



# 2022-2023 Student Commitment Letter

FUN THROUGH ACHIEVEMENT, PRIDE THROUGH EXCELLENCE

As a member of the band, chorus, color guard, or dance team, you are expected to live up to a code of conduct both in and out of school, on the field, on the parade route, and anywhere you are recognized as part of our organization. With that in mind, **Student Musician's Must:**

1. Appreciate and understand that their behavior is observed and emulated by many who are younger.
2. Accept and understand the seriousness of their responsibility and the privilege of representing their school community.
3. Respect their fellow music peers. Help each other out. Do not trash talk or goof off. Treat others as you would want to be treated.
4. Respect the student leaders. All student leader positions have been identified to help all of the staff members. Student leaders are the first in the chain of command.
5. Keep their uniforms in pristine condition. If any issue occurs with a uniform, inform the parent Uniform Coordinator as soon as you notice it. This applies to concert dress for band and chorus, as well as marching band, dance team, and color guard.
6. Keep ALL school issued instruments in playing condition. Misuse or abuse use of school owned instruments will result in the STUDENT PAYING FOR ALL REPAIRS OF THAT INSTRUMENT.
7. Arrive on time and be ready with all parts of uniform and instrument. If you will be absent for a performance YOU MUST NOTIFY THE DIRECTOR ACCORDING TO THE PERFORMANCE GROUP'S ATTENDANCE POLICY.
8. Attend all after school practices, rehearsals, pull-together rehearsals, concerts, and performances.
9. Adhere to the PHS Mission and Code of Student Conduct set forth in the Portsmouth High School Student Handbook. Any violation will not be tolerated and will be reported to the director and the appropriate Assistant Principal.

*\*\*Students must make the commitment to refrain from the use of alcohol, drugs, steroids, and illicit substances as mandated by state law and/or Portsmouth School Committee. Students are considered in violation of this policy if they use or are in the presence of, possess, consume (including being under the influence of and/or distribute). No student will consume any illicit substance or any prescription medication not prescribed to them by medical personnel.*

*Students have the right to attend school in an environment free of alcohol, tobacco, vaping devices, and drugs. The consequences for violation of the School's Drug and Alcohol policy will result in disciplinary action. Where violations of the law are involved, law enforcement agencies will be notified. This pertains to any event held on school grounds as well as any trip/performance held outside of school property. The same rules apply to any day/overnight trips that the music department may take.*

**If a student is in violation of the Drug & Alcohol code of conduct, including usage of/or possession of vaping devices, while participating in a music event/performance/trip. The student will be removed from the performing group for the rest of the year.**

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**Band Member – Signature**

*\*By signing this letter, the student and parent acknowledges ALL of the understanding as noted above as well as the contents of this handbook\**

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**Date**

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**Band Member – Printed Name**

**Due to Mr. Rausch by**  
**WEDNESDAY, August 24, 2022**

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**Parent Signature**