

# CARTER HIGH SCHOOL BAND

Fall 2008 Responsibilities / Performance Contract

## Rehearsals

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- A. Band Camp - July 21-23 (Freshman), July 24 - August 1 (Full Band)  
Required of all students wishing to be in marching band. The year's show is learned at band camp as well as marching fundamentals and concepts. MANDATORY ATTENDANCE
- B. After School Rehearsals – **MONDAY** Afternoons (3:45–6:00 PM)  
These weekly rehearsals are essential in learning the marching show and putting all pieces of the band together for a performance rehearsal. The Band, Front Ensemble, Colorguard, and Majorettes are pulled together to rehearse the show at these rehearsals. Unexcused missed rehearsals will result in a 0 participation grade for the rehearsal and possible suspension from the upcoming performance.
- C. Non-Scheduled Rehearsals - As required by the directors  
Occasionally an extra rehearsal before a competition or another performance becomes necessary. Students are required to attend any non-scheduled rehearsals as deemed necessary by the directors. The directors will give at least one week's notice of a non-scheduled rehearsal to facilitate students scheduling. We will try and keep this to a bare minimum if at all possible. Unexcused absence from a non-scheduled rehearsal will necessitate a conference with the director, whereas, the students participation grade may be altered.

## Performances

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- A. Football Games  
All band students are required to attend all football games. Students will perform in the stands with the pep band and on the field at half time. Students are not to leave the stadium for any reason while at a ballgame. Students with conflicts should see a director at least one week prior to the performance. Any unexcused absence will lower a student's grade by two letter grades. Any absence the directors do not know about at least one week prior is considered unexcused. Any student that misses more than one performance will be removed from the show. Any emergency situations will be dealt with as they arise. (SEE FOOTBALL SCHEDULE ON REVERSE)
- B. Competitions  
The Carter High School Band performs no less than two and no more than 4 competitions each year. Attendance at ALL competitions is absolutely necessary and mandatory. We cannot perform to our best ability without every spot filled. Any student that has a conflict with ANY of the competition dates should NOT sign up for marching band. Any absence from a competition will result in failure for the semester and the student will be removed from the marching show. Any emergency situations will be dealt with as they arise. (SEE COMPETITION SCHEDULE ON REVERSE)
- C. Parades  
The Carter High School Band performs in no less that one and no more than 3 parades each school year. Attendance at parades is mandatory. Students with conflicts should see a director at least one week prior to the performance. Any unexcused absence will lower a student's grade by two letter grades. Any absence the directors do not know about at least one week prior is considered unexcused. Any emergency situations will be dealt with as they arise. (SEE PARADE SCHEDULE ON REVERSE)
- D. Other Performances (including Holiday Concert)  
Occasionally, other necessary performances arise or are scheduled. These performances are mandatory. The directors will give at least two weeks notice of a non-scheduled performance to give students ample time to arrange their schedules. Other scheduled performances are mandatory. Students with conflicts should see a director at least one week prior to the performance. Any unexcused absence will lower a student's grade by two letter grades. Any absence the directors do not know about at least one week prior is considered unexcused. Any emergency situations will be dealt with as they arise. (SEE OTHER PERFORMANCES SCHEDULE ON REVERSE)

**\*\*\*ALL PERFORMANCES ARE MANDATORY. ANY CONFLICTS SHOULD BE DISCUSSED WITH A DIRECTOR AS DESCRIBED ABOVE PRIOR TO THE PERFORMANCE. ANY MISSED PERFORMANCE WILL LOWER A STUDENTS GRADE BY TWO LETTERS. WE CANNOT PERFORM AS WE REHEARSED WITH HOLES IN THE SHOW. IT IS THE STUDENT'S RESPONSIBILITY AS A BAND MEMBER TO BE AT ALL PERFORMANCES.**

## **KNOX COUNTY POLICY DEFINES AN EXCUSED ABSENCE AS**

- A) DEATH IN THE IMMEDIATE FAMILY  
B) ILLNESS REQUIRING PROFESSIONAL CARE (DOCTOR NOTE REQUIRED)

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## Financial Responsibilities

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### A. Marching Band School Fee—\$100.00

This fee in addition to the drill deposit pays for band camp, camp staff, music, drill, and transportation for the season. This fee is due during your child’s check-in day. Any student wishing to apply for fee waiver for this school year should indicate that intent in writing to the band office. *Checks should be made out to Carter High School.*

### B. Marching Band Boosters Fair Share—\$175.00

Fair Share is each student’s financial responsibility to the band program. This can be done with little to no out-of-pocket expense to parents or students. Each student has a personal booster account in which all qualifying fund-raiser profits are deposited. It is possible for students to raise their entire fair share through periodic fund-raisers. Fair Share pays for uniform maintenance & repair, competition transportation, equipment vehicles, competition entry fees, and many, many other items that are necessary to keep a band program running smoothly. If you so choose, you may opt to pay your fair share. If you do so before September 1, you will receive a \$25.00 discount and should only pay \$150.00. *Checks should be made to Carter High School Band Boosters.*

### C. Trips and/or special activities – as determined per activity

Trips and special activity costs are the responsibility of the students and their families. Fund-raising activities are normally scheduled to help defer trip and special activity costs through the band boosters student accounts. ALL FEES AND FAIR SHARE MUST BE PAID IN FULL BEFORE A STUDENT IS ELIGIBLE FOR ANY SPECIAL ACTIVITIES OR TRIPS. Information about trips and special events will be given well in advance so students and families can plan accordingly.

### D. Uniform Cleaning - DRY CLEAN ONLY!

Uniforms need to be DRY cleaned at least TWO (2) times during the season. Uniforms should be kept clean and on a hanger at all times. If your uniform needs additional cleaning, please schedule time to do so. These receipts should be turned into the band office.



### 2008 CARTER FOOTBALL SCHEDULE

8/22	at Bearden High School
8/29	at South-Doyle High School
9/5	at Claiborne County
9/12	Austin East
9/19	at Pigeon Forge
9/26	Karns
10/3	Seymour
10/10	at Union County
10/17	Gibbs
10/31	Grainger County

### COMPETITION SCHEDULE

9/27	COMPETITION 1
10/4	COMPETITION 2
10/11	COMPETITION 3

\*Mark these dates, there can be NO absences!!!

### OTHER PERFORMANCES

10/16	Knox County Exhibition
12/11	HOLIDAY CONCERT

### PARADE PERFORMANCES

11/11	Veterans Day Parade
12/5	Knoxville Christmas Parade



Please initial in the appropriate blanks in the above contract and sign below. You might want to photo copy this page for your records. Return this entire contract and your \$100.00 band fee to the Band Room during one of the Summer Check-In Days.

I \_\_\_\_\_ parent / guardian of \_\_\_\_\_ have read and agree to abide by the 2008 Fall Performance Contract. I have read and understand my (my student’s) responsibility to the band program and understand how absences affect not only my (my child’s) band grade, but the other students ability to perform efficiently. As a member of the Carter High School Marching Band I agree to be at all rehearsals and performances barring any emergency and that any conflicts will be discussed with a band director in a timely manner as outline by this performance contract.

Parent Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

Student Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_