

Music Performance Excused Absence Notification Form

Portsmouth High School Music Department

Band is a performing art. Each performing group spends many hours of group rehearsal and each student practices on their own. The performance not only acts as the summative assessment of all of that work and learning, the act of performing is itself an integral part of the learning process in a performing arts class. The unique circumstance of performing in a **concert, parade, or field show** is an activity that is impossible to recreate. Because successful band performances take many weeks to prepare and each member of the ensemble is so very reliant on those around them, performance at concerts is not simply a matter of an individual student's grade, it is a matter of respect to those around you and to the ensemble as a whole. It is upon these principles that our performance policy is based.

Students must submit this missed performance form to me, no later than TWO WEEKS prior to the performance. A student who submits a Missed Performance form on time will be required to submit a written make-up that will be due within one week of the missed performance. If a student misses more than one performance, but still hands in an Excused Absence Form on time, the make-up assignments will be performance based.

An **UNEXCUSED ABSENCE** occurs when a student does not submit a form within two weeks of a performance. Students will be required to do a performance make-up at an assigned time. The student's performance grade will also be lowered ½ grade (A becomes A- A- becomes B+)

Students who do not make up an Excused OR Unexcused absence will receive a zero for that performance, which will lower that students' grade substantially.

WRITTEN MAKE-UP ASSIGNMENT:

1. Please go to our website: www.portsmouthmusic.org. Click on "Missed Performance Page" under the Marching Band heading. You may choose from 3 different writing assignments to submit. Written assignments are due within 1 week of missed performance.

PERFORMANCE MAKE-UP ASSIGNMENT:

1. Student will choose a section of one of their band pieces to play. Students will be graded using a performance rubric scale. STUDENTS MUST CHECK WITH TEACHER TO DESIGNATE A PERFORMANCE TIME.

Student Name: _____ Date Submitted: _____

Performance & Date you will be missing:

_____ Performance Date: _____

Parent Name: _____ Parent Signature: _____

Reason for missing: _____
