

Ramsey High School “Big Blue” Band and Guard Contract

This contract serves as a promise to each other that each member will uphold our long-established values of the RHS band program. Each member should take each point to heart and have a desire to have the best year possible. Success is dependent on ALL, not one.

I, _____, agree to the following:

- I have reviewed and understand the policies outlined in the 2024-2025 Big Blue Parent/Student Handbook. I have been provided with a copy via Mr. Jenkins’ web page and understand that I am responsible for paying the \$375 (\$300 for guard) band fee. (Again, anyone with financial hardships should reach out to Mr. Jenkins directly)
- I understand that my attendance is **mandatory** for all scheduled rehearsals, performances (games, competitions, parades, and concerts) and activities from Band Camp until the end of the 2024-2025 school year and agree to be at all events. Excused absences are limited to illness, death in the family, or special circumstances approved **in advance** by the director. The current performance schedule is outlined below:
 - 9/6 - Home Football Game
 - 9/7 - Ramsey Day Parade
 - 9/20 - Home Football Game
 - 9/21 - Competition @ NVOT
 - 9/28 - Ramsey Home Show
 - 10/5 - Competition @ Lenape Valley High School
 - 10/10 - Home Football Game
 - 10/19 - Hoagie Sale/Competition @ Vernon Twp. HS
 - 10/25 - Home Football Game
 - 10/26 - NJ State Championships
 - 11/3 - National Championships @ Allentown, PA
 - 5/26 - Memorial Day Parade
- I understand that everyone’s time is important and will not be tardy. Rehearsal start time is when rehearsal begins, not when I should be arriving. If I participate in other activities (Sports, clubs, etc.) and will be late to rehearsal, I will communicate my tardiness **in advance**. I understand that tardiness may result in disciplinary action.
- I understand that failure to attend events and/or excessive tardiness may result in removal of leadership titles, loss of privileges such as band parties or events, deduction of grade, suspension from performances. I also understand that unexcused absences or lateness may impact my eligibility for senior scholarships.
- I understand that my uniform – jacket, pants, and shako – is an emblem of pride and I will treat it with respect. I will properly care for my uniform, keeping it hung up in my garment bag as directed by parents or staff. At no point will a non-band member touch/wear my uniform or any piece of band equipment.
- I understand that the “Big Blue” band is a family. I will treat other members, staff members, and parents with respect. I agree to work as a team and will leave all bad or negative energy at the door.

Student Signature

Date

Parent Signature

Date