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WATERTOWN HIGH SCHOOL BAND CONTRACT

The purpose of this contract is to insure that every student and parent is aware of the rules and expectations of the Watertown High School band program.

General Expectations

-Students are expected to be courteous and respectful of directors, officers, teachers, administrators, parents and each other at all times.

-Students will take pride in the band uniform, facilities and equipment by keeping them clean, neat and in good condition.

-Students will be present and on time to all rehearsals, concerts, and other performances.

-Students are expected to attend classes regularly and do their best to maintain a passing grade in all classes.

-A job will NOT interfere with a rehearsal or performance.

-Any **UNEXCUSED ABSENCE** from a rehearsal or performance will result in a lowered grade.

This is to certify that I have received and read a copy of the Watertown High School Band Handbook and do hereby acknowledge that I understand and agree to abide by all the expectations and policies covered herein. We also understand that failure to comply could result in a failing grade and/or result in removal from a performing ensemble or potentially removal from the program.

Print Student name _____

Student signature _____ date _____

Print Parent name _____

Parent signature _____ date _____

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Watertown High School Bands Fees Approval Form

As of the Spring semester of 2009, Watertown High School policy now requires teachers to have parent signature approval before any fine or fee is placed on a student's high school fees account. In the high school band program, students sometimes need to purchase reeds, valve oil, or other such necessary items in order to perform on their instrument. The purchases are written down on a form and turned in to the Bookkeeper's office prior to the next distribution of student fees statements. The purchases are frequently made prior to the start of a rehearsal and it would be impossible to receive written parent permission prior to making the purchase. Therefore, we are requesting a parent or guardian signature to pre-approve Band Department purchases for items required for proper performance on instruments. The pre-approved amount will not exceed \$10.00 per purchase. Any items exceeding the \$10.00 limit would not likely be needed immediately and, therefore, will require a separate parent signature.

A list of approved students will be posted in the instrument repair room. Students not listed will not be able to make purchases.

It is important for students and parents to understand that failure to have the necessary items for performance on instruments is not acceptable and failure to have this parent signature form on file with the band directors is not an excuse for non-participation in a rehearsal or performance. If parents or guardians do not want to allow students to have approval for the immediate Band Department purchases, it is the student or parent's responsibility to purchase extra items from a reputable music store and ensure that the student has the necessary supplies in order to perform in band on a daily basis.

It is also important for parents and students to know that the most cost efficient means for purchasing many of the needed band supplies is to buy the items in multiples (by the box) from a music store. The prices of items purchased at Watertown High School reflect no profit for the school or band program. However, amounts of supplies in the Band Department are limited and are intended for emergency purchases only.

I give approval for (student name - please print) _____ to purchase the necessary supplies for proper performance on his/her instrument not to exceed \$10.00 per purchase and that these fees may be added to the student fees account. This approval is for the 2013/2014 school year only.

Parent Signature _____ *Date* _____

Watertown High School Bands School-Owned Instrument Rental Approval Form

(Parent/guardian signature on this form is only required for students who are renting a school-owned instrument or are percussionists in the band for the 2013/2014 school year. Please refer to the band handbook for specific information concerning rental of these instruments.)

Wind instrument rentals only: *I request that (student name - please print) _____ be allowed to rent a school-owned band instrument and I give approval for the annual \$50 rental fee to be added to the student fees account.*

Percussion students only: *My son/daughter (student name - please print) _____ is a percussionist in the high school band program and I give approval for the annual \$25 percussion fee to be added to the student fees account.*

Parent Signature _____ *Date* _____

WATERTOWN HIGH SCHOOL – GOSLING MARCHING BAND *UNIFORM RULES & CONTRACT*

Uniform sizing and check-out:

- ◆ Each student will be sized during the summer marching session within the month of June
- ◆ The uniform consists of a band jacket, pants, shako (hat), shako box and garment bag
- ◆ In addition, students will receive 1 band t-shirt and 1 pair of band shorts upon entering the program as a freshman; these items must be worn under the uniform at all times; replacements are available for purchase at a cost of \$10 per item
- ◆ All pants will be “snap-hemmed” and lightly ironed **by a trained volunteer** after sizing day

Issuing uniforms for performance:

- ◆ Band uniforms will be available at least 30 minutes prior to any scheduled report time
- ◆ Students **MUST** be dressed in the official band t-shirt, shorts, black socks and marching shoes to request a uniform
- ◆ Students are to request their uniform from a volunteer by name *and* jacket number
- ◆ *At no time* are students given direct access to the uniform closets

Returning uniforms after a performance:

- ◆ Uniforms are to be returned immediately following a performance
 - Uniforms **DO NOT** go home
- ◆ Before a uniform is accepted back by a volunteer, it must be hung correctly
 - Hang pants with the *seams folded together* and *creases flat* on the hanger
 - Hang jacket over the pants and *zip the jacket*
 - Place the hanger in *your* garment bag
 - Wipe out your shako with an anti-bacterial wipe and close the shako box completely
- ◆ **Report any stains, missing buttons, or other problems to the volunteers**
- ◆ Gloves and shoes should be stored in your cubby or locker
- ◆ *A \$5.00 fee will be assessed for uniforms not returned immediately after a performance.*

WARNING:

Band uniforms are to be **professionally dry cleaned only.**

If at any point your uniform should need cleaning, please inform a director immediately.

***DO NOT under any circumstances attempt
to clean your uniform in any way.***

Uniform fee policy:

- ◆ Our band uniforms provide us with the opportunity to perform at a professional level; in order to retain the professional appearance and quality of our uniforms for the estimated lifespan of 20 years, we must maintain a *strict* maintenance schedule of dry cleaning
- ◆ To help *offset* the cost of cleaning, band students are required to pay a \$10.00 fee each year; this fee may be paid directly to the bookkeeper during registration
- ◆ In return for their fees, students will have the opportunity to perform in a freshly-cleaned uniform each year and will also receive one set of official band t-shirt and shorts for free

Rules for usage:

- ◆ Uniforms are to be worn for performances only
- ◆ The band will always remain in full uniform unless directed to remove a specific article as a group; this includes riding on the bus
 - Ex. “Shakos off,” “Jackets off.”
 - All band members will follow directions regardless of individual preference; if instructed to take “jackets off,” *all members* will comply with the command
- ◆ Uniforms are to be stored at school only
 - Under no circumstances should your uniform ever go home with you
- ◆ Uniforms must be worn in the proper manner at all times; you must remain in full uniform when in public (this includes shako and gloves)
- ◆ Official band t-shirt and shorts must be worn as the *top layer* of clothing under the uniform at all times
- ◆ Black socks are to be worn while in uniform (Short ankle socks are not allowed)
- ◆ Shoes should be cleaned prior to each event (Wipe with wet paper towel and dry)
- ◆ Hair **MUST** be tucked securely to fit under the shako at all times (front and back); this is the individual’s responsibility and should be completed **BEFORE** reporting to check out a uniform; this applies to both males and females; all hair accessories must be black
- ◆ Sharing or loaning of any part of the uniform is *strictly* forbidden
- ◆ In addition, students must follow these guidelines:
 - No makeup
 - No earrings (piercings that cannot be removed must be covered by skin-tone bandage)
 - No jewelry of any kind (religious jewelry is the only exception, but must remain covered)
 - Avoid painting your fingernails on the day of a performance
 - Avoid eating anything in uniform
 - If you must eat:
 - Clear liquids only (water)
 - No condiments on anything (no ketchup, mustard, etc.)
 - No food (especially candy) in your pockets

Replacement costs and fees:

**Cost (per item) based on individual orders, plus shipping and handling; prices provided by uniform manufacturer, DeMoulin*

Custom Fitted Jacket	\$415.00	Silver Uniform Button (each)	\$ 1.00
Bibber Style Pants with Snap Hem	\$152.00	Uniform Dry Cleaning (Emergency)	\$15.00
Custom Embroidered Shako	\$ 70.00	Official Band T-shirt	\$10.00
Plume	\$ 20.00	Official Band Shorts	\$10.00
Shako Box	\$ 15.00	Missed Check-in Fee	\$ 5.00
Printed Garment Bag	\$ 20.00	Printed Raincoat	\$65.00
<i>Total Replacement Cost of Uniform</i>	<i>\$692.00</i>		

**WATERTOWN HIGH SCHOOL – 1⁰ GOSLING MARCHING BAND
UNIFORM CONTRACT**

Student Name (print): _____

Grade: _____ Instrument: _____

Parent/Guardian Name(s): _____

Preferred Phone: _____ Circle: Work Cell Home

Email: _____

*Students are required to bring their student IDs to uniform sizing.
All uniforms are checked out electronically using Watertown High School's
web-based Library Media Center program, Destiny.*

I have read the Watertown High School marching band uniform rules and agree to abide by them at all times.

I understand:

I am financially responsible for the replacement cost of lost, damaged or unreturned uniform pieces checked out to my name.

I am responsible for any fees applied to my student account resulting from, but not limited to: late check-in or mid-season emergency cleaning/repair.

I forfeit my opportunity to participate in a given event if my uniform is not being worn correctly. This includes: band t-shirt, band shorts, black socks, black *marching* shoes, band pants, band jacket, white *marching* gloves, shako, and plume (weather permitting). This will affect my grade for an individual event.

Failure to treat the uniform with respect may result in my loss of all uniform privileges which will severely affect my 1st quarter band grade.

Blatant and/or intentional disrespect for the uniform may result in my expulsion from the band program.

Student Signature

Date

Parent/Guardian Signature

Date



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