band shirt for that year. Information concerning cost, etc. will be given to the students at band registration. Students receive their uniform upon payment of band registration fees.

It is a privilege to wear the MNHS Band uniform. Make sure you have all parts of the uniform. If your uniform does not meet the high standard required in the MNHS Band, you are subject to being removed from a performance or will not travel with the band. To help with this, the uniform will be checked in and out of the uniform room immediately before and after each performance. This uniform is a symbol of pride and will be worn accordingly. You must wear all of the uniform (minus the hat & gloves) or none of the uniform! Students must wear athletic shorts and the official band t-shirt under their uniform. This gives the band the opportunity, at the directors' discretion, to remove the jacket in warmer weather. We are often required to change into and out of uniforms without a dressing room; therefore, **it is imperative that you have appropriate attire underneath.** Band uniforms are not to be worn at eating establishments, after games or performances, or to social functions. Eating and drinking should be done before you put on or after you remove your uniform. Violations will be dealt with through the band and school discipline policies.

What if you lose or damage a piece of your uniform? You will be expected to pay replacement costs:

Jacket	\$250
Pants with suspenders	\$150
Hat	\$42
Baldric	\$40
Gauntlets	\$25
Uniform bag	\$20

Pep Rallies

Pep Rallies are a school tradition in which the band plays an important part. Students participating in pep rallies should be respectful of athletes and other programs and be prepared to play at anytime. All band students must participate in pep rally performances. Students wear their band shirt and bring all music to every pep rally.

Band/Football Game/Festival/Concert Policy

McKinney ISD provides transportation to all home and away football games and contest performances. On the day of these events, the band will rehearse at MNHS JV Stadium before departing for the game. While in uniform, students may not have food and drinks other than water. This will help prolong the life of our very expensive uniforms. Students should arrive for each rehearsal and performance with their instrument and flip folder. Failure to participate with the band at a football game will result in removal from the band program. Tardiness to a football game may result in a student not performing at halftime or reassignment to an alternate position. Rehearsals and performances are not optional.

Football games are fun but our first priority is to support the team. We must maintain a class act at all times. Band members may stand and yell in support of the team throughout the game, but may not

move from their assigned seat. It is important to consider all of the expensive equipment around as well as the need to be ready to play at a moment's notice. Only band students are allowed in the band seating section. We will try to have a section for alumni and guests when possible. Students should never handle or play another band member's instrument. Student and parent visitors within the band set are **not** allowed at any time. Please communicate to friends and family that they may not deliver food or drinks to you in the stands. Students may not purchase food at the stadium, even if it is cold. Students wishing to travel with parents after the game must receive prior approval by submitting a parent note and by checking-out with the officer, chaperone and director at the bus after the game or contest. Students will be released only to *their* parents unless approved by an administrator.

Use of Band Hall Facilities

Students are welcome to use the band hall practice rooms for practice either before or after school. Sometimes, however, the number of available places is limited, since both sectionals and private lessons take place before and after school.

Due to the many thousands of dollars-worth of instruments that are in the band hall, only band students are allowed to come into the band hall, practice rooms, orchestra room, etc. Students must ask their friends who are not in the band to wait for them outside the fine arts area of MNHS.

All instruments and personal belongings must go home daily. Students are required to practice a minimum 30 minutes each day at home. The officers will make daily locker checks. Belongings left in lockers will be donated to Goodwill if not claimed by the end of each month.

Please keep food and drinks out of the band room, instrument room, other areas of the fine arts building, or auditorium. This is in compliance with school rules. Many times "clean-up" duty is assigned to those who continually abuse the facilities.

Parking/student drop-off and pick-up is not allowed in the driveway near the loading dock. All violators may be subject to school disciplinary action or possible towing.

School Instruments

McKinney Independent School District provides school instruments that are very costly (piccolo, bass clarinet, tenor and bari sax, F horn, bass trombone, baritone, tuba, percussion and colorguard). A nominal maintenance fee of \$75 (\$100 for two instruments) is required for upkeep of normal wear and tear. Damage caused by neglect or accident must be paid for by the student. Any damage or normal adjustment during the year is the responsibility of the band student who has signed for the instrument. We expect the instrument to be returned in the same condition as when issued. Dings, dents, and other damage will be repaired at the student's expense. MISD carries NO insurance on school instruments. If the instrument is stolen or damaged while checked out to a student, it is the student's responsibility to replace the instrument or have it repaired by an expert instrument repairman approved by the director. Many parents carry an insurance rider on the homeowner's policy to cover a checked-out school instrument.

Rehearsal Expectations

In band rehearsals we not only deal with a creative process, but also with a great deal more students at one time than do other classroom teachers. Because of this, it is imperative that band students be organized and prepared for every rehearsal. When an individual is not able to play his or her instrument during a rehearsal, it hurts the GROUP, as well as the individual. It is important that students' instruments are in good working condition; that they have a pencil on their stand to mark their music; and that they have important accessories such as *mutes, reeds, tuners/mics, berps and valve oil, etc.* for every rehearsal. It is also obvious that the creative process that we are involved in cannot take place unless there is a quiet, attentive atmosphere in the classroom. Students who do not live up to the high rehearsal

expectations of the MNHS Band will be counseled, and, if necessary, moved to a lower band or removed from the band program. Students who participate in drumline and colorguard must attend additional rehearsals or camps as assigned by their director.

Practice & Private Lessons

Everyone is expected to take his or her horn home every night and practice. If you have two horns at school, take them both home. We cannot guarantee your instrument's safety if you leave it overnight. You cannot hope to improve on your instrument if you don't practice, so practice! This is not middle school; there will be no "practice cards", or anything of the sort. Be mature and practice on your own. We expect a commitment of 30 minutes per day minimum.

Private lessons are expected for Wind Ensemble and Symphonic Band students and recommended for all others. Lessons are available for every instrument and are strongly recommended. The school district chooses teachers for every instrument who are highly qualified to teach you. Lessons cost \$16 for thirty minutes and can be taken during band class or after school, depending on scheduling. You can sign up for lessons at the beginning of the school year. Financial aid is available for those that apply and meet the criteria.

Fund Raising & Individual Student Accounts

All out-of-town band festival trips (not football trips) are to be funded completely by band members, either through private sources (student jobs, parents, etc.) or through student fund-raising. All band students are expected to attend the band festival. Individual student accounts for festival trips are set up and administered through the Band Booster account. The Booster Treasurer supervises profits from fund-raising activities and other deposits to trip funds. Specific payment schedules are set up for the spring trip. Students are subject to being dropped from the spring festival trip if published payment schedules are not adhered to. Money earned or deposited over-and-above the cost of the spring trip, up to \$100.00, may be requested for meals and spending on the trip.

Individual Account Guidelines

1. Profits gained from individual fund-raising projects are placed in individual booster accounts in the student's name.
2. A student's individual account is non-transferable to another student.
3. Individual accounts do not carry over from one school year to the next.
4. If a band student drops from the band program, moves, or is removed from the band program, all money in his /her individual account revert to the boosters, since the money was earned in the name of the band.
5. Money earned over-and-above basic trip cost (up to \$100.00) may be refunded to the individual student for additional trip expenses.
6. Cash deposits (not from fund-raising profits) are refundable, provided they are requested in writing before published trip refund deadlines.
7. Money in each student's account may be used for private lessons, registration fees and summer band camps approved by the directors.
8. Students who lose eligibility due to the TEA No Pass/No Play rule will not be refunded money.

McKinney North Band Parents Organization

The Band Parents organization is a very active group of parents who support the band in countless ways. They raise funds for trips and parties, help with uniforms, organize the Pizza Hut Park Concessions, chaperone band trips, and on and on. We hope that all band parents will become active members of this supportive organization. Encourage your parents to become involved.

PARENT AUTHORIZATION FOR STUDENT PARTICIPATION IN THE MCKINNEY NORTH HIGH SCHOOL BAND and on SCHOOL TRIPS

Students who represent the McKinney Independent School District in school groups and especially on out-of-town trips are expected to maintain very high standards in every respect at all times. They are expected to attend and be on time for all sessions and activities scheduled for them. In the event of overnight trips, they are expected to be in their rooms at the times designated by their sponsors.

Each student will be responsible to one of more faculty sponsors who will supervise the activities of the student for the trip. Negligence in attending sessions, in meeting curfew requirements, or in failing to maintain our standards of conduct may make it necessary for the sponsor to send the student home at his/her own expense.

Student conduct on school-related trips: Self-discipline is the key element for a pleasant experience for both the sponsor and the student when the student is on a school-related trip. Students who are involved in a serious disciplinary offense on a school-related trip, such as the use, possession of, or being under the influence of illegal drugs or alcohol; stealing; fighting; going in the room of a member of the opposite sex; or some other serious offense will face disciplinary action which may include one or more of the following:

1. The student will be sent home from the trip at the parents' expense.
2. The student will be held liable for damages to property.
3. The student may be removed from this school activity as well as other school co-curricular activities.
4. The student may be placed in On Campus Suspension (OCS), or Reassignment Center.

All clothes worn during activities outside the school day should be in good taste. If there is any question of taste, the director's decision is final. All adults on trips serve as sponsors. Students will be expected to treat them with respect at all times. In the event needed supervision is given by a parent sponsor, band students must honor that with utmost respect.

General – Even though you will not always have a band shirt on, people will find out where you are from. You have the opportunity to make a tremendous name for McKinney, MNHS and yourself. Be courteous and polite at all times. There is no way we can anticipate every possible scenario, so we ask for good judgment. Please use common sense. **RULE OF THUMB:** If there is any question in your mind as to whether you should do something or not...DON'T DO IT!!!! It is better to be safe than sorry. **WE ARE CONFIDENT THAT THERE WILL BE NO PROBLEMS. IF WE ANTICIPATED A PROBLEM, WE WOULD NOT TRAVEL.**

PARENT/GUARDIAN – STUDENT RELEASE & AGREEMENT

I HAVE DISCUSSED AND REVIEWED ALL THE INFORMATION IN THE MNHS BAND HANDBOOK WITH MY SON/DAUGHTER, AND I UNDERSTAND ITS CONTENTS AND MY RESPONSIBILITY AS TO THESE POLICIES AND CONDITIONS. MY SON/DAUGHTER HAS MY PERMISSION TO ATTEND DISTRICT AND OUT-OF-DISTRICT AND SCHOOL-SPONSORED EXTRA-CURRICULAR AND CO-CURRICULAR ACTIVITIES. I UNDERSTAND THAT M.I.S.D. AND MCKINNEY NORTH HIGH SCHOOL WILL NOT BE LIABLE FOR INJURIES AND MEDICAL COST FOR STUDENTS. MY SIGNATURE ALSO SERVES AS PERMISSION FOR MY SON/DAUGHTER TO OBTAIN MEDICAL TREATMENT ON A SCHOOL SPONSORED TRIP.

PRINT Student Name

PRINT Parent/Guardian Name

Student SIGNATURE

Parent/Guardian SIGNATURE

Date _____

Date _____

**PARENT/STUDENT UIL MARCHING BAND
ACKNOWLEDGEMENT FORM**

No student may be required to attend practice for marching band for more than eight hours of rehearsal outside the academic school day per calendar week (Sunday through Saturday). This provision applies to students in all components of the marching band. On performance days (football games, competitions and other public performances) bands may hold up to one additional hour of warm-up and practice beyond the scheduled warm-up time at the performance site. Multiple performances on the same day do not allow for additional practice and/or warm-up time.

Examples Of Activities Subject To The UIL Marching Band Eight Hour Rule.

- Marching Band Rehearsal (Both Full Band And Components)
- Any Marching Band Group Instructional Activity
- Breaks
- Announcements
- Debriefing And Viewing Marching Band Videos
- Playing Off Marching Band Music
- Marching Band Sectionals (Both Director And Student Led)
- Clinics For The Marching Band Or Any Of Its Components

The Following Activities Are Not Included In The Eight Hour Time Allotment:

- Travel Time To And From Rehearsals And/Or Performances
- Rehearsal Set-Up Time
- Pep Rallies, Parades And Other Public Performances
- Instruction And Practice For Music Activities Other Than Marching Band And Its Components

NOTE: An extensive Q&A for the Eight Hour Rule for Marching Band can be found on the Music Page of the UIL Web Site at: www.uil.utexas.edu

“We have read and understand the Eight-Hour Rule for Marching Band as stated above and agree to abide by these regulations.”

Parent Signature _____ Date _____

Student Signature _____ Date _____

This form is to be kept on file by the local school district.

MISD STUDENT CO-CURRICULAR/EXTRACURRICULAR CONTRACT

I, _____, understand that it is a privilege and honor, not a right, to be a member of a McKinney ISD co-curricular/extracurricular activity.

I understand I must conduct myself with the utmost integrity and honesty as a student involved in cocurricular/extracurricular activities in McKinney ISD. I understand that my position as a student involved in cocurricular/extracurricular activities means that I am held to a higher standard of behavior, and therefore, may receive greater consequences than those outlined in the *MISD Student Code of Conduct* for conduct regardless of whether such conduct occurs on or off school property and/or at a school sponsored or school related event.

I understand that if I violate the *MISD Student Code of Conduct*, I may receive consequences in accordance with those outlined in the *MISD Student Code of Conduct*, as well as additional consequences as a result of my participation in co-curricular/extracurricular activities. I understand and agree that consequences assigned under this Contract will be assigned at the discretion and determination of the campus administrator and sponsor/coach of the activity and may include, but are not limited to, disciplinary consequences in, suspension from, removal from and/or prohibition from future participation in one or all co-curricular/extracurricular activities.

I understand that as a participant in a co-curricular/extracurricular activity, I must follow the *MISD Student Code of Conduct* in addition to all rules, regulations, and schedule commitments, as required by the sponsor/coach of the activity.

I understand that if I should find myself in a situation where alcohol, tobacco, or any one of the prohibited substances under the *MISD Student Code of Conduct* are being consumed by minors, I have an affirmative duty to remove myself from the situation immediately. In this regard, I am not permitted to attend a private or public, parental or guardian supervised or non-supervised, school or non-school function where prohibited substances are in use including, but not limited to field parties, keg parties and raves. It is an affirmative defense to a violation if I am in the presence of my own parent/guardian.

I have read this MISD CO-CURRICULAR /EXTRACURRICULAR contract and I agree to all of the terms and consequences stated herein.

Student Signature Date

Parent Signature Date

Parent Signature Date