

DISCIPLINE/DEMERIT SYSTEM

A demerit system is used to maintain high standards in the program. Demerits are cumulative throughout the season. Performances not only refer to field performance time but also marching into the stadium, in the stands, pep rallies, parades, competitions, and any other performance throughout the year.

2 demerits	Inappropriate practice wear, disrespectful/inappropriate behavior, not bringing instrument/equipment/props, late to practice (up to 15 min), not following directions quickly and/or accurately, uniform violation at practice or performance, not completing duties assigned, use of profanity, other infractions considered worthy of 2 demerits by the directors/sponsors/administration.
3 demerits	Disrespectful/inappropriate behavior to directors/sponsors/administration, late arrival to a performance (up to 15 min), leaving a performance early (up to 15 min), not executing music and marching consistently and correctly, use of profanity in uniform, other infractions considered worthy of 3 demerits by the directors/sponsors/administration.
4 demerits	Unexcused absence from practice. Other infractions considered worthy of 4 demerits by the directors/sponsors/administration.
5 demerits	Unexcused absence from performance. Other infractions considered worthy of 5 demerits by the directors/sponsors/administration.
10-12 demerits *Cumulative	A parent conference will be scheduled.
15 demerits *Cumulative	Performance Suspension with parental contact
20 demerits *Cumulative	Performance Suspension with parental contact
25 demerits	Dismissal from the band program

*Parents will be contacted at the directors' discretion concerning the severity of the incident or accumulation of demerits.

*Non-performance status may be determined at any time if music and marching is not known or performed to the required standard or when uniform is not in full dress.

*Damaged uniforms, instruments, or equipment will be dealt with on a case by case basis. Replacement costs may be involved. This is stated in the Band Handbook in earlier sections.

*Work conflicts are not considered excused absences.

*In addition to demerits, school rules and consequences will apply at every practice and performance