

Glendora Tartan Bands & Pageantry

Winter Guard - Drum Line - Pipe Band 2024 Contract & Intent to Participate

Welcome to our second semester groups! As a member, you will be an ambassador of your school, and community of Glendora performing in concerts and competitions throughout the second semester. Therefore, you must be willing to set high standards for grades, attendance, citizenship, appearance, and performance. Positive interaction and cooperation among all group members is vital in assuring the season is both productive and rewarding for members, staff and parents. Most importantly, the welfare and considerations of the group as a whole must always prevail over those of the individual.

COMMITMENT

By committing to our second semester teams, you are making a commitment to the entire band department. Attendance at, and participation in all group activities, including fundraisers, is expected. Rehearsal and performance attendance is mandatory. Non-participation will affect your grade in this class. Unexcused absence from a performance will result in a minimum reduction of one letter grade.

Activities not related to the program, including, but not limited to: sports, vacations, parties, and work, must not interfere with rehearsals and performances. Every effort will be made to make sure activities are booked well in advance, however, should an unavoidable conflict arise, please notify the Director immediately. Outside club meetings and activities are not viable excuses for missing events, unless cleared by the Director. These are high level ensembles with several scheduled rehearsals every week, as well as performances and competitions. The staff spends many hours preparing outside of and for rehearsals. Please do everything within your power to keep your schedules flexible. A calendar of events will be updated on a regular basis. It is essential that all rehearsals and performances be attended by every member to demonstrate the unity and commitment to the group. There is no way to “make up” a performance.

REHEARSALS & PERFORMANCE ETIQUETTE

Each team has separate rehearsals and performances - schedules may change to accommodate for gym/event center usage. There may be some added rehearsals during competition season. Once again, it is imperative that all group members attend each rehearsal. Your tardiness and/or absence will hinder the progress of the group. Rehearsals are most effective when all are present. Additionally, your complete cooperation is required during the rehearsals, providing undivided attention to the staff and any clinicians. Failure to comply may result in your being expelled from the rehearsal and/or performances by the Director. Members who do not meet the standards set forth by this contract may be expelled from the group with a failing grade for the semester.

ABSENCES/TARDIES

The following rules and/or guidelines will be strictly enforced regarding class absences:

- Absences from after school rehearsals **MUST** be arranged in advance and submitted by a parent/guardian in either a hard copy or email. Please plan trips to the doctor, orthodontist, etc. at times other than during these rehearsal periods.
- Unexcused absence from a performance will result in a minimum reduction of one letter grade and potential removal from future participation.
- Student's grade will drop one letter grade if student reaches 7 absences from rehearsal.

ACADEMIC ELIGIBILITY

Glendora High School requires all students who perform or compete to maintain a minimum 2.0 GPA. If you are ineligible, you will not be allowed to perform, which will have several repercussions. Your academic grade will fall in the class, possibly to an “F”, because you will not be able to participate, and would most likely result in your being dropped from the class. Further, it could also result in the ensemble’s inability to perform, given routines and drill are written with a set number of performers. If you experience academic struggles, please seek help before it is too late.

CODE OF CONDUCT

The Glendora Tartan Bands and Pageantry are well-known for their class and decorum. The same rules that apply to students on campus apply to all members when they are representing the school off campus. You are a representative of Glendora High School and the music program whenever you perform. School attendance the day before, the day of, and the day after any major performance is mandatory. It is always expected that you show teachers and their classes respect. Your behavior outside the rehearsal and classroom is a reflection on the program. Additionally, proper respect for and attention to whoever is in charge of the group at the time is always expected. The Director (Mr. Leve) has the authority to dismiss you from a rehearsal, performance or participation if needed.

FINANCES

We ask for the following donations for each ensemble:

Winter Guard: \$350 + jazz shoes Drum Line: \$350 + uniform cost (tbd) Pipe Band: \$300 + travel*

**Winter guard are encouraged to purchase their own rifle (approximately \$60). Rifle orders will be taken by Mrs. B prior to winter break.*

This contributes to, but does not fully cover, the cost of instruction, uniforms, equipment, entrance fees, etc. We are able to do this low cost due to monies raised by you the parents throughout the year. The Glendora Band Boosters has limited funds to finance these groups. Parents will also need to help in the raising of funds to continue these ensembles through the semester. All contributions are tax deductible. These are important performance ensembles to myself, the organization, and of course our students. I am hopeful that they are also important to you as parents.

These ensembles are made possible through your financial donations and time donations. *We strongly encourage contributing what you are able towards your respective amount, in part or in full, by Tuesday, December 19* (a minimum donation deposit of \$100 is suggested - should you need to speak with Mr. Leve regarding finances, please do so as soon as possible). These initial donations help to start each of these ensembles, and provide myself and staff with knowledge of sufficient interest in each group for the upcoming season.

JOINING AN ENSEMBLE

- Sign and return the attached “Intent to Participate” to Mr. Leve or Mrs. B on or before Tuesday, December 19.
- Submit initial donation, in part or in full, on or before Tuesday, December 19.

No student will be kept out of second semester teams because of financial hardship. However, students may be dropped for missing rehearsals, performances or due to inappropriate attitude or malfeasance.

If there are any financial problems, it is the responsibility of the parent to contact the Director.

CONCLUSION

It is a great honor to represent Glendora High School as a member of our second semester teams. It requires a lot of hard work and dedication by students, staff, and parents to create an effective and successful season. Any and all student participation is at the discretion of Mr. Leve. The unity and good of the group as a whole is always a priority. As parents and students, you have a personal opportunity to make this a rewarding and memorable experience.

Sincerely,

Terry Leve

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Please sign, date and return this page by Tuesday, December 19, 2023.

With the exception of signature, please bring.

Student's Name _____ Date: _____

Student e-mail _____ Student's cell # _____

Student's Address _____

I request my student participate in the 2024 spring competition ensemble. WG DL PB

Parent's Name _____ Date: _____

Parent's Signature _____

Parent's e-mail _____ Parent's cell # _____

Parent's Address _____

Additional Information _____

Current School _____
(Sandburg or Goddard if you are not currently a GHS student)

The following signature endorses this student's participation in the GHS second semester bands & pageantry program:

Terry Leve _____ **Date** _____

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2024 Agreement to Support

I give my support, encouragement and time for my student to participate in the following Glendora High School Tartan Bands and Pageantry spring performance ensemble:

(Circle one)

Winter Guard

Drum Line

Pipe Band

I can support the program in the following ways:

(circle any applicable)

Driving - Carpool

Driving - truck

Water

Snacks

Props /paint

I have enclosed: \$ _____ as donation in full for my respective ensemble.

Or

I have enclosed \$ _____ as an initial deposit. I will contribute additional donations to complete any outstanding balance by January 19, 2024 and February 20, 2024.

I hereby understand and agree to all conditions and stipulations as set forth in this contract.

Parent Name: _____

Parent signature: _____

Phone: _____

Parent Email: _____

Student's Name: _____