



Concert Band Member Expectations Policy

In addition to the St. Albert Community Band By-laws and Policies, the members of the Concert Band must comply with the following additional expectations that are specifically related to being a member the Concert Band.

1. Members are expected to fully commit to the Concert Band. Commitment to the Concert Band means the following:
 - a. Attendance
 - b. Members make every effort to learn his/her music and be able to play his/her music at an acceptable level based on the Conductor's discretion.
 - c. Dedicated to the band, music, members & St. Albert Community Band
 - d. Continue to strive to improve as an individual musician and contribute to the overall ensemble
 - e. Come to rehearsals and concerts with a positive attitude and intentions of having fun
2. Members must notify the Conductor and respective Section Leader immediately of any absences from rehearsal(s) or concert(s). Members must follow up with their section leader prior to the next rehearsal to ensure that he/she is updated on the events and discussions from the missed rehearsal. When necessary and in consultation with the Conductor, members are responsible for ensuring that a substitute player will be available at any concert(s) from which he/she will be absent. The Conductor has final approval as to the choice of substitute player.
3. Each player is an important part of the Concert Band. It is up to each individual to practice his/her parts as necessary outside of regular rehearsals in order to be able to play those parts confidently at rehearsals. Members must be able to play his/her music at an acceptable level based on the Conductor's discretion. Individual preparation will ensure that rehearsal time is used for ensemble work and not remedial work. When possible, section rehearsals are encouraged and may be called by Section Leaders for a mutually agreed upon time. Should extra tutelage be required, the individual should contact their section leader or the conductor for further aid.
4. Music for the Concert Band is provided to each player, with the expectation that it will be used at each rehearsal, and should be cared for in a respectful way. Lost music will be assessed a replacement fee. All markings on the music should be in pencil ONLY and made lightly. All music (photocopies included) is to be returned when requested. Music turned in late may incur a late fee.
5. Concert Band members are expected to follow the accepted rules of rehearsal etiquette, including but not limited to: talking during rehearsal, disrupting the rehearsal for individual questions, leaving rehearsal outside of breaks except for emergencies, and any other behavior that would disrupt the rehearsal. Questions concerning etiquette should be addressed to a Board Member outside of rehearsal.
6. Members who are not fully meeting the obligations set out before them will be given one opportunity to make adjustments to comply with the St. Albert Community Band By-Laws and Policies. Failure to do so, based on the Conductor's discretion, will result in a meeting between the individual member, President and Conductor. The member will be given an opportunity to justify why he/she should remain as a member of the Concert Band. Final decisions will be made by the Conductor and President.