# MILTON AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT

SECTION: PROGRAMS

TITLE: INSTRUMENTAL MUSIC -

BAND

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#### 129. INSTRUMENTAL MUSIC - BAND

#### 1. Purpose

The purpose of the Marching Black Panthers is to provide a meaningful musical experience to the students of the Milton Area High School and to enlighten and entertain the community by performing the highest quality of musical literature to the highest degree of musical standards. The Marching Black Panthers is a competitive marching organization and aspires to excellence in performance.

The goals of this policy shall be the following:

- 1. To develop an acceptable level of instrumental proficiency that is suitable with the individual ability.
- 2. To develop a positive attitude and an appreciation toward instrumental music through the utilization of various music types and varied marching techniques.
- 3. Through the development of technical ability and proper appreciation, students will have gained the essentials to participate in community oriented organizations as they continue through life.

### 2. Guidelines

The established goals will be attained through a unified concept. The concert and marching bands shall be conducted as a combined organization within the curriculum.

Competition will be embraced however will not become the primary focus of the program; it is understood that competition provides a unique educational experience which would not otherwise be experienced by our students. The Marching Band Season Schedule will be developed by the band director and submitted for Board approval in the spring of every year. The schedule will consist of:

- 1. One (1) week of band camp (typically the first full week of August) followed by bi-weekly evening rehearsals.
- 2. Various parades and other community performances Halloween, Memorial Day, Harvest Festival events, etc.

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	<ul><li>3. Ten (10) scheduled Varsity football games.</li><li>4. Various local competitions including the Chapter IV Champions and the Atlantic</li></ul>
	Coast Championships (if the band qualifies).
Pol. 204	Performing in public is an integral part of the instrumental music experience. Therefore, attendance will be required at band camp, football games, concerts, and competitions/parades that have been approved by submission of the season calendar. Absences will be judged on the same basis as school attendance. Unexcused absences will be reflected in the student's grade.
3. Delegation of Responsibility	It shall be the responsibility of the building principal to implement the provisions of this policy.
	References:
	Board Policy – 204