

# Attendance Policy & Covenant for Musical Ensembles

Immanuel Lutheran School

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Students are expected to be at rehearsals and concerts throughout the semester/year. Since no group is able to perform at a high level without the shared commitment from each student and director, we have set an attendance goal (policy) for the students within the ensemble. Any student that accumulates 7 points in one semester from any one ensemble, based on the point system below, will be dismissed from that musical ensemble for the rest of the semester (*each ensemble recorded separately*).

- Reinstatement for a dismissed student will be available at the beginning of the next semester.
- Dismissal from an ensemble in either semester will result in the loss of any award or recognition for that ensemble given out at the end of the year.
- **Point System...**
  - ✓ **3 points for a missed concert** (*\*no penalty for student's absence if there was sickness/absence from school, or family emergency, the day of the concert – when accompanied by a note from parent*)
  - ✓ **2 points for an unexcused absence from church participation with NO signed note of explanation from the parent(s)**
  - ✓ **1 point for an unexcused absence from church participation with a signed note of explanation from the parent(s). Each note will be considered on an individual basis.**  
*(\*no penalty for student's absence from church participation if there was sickness/absence from school right before, or family emergency, the day of the church participation – when accompanied by a note from parent)*
  - ✓ **1 point for an absence from before-school Chancel Choir, Chancel Ringers, or Band rehearsal** (*\*no penalty for students absence because of sickness/absence from school or a family emergency the day of the rehearsal... other exceptions will be considered by the director on an individual basis when absence is accompanied by a note from parent*)
- **Awards at the End of the Year...**
  - ✓ Each ensemble has distinct awards given out by the director at the end of the school year. Participation and special recognition awards are withheld only from those students that accumulate 7 points in any one semester.
- **Let's strive for the best!!! Let us give God our best!!!**

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(Cut here and return this portion below to a director of any ensemble in which the child participates) ----- (PLEASE RETURN BY Sept. 11<sup>th</sup>, 2016)

Circle one for **EACH** ensemble your child is in



( **BAND -- CHOIR -- RINGERS -- CHIMES** )

I, \_\_\_\_\_, (*parent's signature*) promise to encourage my child, pray for my child, and give my best effort in support of my child as he/she participates and attends practices, performances, and church participations - for each of the musical ensembles he/she participates in here at Immanuel.

I, \_\_\_\_\_, (*student's signature*) promise to do my best, being faithful with my attendance and giving my best effort in both rehearsal and in performance / church participation.

I, \_\_\_\_\_, (*director's signature*) promise to encourage all of the music students in my care, praying for them, and helping them strive to achieve the highest possible goals – all for the glory of our God.