



OLA HIGH SCHOOL MARCHING MUSTANGS

2023 MEMBER-PARENT CONTRACT

MEMBER AND PARENT CONTRACT

1. Participation is a privilege, not a right. Members must earn this privilege through dedication, desire, and discipline. Without the pursuit of those, members can in no way do justice to themselves or the Ola High School Marching Mustangs.
2. I understand that conduct must be of the highest quality. Members will conduct themselves in a proper and well-behaved manner while in uniform, during all band functions, at school, as well as when out in the community including social media. This also includes the band room.
3. I understand that if I am late to practice, there will be disciplinary action given by the Director of Bands. Habitual tardiness to rehearsal may result in removal from the program. *“EARLY IS ON TIME, ON TIME IS LATE, AND LATE IS UNACCEPTABLE”*
4. I understand that I am not allowed to leave the group without permission at all rehearsals and performances whether on or off campus.
5. Band members and parents have the right to disagree with a director, but I also understand that the Director of Bands makes the final decision.
6. Band members and parents will show respect for, be considerate of, and display a positive attitude toward other members, instructors, and directors always.
7. Each band member and parent/guardian has been provided fee information including the total amount and payment dates. All payments are non-refundable. Band members must adhere to the payment schedule.
8. Band members and parents will in no way exhibit behavior that is detrimental to the program. Examples include, but not limited to discussing displeasure with decisions made by a director, show design, or band member responsibilities, placements, solos, etc. with others; negative comments, or obscene hand gestures on social media, the Band App, or in group chats; approaching an instructor or director in an aggressive manner in the presence of students.

Examples of inappropriate and offensive behaviors concerning participation in online communities and group chats may include depictions or presentations of the following:

Photos, videos, comments, or postings showing the personal use of alcohol, drugs, and tobacco e.g., no holding cups, cans, shot glasses etc. Photos, videos, and comments that are of a sexual nature. This includes links to websites of a pornographic nature and other inappropriate material. Pictures, videos, comments, or postings that condone drug-related activity. This includes but is not limited to images that portray the personal use of marijuana and drug paraphernalia. (This includes pictures that have questionable items/content that are “colored-out”). No post should depict or encourage unacceptable, violent, or illegal activities (examples: hazing, sexual harassment/assault, gambling, discrimination, fighting, vandalism, academic dishonesty, underage drinking, illegal drug use).

9. I understand that if I am not pleased with anything related to the band program, that I may request via email a meeting to discuss it with Mike Bearden, Director of Bands for Ola High School. I also understand that both member and parent will be required to attend this meeting. Band Booster meetings will not operate like town hall meetings where parents and students are open to voice their displeasure.

10. I understand that performer responsibilities/placements will not be discussed with parents. Communication with instructor/director is to occur first, directly from member to the Director of Bands and that person. The process of learning to be a young adult includes learning how to advocate for yourself and being comfortable speaking to authority figures.
11. Band members must attend all rehearsals, competitions, and other assigned functions unless there is a medical emergency, death in the family, or prior approval from the Director of Bands to be absent. Please reference the official attendance policy.
12. Band members and parent/guardians have been provided the Ola Marching Mustangs Attendance Policy and a list of all required dates.
13. Band members and parent/guardians have been provided the Ola Marching Band Program Lettering Process.
14. School Attendance Expectations - Students must make every effort to be in attendance the full day of, or day before, any ensemble performance. Attendance at school means a full day. Arriving at school late is not acceptable. Leaving school early to rest is not acceptable. All students are expected to attend school the following Monday after a performance weekend.
15. Band members and parent/guardians have been given access to the band calendar, the "Band App" (messaging app used to send reminders), the band website, and the program's social media.
16. I understand that I am responsible for completing all registration documents as determined by the Director of Bands. (Registration form, medical form, contract, and parent survey)
17. I understand that the Director of Bands for Ola High School reserves the right to suspend my membership if I fail to comply with the policies and procedures of the program, or in any way disrupt the learning environment of rehearsals without a refund of membership dues.

PERMISSION AND CONSENT

STUDENT NAME _____ GRADE _____

STUDENT SIGNATURE _____

PARENT | GUARDIAN PRINTED NAME _____

PARENT | GUARDIAN SIGNATURE _____

DATE _____