

# HAMILTON

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## LOCAL SCHOOL DISTRICT

### High School Instrumental Music Code of Conduct 2022-2023



*“Every Ranger, Every Reason, Every Day”*

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## **Mission Statement from the Instrumental Music Department of Hamilton Local Schools**

The Instrumental Music Department at Hamilton Local Schools is committed to developing students of strong character through an outstanding musical experience. Our core values of hard work, responsibility, and accountability are rooted throughout these experiences. From those core values students will develop musical artistry, poise, confidence, and self-discipline. Through a caring, safe, and supportive environment, the music department can foster strong student development that can be carried both in and out of the classroom.

## **Requirements from the Hamilton Instrumental Music Department and Hamilton Local Schools**

All performers must have completed the following information and have it on file annually with the instrumental music staff of Hamilton Local Schools at the beginning of each year. Performers are not permitted to practice, tryout, or perform until the following information is on file:

- Emergency Medical Authorization Form
- Hamilton Local Schools Instrumental Code of Conduct
- Personal information sheet
- Band camp forms and paperwork
- Financial requirement form

## **Hamilton Local Instrumental Department** **Rules and Responsibilities**

### **Demerit System**

Demerits are given to those band members who have not met the standards set in this handbook. Accumulation of three (3) demerits will result in the loss of third quarter or extended day and a call to the member's parents. Accumulation of five (5) demerits results in the member's name being turned over to the principal. Accumulation of ten (10) demerits result in the member's name being turned over to the principal and could result in the possible removal from the program.

1. The following persons can assign demerits:
  - a. Directors
  - b. Staff
2. A very accurate record on each band member will be kept in the band office.
3. A member may check their status at any time.
4. Demerits are assigned and totaled as follows:
  - a. 1<sup>st</sup> offense – 1<sup>st</sup> time offense value demerits given.
  - b. 2<sup>nd</sup> offense – 2<sup>nd</sup> time offense value demerits are given and totaled with the 1<sup>st</sup> offense.
  - c. 3<sup>rd</sup> offense – 3<sup>rd</sup> time offense value demerits are given and added to the total from 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> offense.
5. Students will be allowed to work off certain demerits. The directors will decide what and how many demerits can be worked off.
6. The following is a list of infractions and the value of the demerits for committing those infractions.

### **Equipment**

All equipment or uniforms issued to a performer are to be used at practices or scheduled events only.

- a. At the end of the season, equipment and uniforms issued to a performer must be turned in or paid for if lost or stolen.
- b. A performer may not receive awards or be in next year's group until:
  - 1. All fees are paid in full.
  - 2. All equipment has been turned in or until the performer has paid for the items.
- c. A student shall not take, bother, or otherwise "fool with" equipment and/ or instruments belonging to other members.

**Penalty:**

1 <sup>st</sup> offense	1 demerit
2 <sup>nd</sup> offense	2 demerits
3 <sup>rd</sup> offense	3 demerits

**Uniform**

- a. Each performer will wear the appropriate uniform and/or required dress on performance/rehearsal days as his or her director requires. During rehearsals, students must be dressed appropriately for the weather and may not wear jeans. Students must wear proper athletic shoes with laces.

**Penalty:**

1 <sup>ST</sup> offense	1 demerit +loss of 3rd quarter privileges
2 <sup>nd</sup> offense	2 demerits +loss of 3rd quarter privileges
3 <sup>rd</sup> offense	3 demerits +loss of 3rd quarter privileges

- b. Males and females with long hair are required to put it up in a high top knot to fit under the headwear. No hairs may touch the collar. Facial hair must be shaved clean or neatly trimmed at the discretion of the band director.

**Penalty:**

Denial of participation in the performance  
 2<sup>nd</sup> offense – Same as the first with possible termination from the group

- c. A student shall not touch, take, bother, or otherwise "fool with" uniforms belonging to other members.

**Penalty:**

1 <sup>st</sup> offense	1 demerit
2 <sup>nd</sup> offense	2 demerits
3 <sup>rd</sup> offense	3 demerits

- d. A student will not show any improper care or disregard for uniform by failure to clean uniform when necessary. The students shall hang the uniform up as instructed and take care to not misplace uniform pieces.

**Penalty:**

1 <sup>st</sup> offense	1 demerit
2 <sup>nd</sup> offense	2 demerits
3 <sup>rd</sup> offense	3 demerits

e. All students shall be in full uniform at all times before, during and after a performance.

**Penalty:**

1 <sup>st</sup> offense	1 demerit
2 <sup>nd</sup> offense	2 demerits
3 <sup>rd</sup> offense	3 demerits

**Attendance**

a. On the day of a performance, a student must attend a minimum of four academic class periods, including lunch, in order to participate.

**Penalty:**

Denial of participation

b. A performer must be present and on time in the morning, as well as be present for the entire school day following the performance in order to be eligible for the succeeding performance. Exceptions will only be made at the discretion of the Principal or Band Director, or with a valid doctor's excuse.

**Penalty:**

1 <sup>st</sup> offense	2 demerits
2 <sup>nd</sup> offense	3 demerits
3 <sup>rd</sup> offense	4 demerits

Performing time could be affected.  
Free time will be affected. (Loss of 3<sup>rd</sup> quarter)

**c. Tardiness**

A student shall not report late to any practice or performances without making arrangements with a marching band staff member prior to the practice or performances.

**Rehearsal Penalty:**

1 <sup>st</sup> offense	1 demerit*
2 <sup>nd</sup> offense	2 demerits*
3 <sup>rd</sup> offense	3 demerits*

**Performance Penalty:**

1 <sup>st</sup> offense	2 demerits*
2 <sup>nd</sup> offense	3 demerits*
3 <sup>rd</sup> offense	4 demerits*

\* = + post rehearsal/performance clean-up duty

**d. Absences, unexcused**

Any student failing to attend a rehearsal or performance and does not receive an excuse is in violation. If you are in school, you are expected to be at the rehearsal or performance. Unexcused absences will result in a 0 for that day's rehearsal and/or performance grade when they occur during the academic school year.

**Rehearsal Penalty:**

1 <sup>st</sup> offense	2 demerits
2 <sup>nd</sup> offense	4 demerits
3 <sup>rd</sup> offense	5 demerits
+ Possible removal from the program	

**Performance Penalty:**

1 <sup>st</sup> offense	10 demerits
+ Possible removal from the program	

**The following guidelines will be used to determine if an absence is excused:**

- 1) Personal illness of the student with a physician's note.
- 2) Death in the family.

- 3) Quarantine for contagious disease.
- 4) Religious reasons.
- 5) Traveling out of state to attend a Board approved enrichment activity.
- 6) As determined by the Superintendent, Principal or Band Director
- 7) Failure to inform the director prior to the absence and provide verification will result in an absence being unexcused.

*Vacations and other non-emergency trips are not excused.*

**Conduct**

Each performer will exhibit proper conduct that will create a positive image upon himself / herself, other performers, and the student body of the Hamilton Local School District.

**a. Deception/Withholding Information**

A student shall not withhold, distort, forge or falsify any information to a school official relevant to an event, which falls within the jurisdiction of the school.

**Penalty:**

1st offense	3 demerits
2nd offense	4 demerits
3rd offense	5 demerits

**b. Display of affection**

A student shall not participate in displays of affection (kissing, embracing, holding hands, hickeys, sitting on another student, etc.) on school grounds, at any school activities.

**Penalty:**

1st offense	1 demerit
2nd offense	2 demerits
3rd offense	3 demerits

**c. Disruption of the Educational Process**

A student shall not talk out of turn, play out of turn, or in any other way disrupt the educational process.

**Penalty:**

1st offense	½ demerit
2nd offense	1 demerit
3rd offense	2 demerits

**d. Ethnic Intimidation**

Harassment or intimidation of a person or group through the use of profanity, racial or religious remarks, obscene gestures, and other conduct of this type is prohibited. Other forms of ethnic intimidation might be, but is not limited to, fighting, vandalism, threats, etc.

**Penalty:**

Automatic referral to main office

**e. Extortion**

No student will obtain or attempt to obtain money, items of value, or special favors from anyone by implied or expressed threats or intimidation and/or attempt to sell any property on school grounds.

**Penalty:**

1st offense	5 demerits
2nd offense	10 demerits
+ Referral to the office	

**f. False Report**

A student shall not knowingly give false information to any school personnel.

**Penalty:**

1 <sup>st</sup> offense	2 demerits
2 <sup>nd</sup> offense	3 demerits
3 <sup>rd</sup> offense	4 demerits

**g. Fighting**

A student shall not attempt to resolve a conflict through active physical means.

**Penalty:**

1st offense	10 demerits
+ Referral to office	
+ Possible removable from the program	

**h. Harassment (Racial/Ethnic)**

Racial/ethnic harassment may be any behavior, verbal or physical, which is imposed by a student, because of race or ethnic background, which is intimidating, offensive, abusive, threatening or unwelcome and which causes or contributes to a racially/ethnically hostile environment.

Racial/Ethnic harassment is prohibited.

**Penalty:**

1st offense	5 demerits
2nd offense	10 demerits
+ Referral to the office	

**i. Harassment / Verbal Abuse**

A student shall not harass, persecute, or participate in any act that injures, degrades, or disgraces any student, staff, or school employee. A student shall not display, possess or use words, phrases, or illustrations, which are offensive to any ethnic, racial, or religious group. Also, students shall not make reference to sexual activity, attitudes, physical attributes or characteristics, which could be considered offensive, lustful, indecent, or lewd.

**Penalty:**

1st offense	5 demerits
2nd offense	10 demerits
+ Referral to the office	

**j. Hazing/Bullying**

Hazing/Bullying activities of any type are inconsistent with the educational process and shall be prohibited at all times. No student, including leaders of student organizations, shall plan, encourage, or engage in any hazing/bullying. Hazing is defined as doing any act or coercing another, including the victim, to do any act of initiation unto any student or other organization that causes or creates a substantial risk of causing mental or physical harm to any person. Bullying is defined as an intentional written, verbal or physical act that a student has exhibited toward another person more than once. The behavior causes both mental and physical harm to the other student and is sufficiently severe, persistent or pervasive that it creates an intimidating, threatening, or abusive educational environment for the other student. The intentional act also includes violence within a dating relationship. Permission, consent, or assumption of risk by an individual subjected to hazing/bullying and/or dating violence does not lessen the prohibition in this policy.

**Penalty:**

+Denial of participation and office referral

**k. Indecent / Lewd Behavior.**

A student shall not by any means, including verbal, written, gesture, or dress/appearance behave in a manner, which could be considered immodest, lustful, indecent, or lewd while under the jurisdiction of the district.

**Penalty:**

1st offense	5 demerits
2nd offense	10 demerits
+ Referral to the office	

**l. Intimidation/Aggressive Behavior**

A student shall not by means of physical contact (touching or pushing), invasion of personal space, loud voice, or aggressive language attempt to influence the behavior or attitude of a fellow student, school employee, or any other person.

**Penalty:**

1st offense	5 demerits
2nd offense	10 demerits
+ Referral to the office	

**m. Language –Profane, obscene, or inappropriate**

A student, while on school property under the authority of school personnel, shall not use profane, obscene, or inappropriate language, either written or oral. This would include obscene gestures, signs, pictures, or publications.

**Penalty:**

1st offense	Warning
2nd offense	4 demerits
+ referral to the office	

**n. Media Recording or Transmitting**

A student shall not record or transmit audio/video/photographs of any student, district employee or other person without the express written permission from the student's parent, employee, or other person.

Students bring these devices to school campuses, buses, at school-sponsored activities and while under the supervision and control of school district employees at their own risk. The district assumes no investigative or financial responsibility should the devices be lost, damaged, traded, or stolen.

**Penalty:**

1st offense	3 demerits
2nd offense	4 demerits
3rd offense	5 demerits

**o. Physical Assault**

A student shall not cause or attempt to cause physical injury or intentionally behave in such a way as could reasonably be anticipated to cause physical injury to a fellow student, school employee, or any other person.

**Penalty:**

1st offense	referred to office
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**p. Physical Confrontation**

A student shall not engage in fighting, physical confrontation, or acts of violence. An individual whose deliberate behavior directly leads to a physical confrontation or act of violence between other parties shall be considered a participant, and may receive disciplinary action.

**Penalty:**

1st offense	Referred to office
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**q. Poor Attitude, not Participating**

A student will not show any sign of a “bad” attitude during practices or performances. Students will also perform as part of the band with no students causing disunity.

**Penalty:**

1st offense	1 demerits
2nd offense	2 demerits
3rd offense	3 demerits

**r. Pornography**

A student shall not, by any means, possess pornographic material in any form. This shall include, but is not limited to, writing, reading, electronic, or drawing pornographic material. This policy includes sexting (the act of sending sexually explicit messages or photos electronically, primarily between cell phones).

**Penalty:**

1st offense	5 demerits
2nd offense	10 demerits
+ referred to office	

**s. Reckless Behavior/Negligent Injury or Damage**

A student shall not behave in a reckless or negligent manner, which could reasonably be anticipated to result in injury to himself or herself, another person, or property.

**Penalty:**

1st offense	3 demerits
2nd offense	4 demerits
3rd offense	5 demerits

**t. Seating**

All performers are to sit in the designated area while attending performances and practice.

**Penalty:**

1st offense	1 demerit
2nd offense	2 demerits
3rd offense	3 demerits

**u. Sexual Harassment**

Sexual harassment is prohibited at all times.

Sexual Harassment is a form of prohibited sex discrimination under Title IX of the Education amendments of 1972. No individual may be discriminated against on the basis of sex in any educational program or activity receiving federal financial assistance. The impact of sexual harassment on a performer’s well being may be significant and can impede a performer’s progress toward musical, academic, and personal goals.

Sexual harassment includes, but not limited to:

- sexual advances

- touching of a sexual nature
- graffiti of a sexual nature
- displaying or distributing sexually explicit drawings, written materials and pictures
- sexual gestures
- sexual or dirty jokes
- pressure for sexual favors
- touching oneself sexually or talking about one's sexual activity in front of others
- spreading rumors about or rating students regarding sexual activity or performance
- courts have added the acts of mooning and pulling down of another person's pants as forms of sexual harassment

**Penalty:**

+Denial of participation and office referral

**v. Technology/ Improper Use of Internet / Social Networking**

While it is the parent or guardian's responsibility to monitor their child's activities during non-school hours, if inappropriate actions or comments posted to social networking sites or via email or texts are deemed disruptive or pose a danger to school related activities, Hamilton Local Schools will work in partnership with our community and law enforcement officials to prosecute individuals violating state or federal law. These actions may also be subject to school discipline.

**Penalty:**

1st offense                      Referred to office

**w. Theft**

A student shall not be in possession of any property belonging to anyone other than himself or herself without the specific permission of the owner.

**Penalty:**

1st offense                      10 demerits  
 + Referral to office  
 + Possible removal from the program

**x. Threat and Coercion**

A student shall not by threat of violence, force, intimidation, or fear attempt to influence the behavior or attitude of a fellow student, school employee, or any other person. This includes, but is not limited to, verbal and written threats.

**Penalty:**

1st offense                      Referred to office

**y. Tobacco**

Ohio law and District policy prohibits the smoking, use or possession of tobacco in any form including, but not limited to, cigarettes, cigars, clove cigarettes, chewing tobacco, snuff, electronic cigarettes and any other forms of tobacco in any area under the control of the District or at any activity supervised by any school within the District. This ban extends to all items commonly utilized in the use of tobacco products, which includes, but is not limited to lighters, matches, "look a likes," counterfeits, etc. Students may receive out of school suspension for not abiding by this law.

**Penalty**

1st offense:                      Referred to office

**yy. Vandalism and Destruction of Property**

The school buildings and equipment cost the taxpayers to construct, purchase, and maintain. A student will not cause or attempt to cause damage to private property, including that of other

students, teachers, administrators, or other school employees. Students who destroy or vandalize school property will be required to pay for losses or damages. If a student willfully destroys school property, suspension will be necessary. If a student should happen to damage something by accident, he/she should report it to a teacher or the office immediately.

**Penalty:**

1st offense	10 demerits
+ Referral to office	
+ Possible removal from the program	

**z. Violation of Policies Concerning Bus Transportation**

A student shall not violate any of the bus transportation rules as stated in a portion of this handbook. Any student causing damage to any bus seats will not be permitted to ride the bus until they have paid the school for the damage.

**Penalty:**

1st offense	1 demerit
2nd offense	2 demerits
3rd offense	3 demerits

**zz. Willful disobedience, insubordination or disrespect.**

No student shall willfully disobey a reasonable request or be disrespectful to any employee of the Hamilton Local School District, staff member, or parent volunteer/chaperone. Also, no student shall fail to comply with discipline, punishment, or consequences issued by teacher, director, or administrators.

**Penalty:**

1st offense	2 demerits
2nd offense	3 demerits
3rd offense	4 demerits
+ Referral to the office	

**School Suspension**

When a student is serving an out-of-school suspension, he/she is also excluded from participation in all activities, performances and/or practices, during the specified duration of the suspension. When a student is serving in-school suspension, he/she may be given permission to participate or attend school activities or performances. This will be based on the offense for which the student was assigned an in-school suspension. The school administration and directors will determine participation.

**School Sponsored Instrumental Music Precedence**

School sponsored instrumental music participation takes precedence over work, vacations, clubs and other activities. Performers are not to miss practices or performances of school sponsored instrumental music programs to attend work, go on vacation, to attend a club meeting or event. Performers shall make every effort to schedule tutoring/mentorship on non-rehearsal days, or to take advantage of their daily Advisory period for academic intervention, as attendance at rehearsals is paramount to the overall success of the group. Missing rehearsal for one of these activities shall be considered an unexcused absence, and will be subject to the consequences of the attendance policy (see page 5, section d.).

**Activities per Season**

Performers may be permitted to participate in two activities during the same season. The approval to participate in two activities will be given by the directors and the head coach. A contract will be

drawn-up and signed by the performer, director and head coach. This contract will work out all possible conflicts beforehand. It is the responsibility of the student to communicate any changes to their respective schedule that can create a potential conflict with sufficient notice.

### **Athletic Exemption**

Due to the time commitment required for marching band, students participating in school athletics during the fall season may request an athletic exemption from participating in marching band. Students participating in a fall sport must be on the roster for the entire season in order to maintain the exemption. Students who do not do not maintain their roster status with their fall sport will be expected to report to marching band rehearsals. Students with an athletic exemption will still have their respective band period on their academic schedule. They will be expected to rehearse with the band to receive their grade during the fall grading period. Students wishing to use an athletic exemption for the fall marching season must make their intentions known to the band director by May of the preceding academic school year.

### **Drop Policy**

Students who drop band during the summer or school year must get written consent from a parent or guardian submitted to the band director. Students dropping band after the first five days of the first semester may incur a fail/withdrawal for the course per director and principal recommendation. All fees and school owned property must be turned in immediately. Students who do not pay their outstanding fees or turn in school owned equipment will have their names submitted to the main office and may incur further reprimand until equipment and fees are turned in. Students dropping band will not be allowed to participate in any band function, activity, performance, etc. after dropping. It is the responsibility of the student and parent to cancel any contract with their provider in regards to an instrument rental program. Any student wishing to rejoin band because of a scheduling conflict must take a placement audition to be considered for readmittance for the following school year.

### **Search, Seizure, and Forfeiture**

The Administration or other designated individual (Band Director) of Hamilton Local School District reserves the right to search the assigned locker, desk, person, and personal property of a student on district grounds, in district vehicles or at any district activity when it is necessary for the maintenance of the order, discipline and safety in the supervision and education of students. At the beginning of the school year, students will be informed that their assigned lockers, desk, persons and personal belongings including but not limited to: purses, athletic bags, and articles in the locker are subject to search for items prohibited by Conduct Policy or Dress and Grooming Policy, contraband, harmful or dangerous substances.

Contraband – Property that is illegal for a person to acquire or possess under statute, ordinance, rule, policy, or that the District determines to be illegal to possess by reason of the property’s involvement in an offence shall be considered “contraband”. Such contraband is subject to forfeiture to the District under the District Conduct Policy and applicable Ohio Revised Code. The Board of Education and District administration authorize the use of trained canines in detecting the presence of drugs or drug paraphernalia. The canines may be used to patrol the district facilities and grounds, including lockers and parking areas. Use of trained canines may be unannounced and random. If a trained canine alerts to a particular vehicle, locker or other container, it shall create reasonable suspicion to search that vehicle, locker or container in accordance with this policy.

### **Medications**

Students needing occasional medications, such as penicillin, for colds, earaches and sore throats, are to take those medications at home, if possible. However, if a physician indicates that it is necessary

for your child to take medications during school hours or during extracurricular hours, the following procedures must be followed:

1. Prior to submission, the parent/guardian and the prescribing physician or other licensed professional must complete their required section of the Medication Consent Form. A consent form for each medication, prescription or non-prescription (Tylenol, Advil, Tums, Cough Drops, etc.) must be completed and returned to the school before trained school personnel will administer any medication. This form can be obtained in our school's main office on our district website under the Important Forms & Links, Student Registration sections or band office.
2. All prescription medication must be sent to school in a properly labeled container from the pharmacy with the child's name on the container. Non-prescription medication should be sent in its original container.
3. The medications and signed forms must be delivered to the band office by the parent/guardian. Students are not permitted to carry or transport medication.
4. Parents are responsible for picking up unused medications at the end of the school year. This will not be sent home with the student.
5. New request forms must be submitted each year and whenever there is any change in the medication order by the prescribing physician or licensed professional (i.e. an increase or decrease in dosage).

### **Inhalers for Asthma**

Students have the right to possess and use a metered-dose inhaler or a dry-powder inhaler to alleviate asthmatic symptoms or before exercise to prevent the onset of asthmatic symptoms. The right applies at school or at any activity, event or program sponsored by or in which the student's school is a participant.

In order for a student to possess the inhaler, he/she must have written approval from the student's physician and parent/guardian. The principal, school nurse, and band director must have received copies of these required written approvals.

### **Epinephrine Auto injectors**

Students are permitted to carry and use an epinephrine auto injector (epi-pen) to treat anaphylaxis (severe allergic reactions). The right to carry and use an epi-pen extends to any activity, event or program sponsored by the student's school or activity, event or program in which the school participates.

Student possession of an epi-pen is permitted only if the student has written approval from the prescriber of the medication and, if a minor, from his/her parent/guardian. Written approval must be on file with the principal, band director and school nurse. In addition, the principal, school, nurse and band director must receive a backup dose of the medication from the parent/guardian or student.

### **Photographs and/or Videos During Extra-Curricular Participation**

Participating in activities such as band, drama, athletics, and other school related groups may result in photographs and/or videos being taken and appearing in programs, yearbooks, video and print media, and other sources due to the nature of the activity.

### **Drug, Alcohol, and Tobacco Policy**

These rules MUST be observed throughout the entire calendar year, at all times, and at all places. Policy violations will be documented and accumulated throughout the high school career of the performer.

The policies mentioned below are in effect for the entire calendar year including the off-season.

#### **a. Policy Violations**

1. Possession or use of tobacco in any form
2. Possession or consumption of alcoholic beverages
3. Possession of non-prescribed drugs and/or misuse of prescribed drugs.

b. **Penalties**

1. The first violation of policy “1”, “2”, or “3” will result in denial of participation in instrumental music program for 10 school days with the maximum of four events, whichever comes first. The performer will be released to practice after a conference has been held with parents and/or legal guardian.
2. A second violation of policy “1”, “2”, or “3” will result in denial of participation in any instrumental music program for 90\*\* school days and the loss of any award the performer may have qualified for but not received.  
\*\* An evaluation at a treatment facility will be asked of the performer and if chemical dependence is found, the student will be asked to go into treatment. If the student undergoes recommended treatment, the penalty will be reduced to 45 days.
3. A third violation of rules “1”, “2”, or “3” will result in denial of participation from instrumental music programs for 180 school days from the date of the filing of the due process papers.
4. Self Referral / Integrity Rule: If a performer violates the Instrumental music department drug, alcohol or tobacco policy and reports himself/herself before being questioned by the directors or school administration, the denial of participation in instrumental music activity will be reduced by one-half for the first and second offenses only.

**Reprimand by the Director / Building Principal**

The director retains the right to reprimand any performer for attitude or any other infraction, which reflect unfavorably on the Hamilton Local School District’s Instrumental Music Program, Academics, Staff or Administration. In the situation where a major infraction has happened, the band director and principal will have a meeting to discuss the discipline.

**Penalty:**

- The maximum penalty that shall be imposed is exclusion from the performing group for the remainder of the year. Due process shall be followed.

**School Rules**

All school rules are in effect at all practices and performances. A list of these rules are located in the student handbook, under the code of conduct section.

**Awards**

To be eligible for yearly band awards and varsity letters you must attend **all scheduled performances** during the year. The only acceptable absence is illness with a doctor’s excuse, medical emergency or death in the immediate family. Awards will be presented at the end of each school year.

### **Directory Information**

The Hamilton Local Schools Board of Education defines the following data in a student's records as directory information: name; address; date; and place of birth; extracurricular participation; achievement awards or honors; weight and height of members of athletic teams; date of attendance, and date of graduation. Directory information will be released without the consent of the student or the parent unless the school and band office has been notified *in writing* not to release such information.

### **Physical Fitness**

Students are expected to participate fully in every band rehearsal. Students who ask to "sit out" from rehearsal due to physical exertion, pain, illness, etc. will be allowed to do so with a staff member's permission up to three times. If the student can't continue to participate in the after school rehearsal for whatever reason after "sitting out", a parent/guardian will be called to pick up the student and take them home. This is for the safety and well being of the student. After the third event, the student will be required to have a physician assess the student for physical fitness in order to continue participating with the band. This is to ensure the student's safety.

STUDENT NAME: \_\_\_\_\_

INSTRUMENT: \_\_\_\_\_

**DETACH, SIGN AND RETURN THIS SHEET ONLY**

**Hamilton Township Instrumental Department  
Code of Conduct Agreement, Acknowledgment of Risk and Consent to  
Participate Form**

I hereby apply to participate in the high school instrumental music program in the Hamilton Local School District. I understand participating in activities is a privilege, not a given right. I realize there is a risk of being injured that is inherent in all activities. I realize the risk of injury may be severe, including risk of fractures, brain injuries, paralysis or even death. I agree to accept this risk during my participation in this activity.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature of student

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

We, as parent(s) and/or guardian(s) of \_\_\_\_\_  
Print student name

Hereby grant our son/daughter permission to be a candidate for the high school instrumental music program. We understand participating in activities is a privilege not a given right. We agree to assist our son/daughter in fulfilling his/her obligation as a candidate and potential member.

Furthermore, we realize there is a risk of being injured which is inherent in all activities. We realize there is a risk of injury may be severe, including the risk of fractures, brain injuries, paralysis or even death. We consent to permit \_\_\_\_\_ to participate in this activity.

**I have read, understand, and agree to abide by the Code of Conduct and  
acknowledge the risk of participation in the Hamilton Township  
Instrumental Music Program.**

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature of student

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature of Parent and /or Guardian

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date