



OLA HIGH SCHOOL MARCHING MUSTANGS

2025 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, their peers, or the Ola High School Marching Mustangs.
2. I understand that conduct must be of the highest quality at all times. Members will conduct themselves in a proper and well-behaved manner while in uniform, during all program functions, on campus before, during, or after school, as well as when out in the community including social media.
3. Members and parents will show respect for, be considerate of, and display a positive attitude toward other members, instructors, and directors at all times.
4. 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, or vaping).
5. Directors will not discuss member responsibilities/placements with parents until communication with instructor/director occurs first; directly from member to director(s).
 - The process of learning to be a young adult includes learning how to advocate for yourself and being comfortable speaking to authority figures.
6. Members and parents have the right to disagree with a director, but all final decisions are made by the Director of Bands.
 - If a member or parent wishes to discuss a matter in private, they may request via email a meeting with Mike Bearden, Director of Bands for Ola High School.
7. All rehearsals are CLOSED REHEARSALS. Directors and instructors are not available at the start or end of a rehearsal to meet with students. Meeting requests may be sent via email to Mike Bearden, Director of Bands.
8. Band Booster meetings are held regularly throughout the school year and are open to any stakeholder with a vested interest in the band program at Ola High School.
 - Band Booster meetings operate in an orderly manner with appropriate decorum. Meetings are not where students and parents voice their disagreements and displeasure.

9. Rehearsal/Performance Expectations – *excessive issues will result in an indefinite suspension.*
 - There is a process and rhythm to how we rehearse, and members will be expected to follow it consistently.
 - Members will not talk excessively during rehearsal/instruction.
 - Members will not leave the group at competitions to sit with spectators. Spectators will not sit in the group when at competitions.
 - Members may not leave the group without permission during rehearsals or when off campus.
 - No public display of affection with significant others.
 - No vulgar language.
 - Members will be given attire expectations for rehearsals/performances that they will be expected to follow them consistently.
 - Phones are not permitted on your body during rehearsal unless being used to set drill with the UDB App.
 - When watching another group perform during performances, you will not be permitted to have your phone out. *When we say phones away, they are to be put away and we will let you know when they can come back out.*

10. Members, parent/guardians have been provided the Ola Marching Mustangs Attendance Policy and a list of all required dates.
 - Members late to rehearsals/performances will be issued disciplinary consequence by the Director of Bands. Habitual tardiness to rehearsal may result in an indefinite suspension.
 - *“EARLY IS ON TIME, ON TIME IS LATE, AND LATE IS UNACCEPTABLE.”*

11. 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.
 - Playoff games are mandatory
 - If a student chooses to participate in a sport or activity after the start of the marching band season, marching band is their first obligation. If another activity conflicts with the schedule, the sponsors and student(s) involved will work together to come to a solution if possible. This will be treated as a learning opportunity for the student involved.
 - Requesting to just miss rehearsals or performances will not be permitted.
 - Keeping a member home from a rehearsal or performance as a form of punishment does have a negative on other students and show.

12. Members and parent/guardians have been provided the Ola Marching Band Program Lettering Process.

13. Each member and parent/guardian have been provided fee information including the total amount and payment dates.
 - All payments are non-refundable.
 - Members will be responsible for the full amount if they choose to quit after June 13, 2025.
 - Band members must adhere to the payment schedule.
 - All outstanding fees from a previous marching band or winterguard season must be cleared prior to a member being permitted to participate in the next season.

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 to school late is not acceptable. Leaving school early to rest is not acceptable. All members are expected to attend school the following Monday after a performance weekend. Please reference the HCS Student Handbook.

15. Health Concerns – health issues that cause multiple absences or prevent the ability to perform will be handled on an individual basis and may result in being indefinitely suspended. A note from a physician will be required in order to return to rehearsal and performing.
16. 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.
 - Information will be distributed frequently; members will be expected to know and be aware of their schedule and responsibilities. Not knowing is a choice
17. Members are responsible for completing all registration documents as determined by the Director of Bands. (Registration form, medical form, contract, transportation, social media, and parent survey)
18. At no time will adjunct instructional staff (“coaches”) for the Ola High School Band Program be permitted to share their phone number, email, or social media account information with parents or students.
19. 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.

PLEASE KEEP THE CONTRACT FOR YOUR RECORDS AND RETURN THIS PORTION ONLY

CONTRACT ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

STUDENT NAME _____ GRADE _____

STUDENT SIGNATURE _____

PARENT | GUARDIAN PRINTED NAME _____

PARENT | GUARDIAN SIGNATURE _____

DATE _____