

John Horn High School  
*Jaguar Band*  
Attendance Policy

Weekly Rehearsal Schedule

Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday Mornings  
7:00am-8:15am

Friday Morning @Memorial Stadium  
6:50am- 8:05am

Thursday Evenings  
5:30pm-8pm

Part of a successful band program is having successful rehearsals. Successful rehearsals can only exist if all members of the band are present and on time. We understand that absences will occur, but they must be communicated beforehand and as soon as possible. Excused absences include- family death or personal illness. Unexcused absences include- sleeping in, homework, birthday parties (quincinera), driving school, faulty alarm, no ride, going to school but not rehearsal due to illness, work or studying, TUTORING (afternoon tutoring is offered in each subject), sniffles, hanging with friends, outside of school sporting events, babysitting, concerts, movies, skipping, etc. As always, there are exceptions but these must be communicated with the band directors.

If the student is involved with multiple programs (cross-country, drill team, tennis, etc.) the student must sacrifice time equally for both programs. Our performances always take precedence over practices, games take precedence over rehearsals. If a game and a rehearsal take place at the same time, the director and coach will work it out for the student.

Student attendance will be taken every rehearsal. If a student is late to rehearsal, they will be marked tardy. It is suggested that students show up 15 minutes before rehearsal to prepare their equipment and bodies.

*The following explains the consequences and system used for attendance*

- Students that have 3 unexcused absences will receive a grade of 0 for their football performance grade and will not be able to go to the following game with the band.
- Evening rehearsal absences count as 2 missed rehearsal due to it being double the time of a morning rehearsal.
- Being tardy 3 time counts as 1 absence.
- Unexcused tardies are for the first 20 minutes of rehearsal, after that, it is an unexcused absence.
- All types of absences and tardies are cumulative (Ex. 3 tardies and 2 absences would turn into 3 absences).

A parent or guardian must send an email ([tburke@mesquiteisd.org](mailto:tburke@mesquiteisd.org)) or letter to Mr. Burke to excuse any absences or tardies.