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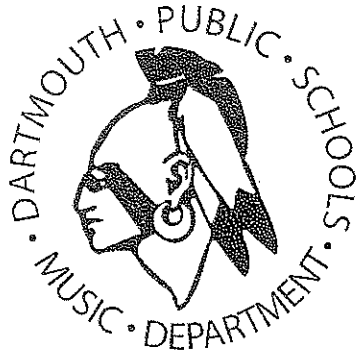
DIRECTOR OF MUSIC



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August 2017

Dear Band & Color Guard Parents/Guardians,

Welcome to a new school year and one which we hope will be productive and fruitful for your young musician. There are exciting plans for this year and we look forward to a rewarding experience for your son or daughter.

In order for the year to be successful, we feel that a better understanding between the student, parents, and the music department would be beneficial. The bands in a public school serve as vehicles to give your child many educational growth experiences. Musical ability and understanding, an experience of cooperation and teamwork, and the development of self-worth and confidence will be developed by a student who understands and assumes the responsibilities listed on the following pages.

The parent/guardian plays an important role in aiding the student to meet these responsibilities. With students, parents/guardians, and teachers working together, an interesting and eventful year is in store.

A list of responsibilities each student is required to meet in order to be a member of the band may be found on pages 1 to 6. We suggest you keep this information on file for your reference.

Please return the following pages, State Law Regarding Head Injury & Concussions and DHS Authorization for Medical Treatment & Emergency Information, **by Friday, September 8**. The health information sheet will suffice for the entire school year and includes football trips, competitions, parades, etc.

Fees are to be paid online on the Dartmouth High website at **dartmouthps.dhs.schoolfusion.us**. Click on the music tab on the left then Music Fees. We also accept checks made payable to: **Town of Dartmouth/Music**. The Marching Band, Indoor Percussion, Fall & Winter Color Guard fee is $50.00.

Thank you for your cooperation.

Musically yours,

William F. Kingsland, Jr.

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Director of Music
Dartmouth Public Schools

DARTMOUTH HIGH SCHOOL
BAND & COLOR GUARD PARTICIPATION GUIDELINES

All students who elect band in their schedule are expected to perform in the marching and concert band. Band is considered a co-curricular activity with an in school class plus an extracurricular (after school) component. All students who wish to perform with the band are expected to take the in school class unless there is a conflict in their schedule which cannot be resolved. Students who do not elect the band class may not be allowed into the band program. Without the band class, it is impossible to be part of the concert band because all of these rehearsals are during the school day. Co-curricular participation includes:

- Band class
- Band camp, Fall field show, and related practices
- Parades and public service performances
- Winter, Pops, and Spring concerts

OTHER OPTIONS

If a student wishes to play in the band but participates in a fall sport, a documented fall activity that conflicts with the field show season (August to November), has a medical excuse, he/she will be allowed to take the in school band class and be excused from:

- Band camp
- Field show practices and competitions
- Football games

These students are expected to participate in all concerts, parades, and other public performances. Many of these performances are presented as public service or to generate funds that the entire band benefits from. Students may be excused from an event that conflicts with their sport or activity. Percussion students, because of the intensity of the program, are much more successful when they work in the co-curricular program as opposed to taking the band class only.

DARTMOUTH HIGH SCHOOL
BAND/COLOR GUARD RESPONSIBILITIES & REQUIREMENTS

1. All band students are strongly encouraged to take private lessons.

2. All students are required to attend all rehearsals unless excused by the Director or Advisor.

3. An excused absence from rehearsal will be accepted under the following conditions:
   a. A student who has given the Director or Advisor a written excuse from a parent or teacher prior to the absence. The written excuse should state the reason for which the student is requesting to be excused.
   b. A student who has been absent from school that day.
   c. A student who was detained by a teacher and informs the Director or Advisor by a note.
   d. A written excuse from the teacher (this is for after school Orchestra students).

4. An unexcused absence from rehearsal constitutes the following:
   a. A band student who does not attend because he/she has no instrument or music.
   b. A student who has not informed the Director or Advisor of a reason for his/her absence.
   c. When the Director or Advisor does not feel the excuse given is reasonable or acceptable, the parent will be notified.
   d. **WORK** is not an acceptable excuse. Students are notified well in advance to arrange for work adjustments. In extreme emergencies, if a student is called into work, a parent should notify the staff prior to the rehearsal regarding the situation. Phone numbers are listed under excused performances section B. School functions should take priority.
   e. The Director or Advisor reserves the right to deny the student to perform due to absenteeism from rehearsals.

5. Procedures for dealing with unexcused absences: 1, 2 & 3 unexcused absences.
   (1) 1st unexcused absence – Staff conference with students and parents will be notified.
   (2) 2nd unexcused absence – Conference with staff, student, and parents.
   (3) 3rd unexcused absence – Parents will be notified that the student is being suspended from the program.

6. All students are required to attend all performances unless excused by the Director or Advisor.

7. Excused performance
    a. A student who is absent from school the day of the performance (if it is a school day).
    b. If the performance is on a day when there is no school and the student is ill. The parent should notify the Director or Advisor by phone, either at school (508)961-2750 or at home prior to the performance. Mr. Aungst, Assistant Band Director, #508-542-5145, Mr. Kingsland, Director, #508-990-2998, or Mr. Kaeterle, #774-929-5118.
    c. If the performance is on a school day and the student becomes ill prior to the performance, the parent should notify the Director or Advisor prior to the performance.
    d. A student will be excused if he/she has given the Director or Advisor a written excuse from his/her parent/guardian prior to the performance. The written excuse should state the reason the student is requesting to be excused and must be accepted by the Director or Advisor.

8. Unexcused performances
    a. A student who has not informed the Director or Advisor of the reason for the absence.
    b. If the Director or Advisor does not feel that the excuse given is reasonable or acceptable. The parent/guardian will be notified.

9. Unexcused tardiness to rehearsals or performances constitutes half of an unexcused absence. (see #5)

10. When transportation is provided by the school system for outside performances, students are required to comply. Parents who desire to provide the student's transportation must consult with the Director or Advisor.

11. All outside of school performances are considered school functions and school rules will apply.

12. Band students will be graded on cooperation, attitude, musical progress, and attendance.

13. An unexcused absence from a rehearsal or a performance will constitute a reason for the student being dropped from the program

14. **According to DHS Academic Probation Policy, "A student failing two or more courses at the time of the last report card is ineligible to participate in any school activity, athletic team, or after school music activity.**

15. Head Injury & Concussions – Dartmouth High School abides by the Massachusetts General Laws, Chapter 111, which establishes procedures for persons involved in the prevention, training, management and return to activity decisions regarding students who incur head injuries while involved in extracurricular music activities.

16. The Director or Advisor reserves the right to drop a student from the program because of poor cooperation or negative attitude. This will not take place without a parent consultation.

17. Each student is an individual and each situation will be judged on the individual circumstances.

18. If your child has a learning disability or you have any other concerns you feel should be brought to the attention of the staff, please contact Mr. Kingsland, or one of the instrumental instructors.

The band is a team of young people working together to accomplish the goals stated on Page One. The team effort will assure a good performance. Each member of the team, regardless of the part he or she plays, is important in making the team strong. If a student does not attend a performance, this affects the other members and weakens the team.

HOME AND AWAY GAME RULES

1. Stay in sections in the stands.

2. No food or drink in uniform unless permission has been given from the Director.

3. No friends in the stands.

4. Do not hang over the back or sides of the stands.

5. Hats stay on with plumes, unless otherwise advised.

6. No trading instruments.

7. When the band plays, everyone plays.

8. Watch the cheerleaders. Get the spirit! Work together!

9. You must be accompanied by a chaperone when using the rest room.

10. When in uniform, be in uniform.

11. No performers leave early except by a note from a parent/guardian or if your parent/guardian is there to pick you up.

12. D.S.M.A. are representing our staff, please give them proper respect.

13. Be responsible for your own instrument, uniform, and uniform parts – gloves, plumes, gauntlets, etc.

14. Hold your instrument while in the stands.

INSPECTION SHEET
INSPECTION RESPONSIBILITIES BEFORE A PERFORMANCE

1. **Uniform**

   Uniform should be cleaned and pressed.

   Shakos, (hat) visor and chin straps clean.

   Clean white socks, gloves, shoes, and laces.

   White t-shirt and white undergarments must be worn under uniform.

   Plumes must be properly aligned.

   Hair nets are recommended to be used for long hair (up and under shakos, for boys and girls).

   Suspenders are built in to hold trousers off of shoes.

2. **General Instructions**

   Your first responsibility is to see that you are totally prepared for inspection. When that is done, you are to assist your fellow band members with their preparations. **HELP ONE ANOTHER. WE'RE ALL IN THIS TOGETHER.**

3. **Inspection Information Sheet**

   If there are any inconsistencies in your uniform (missing or different buttons, etc.) be certain that you inform our D.S.M.A. Uniform Committee.

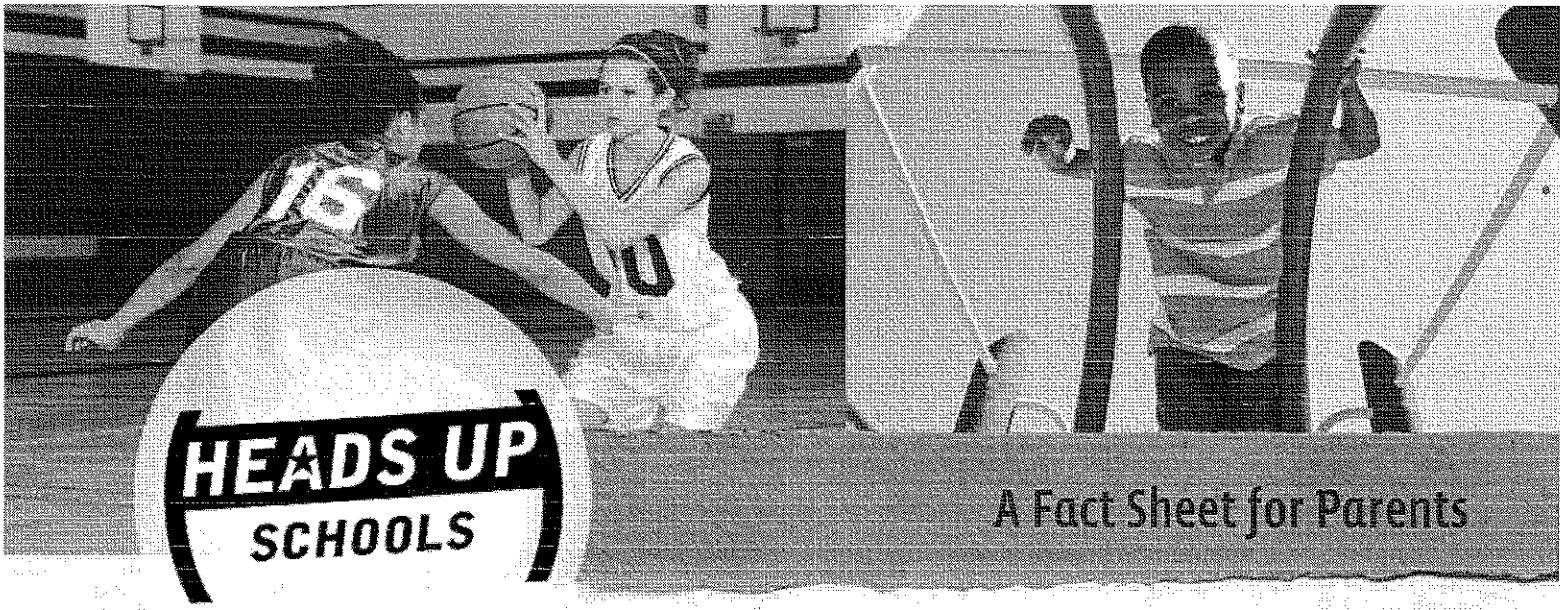
4. Parents will be notified if students do not meet inspection responsibilities.

Hazing Regulations

Chapter 269, Section 17
Crime of Hazing, Definition, Penalty
Whoever is a principal organizer or participant in the crime of hazing, as defined herein, shall be punished by a fine of not more than three thousand dollars or by imprisonment in a house of correction for not more than one year, or both such fine and imprisonment.
The term *hazing* as used in this section and in sections eighteen and nineteen, shall mean any conduct or method of initiation into any student organization, whether on public or private property, which willfully or recklessly endangers the physical or mental health of any student or other person. Such conduct shall include whipping, beating, branding, forced calisthenics, exposure to the weather, forced consumption of any food, liquor, beverage, drug or other substance, or any other brutal treatment or forced physical activity which is likely to adversely affect the physical health or safety of any such student or person, or which subjects such student or other person to extreme mental stress, including extended deprivation of sleep or rest or extended isolation. Notwithstanding any other provisions of this section to the contrary, consent shall not be available as a defense to any prosecution under this action. Added by St. 1985, c.536; amended by St. 1987, c.665.

Chapter 269, Section 18
Duty to Report Hazing
Whoever knows that another person is the victim of hazing as defined in section seventeen and is at the scene of such crime, shall, to the extent that such person can do so without danger or peril to himself or others, report such crime to an appropriate law enforcement official as soon as reasonably practicable. Whoever fails to report such crime shall be punished by a fine of not more than one thousand dollars. Added by St. 1985, c. 536; amended by St. 1987, c. 665.

Chapter 269, Section 19
Statutes to be Provided to Student Groups; Compliance Statement and Discipline Policy Required
Each institution of secondary education and each public and private institution of postsecondary education shall issue to every student group, student team or student organization which is part of such institution or is recognized by the institution or permitted by the institution to use its name or facilities or is known by the institution to exist as an unaffiliated student group, student team or student organization, a copy of this section and sections seventeen and eighteen; provided, however, that an institution's compliance with this section's requirements that an institution issue copies of this section and section seventeen and eighteen to unaffiliated student groups, team or organizations shall not constitute evidence of the institution's recognition's or endorsement of said unaffiliated student groups, teams, or organizations. Each such group, team or organization shall distribute a copy of this section and sections seventeen and eighteen to each of its members, plebes, pledges or applicants for membership. It shall be the duty of each such group, team, or organization, acting through its designated officer, to deliver annually, to the institution an attested acknowledgment stating that such group, team, or organization has received a copy of this section and said sections seventeen and eighteen, that each of its members, plebes, pledges, or applicants has received a copy of sections seventeen and eighteen, and that such group, team or organization understands and agrees to comply with the provisions of this section and sections seventeen and eighteen. Each institution of secondary education and each public or private institution of post-secondary education shall, at least annually, before or at the start of enrollment, deliver to each person who enrolls as a full-time student in such institution a copy of this section and sections seventeen and eighteen. Each institution of secondary education and each public or private institution of post-secondary education shall file, at least annually, a report with the regents of higher education and in the case of secondary institutions, the board of education, certifying that such institution has complied with its responsibility to inform student groups, teams or organizations and to notify each full-time student enrolled by it of the provisions of this section and sections seventeen and eighteen and also certifying that said institution has adopted a disciplinary policy with regard to the organizers and participants of hazing, and that such policy has been set forth with appropriate emphasis in the student handbook or similar means of communicating the institution's policies to its students.
The board of regents and, in the case of secondary institutions, the board of education shall promulgate regulations governing the content and frequency of such reports, and shall forthwith report to the attorney general any such institution which fails to make such
report. Added by St. 1985, c.536; amended by St. 1987, c.665.



A Fact Sheet for Parents

What is a concussion?

A concussion is a type of brain injury that changes the way the brain normally works. A concussion is caused by a bump, blow, or jolt to the head. Concussions can also occur from a blow to the body that causes the head and brain to move rapidly back and forth. Even what seems to be a mild bump to the head can be serious.

Concussions can have a more serious effect on a young, developing brain and need to be addressed correctly.

What are the signs and symptoms of a concussion?

You can't see a concussion. Signs and symptoms of concussion can show up right after an injury or may not appear or be noticed until hours or days after the injury. It is important to watch for changes in how your child or teen is acting or feeling, if symptoms are getting worse, or if s/he just "doesn't feel right." Most concussions occur without loss of consciousness.

If your child or teen reports *one or more* of the symptoms of concussion listed below, or if you notice the symptoms yourself, seek medical attention right away. Children and teens are among those at greatest risk for concussion.

SIGNS AND SYMPTOMS OF A CONCUSSION

SIGNS OBSERVED BY PARENTS OR GUARDIANS

- Appears dazed or stunned
- Is confused about events
- Answers questions slowly
- Repeats questions
- Can't recall events *prior* to the hit, bump, or fall
- Can't recall events *after* the hit, bump, or fall
- Loses consciousness (even briefly)
- Shows behavior or personality changes
- Forgets class schedule or assignments

SYMPTOMS REPORTED BY YOUR CHILD OR TEEN

Thinking/Remembering:

- Difficulty thinking clearly
- Difficulty concentrating or remembering
- Feeling more slowed down
- Feeling sluggish, hazy, foggy, or groggy

Physical:

- Headache or "pressure" in head
- Nausea or vomiting
- Balance problems or dizziness
- Fatigue or feeling tired
- Blurry or double vision
- Sensitivity to light or noise
- Numbness or tingling
- Does not "feel right"

Emotional:

- Irritable
- Sad
- More emotional than usual
- Nervous

Sleep*:

- Drowsy
- Sleeps *less* than usual
- Sleeps *more* than usual
- Has trouble falling asleep

**Only ask about sleep symptoms if the injury occurred on a prior day.*

To download this fact sheet in Spanish, please visit: www.cdc.gov/Concussion. Para obtener una copia electrónica de esta hoja de información en español, por favor visite: www.cdc.gov/Concussion.

U.S. Department of Health and Human Services
Centers for Disease Control and Prevention

May 2010

DANGER SIGNS

Be alert for symptoms that worsen over time. Your child or teen should be seen in an emergency department right away if s/he has:

- One pupil (the black part in the middle of the eye) larger than the other
- Drowsiness or cannot be awakened
- A headache that gets worse and does not go away
- Weakness, numbness, or decreased coordination
- Repeated vomiting or nausea
- Slurred speech
- Convulsions or seizures
- Difficulty recognizing people or places
- Increasing confusion, restlessness, or agitation
- Unusual behavior
- Loss of consciousness (even a brief loss of consciousness should be taken seriously)

Children and teens with a concussion should NEVER return to sports or recreation activities on the same day the injury occurred. They should delay returning to their activities until a health care professional experienced in evaluating for concussion says they are symptom-free and it's OK to return to play. This means, until permitted, not returning to:

- **Physical Education (PE) class,**
- **Sports practices or games, or**
- **Physical activity at recess.**

What should I do if my child or teen has a concussion?

1. **Seek medical attention right away.** A health care professional experienced in evaluating for concussion can determine how serious the concussion is and when it is safe for your child or teen to return to normal activities, including physical activity and school (concentration and learning activities).

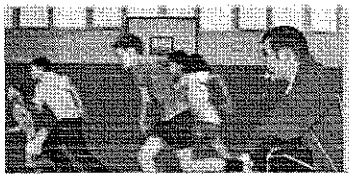
2. **Help them take time to get better.** If your child or teen has a concussion, her or his brain needs time to heal. Your child or teen may need to limit activities while s/he is recovering from a concussion. Exercising or activities that involve a lot of concentration, such as studying, working on the computer, or playing video games may cause concussion symptoms (such as headache or tiredness) to reappear or get worse. After a concussion, physical and cognitive activities—such as concentration and learning—should be carefully managed and monitored by a health care professional.

3. **Together with your child or teen, learn more about concussions.** Talk about the potential long-term effects of concussion and the dangers of returning too soon to normal activities (especially physical activity and learning/concentration). For more information about concussion and free resources, visit: www.cdc.gov/Concussion.

How can I help my child return to school safely after a concussion?

Help your child or teen get needed support when returning to school after a concussion. Talk with your child's teachers, school nurse, coach, speech-language pathologist, or counselor about your child's concussion and symptoms. Your child may feel frustrated, sad, and even angry because s/he cannot return to recreation and sports right away, or cannot keep up with schoolwork. Your child may also feel isolated from peers and social networks. Talk often with your child about these issues and offer your support and encouragement. As your child's symptoms decrease, the extra help or support can be removed gradually. Children and teens who return to school after a concussion may need to:

- Take rest breaks as needed,
- Spend fewer hours at school,
- Be given more time to take tests or complete assignments,
- Receive help with schoolwork, and/or
- Reduce time spent reading, writing, or on the computer.



*To learn more about concussion and to order materials FREE-OF-CHARGE, go to: www.cdc.gov/Concussion or call 1.800.CDC.INFO.

Dartmouth High School Music Department

STATE LAW REGARDING HEAD INJURY & CONCUSSIONS

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts Executive Office of Health and Human Services now requires that all schools subject to the Massachusetts Interscholastic Athletic Association (MIAA) rules adhere to the following law (including Marching Band). Music students, their parents, instructors, music director, school nurses, and physicians must learn about the consequences of head injuries and concussions through training programs and written materials. The law requires that students and their parents inform their instructor and the school about prior head injuries at the beginning of the season. If a student becomes unconscious, or suspected of having a concussion during a game or practice, the law now mandates taking the student out of play or practice, and requires written certification from a licensed medical professional for "return to play."

Parents and students who plan to participate in any music program at Dartmouth High School must also take a free online course. Two free online courses are available and contain all the information required by the law. The first is available through the National Federation of High School Coaches. You will need to scroll down and click on "Concussion in Sports" and complete a brief information form to register. At the end of the course, you will receive a completion receipt. The entire course, including registration, can be completed in less than 30 minutes.

www.nfhslearn.com/electiveDetail.aspx?courseID=15000

The second online course is available through the Centers of Disease Control and Prevention at: www.cdc.gov/concussion/headsup/online_training.html

Please sign below that you have read the above and completed one of the courses listed. This is required in order to participate in Marching Band and Color Guard at Dartmouth High School. Thank you.

_____ _____
Print Name of Student Grade

_____ _____
Parent/Guardian Date

_____ _____
Student Signature Date

THIS FORM, ALONG WITH AN UPDATED PHYSICAL, MUST BE ON FILE BEFORE THE STUDENT CAN BE ALLOWED TO PARTICIPATE.

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MONICA BHAREL, MD, MPH
Commissioner

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

Executive Office of Health and Human Services
Department of Public Health
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PRE-PARTICIPATION HEAD INJURY/CONCUSSION REPORTING FORM FOR EXTRACURRICULAR ACTIVITIES

This form should be completed by the student's parent(s) or legal guardian(s). It must submitted to the Athletic Director, or official designated by the school, *prior* to the start of each season a student' plans to participate in an extracurricular athletic activity.

Student's Name	Sex	Date of Birth	Grade
School		Sport(s)	
Home Address			Telephone

Has student ever experienced a traumatic head injury (a blow to the head)? Yes_____ .No_____

If yes, when? Dates (month/year): _____

Has student ever received medical attention for a head injury? Yes_____ No_____

If yes, when? Dates (month/year): _____

If yes, please describe the circumstances:

Was student diagnosed with a concussion? Yes_____ No_____

If yes, when? Dates (month/year): _____

Duration of Symptoms (such as *headache, difficulty concentrating, fatigue*) for most recent concussion: _____

Parent/Guardian:
Name: _____ Signature/Date _____
(Please print)

Student Athlete:
Signature/Date _____

CIRCLE ONE: BAND CHORUS COLOR GUARD ORCHESTRA INDOOR

Year of graduation: _____

2017-2018

Dartmouth High School Music Department

AUTHORIZATION FOR MEDICAL TREATMENT AND EMERGENCY INFORMATION

I give my permission for the evaluation/treatment of _____ by any duly licensed
Student's Name – **PLEASE PRINT**
physician and/or hospital facility in the event of illness or injury. I also authorize transportation in an ambulance if necessary.

Parent/Guardian Signature_____ **Date**_____

Address_____ City_____ Zip Code_____

Date of birth _____ Telephone #_____ Age_____

Parent/Guardian's Name _____ Telephone #_____

Emergency Contact: _____

Relationship _____ Telephone #_____

Family Physician _____ Telephone #_____

Please answer the following medical history questions:

Please check if she/he has any of the following:

Concussions: YES_____ NO_____ (If **yes**, please fill out the attached form.)

Diabetes_____ Epilepsy_____ Heart Condition_____ Asthma_____ Other_____

- Diabetic students must have glucose tablets and a glucometer present at all practices and competitions.
- Asthmatic students must have inhaler present at all practices and competitions.
- All students must report any medical changes to the Music Department and the nurse.

Please list **ALL** medications, including inhalers and directions for use:

Please list **ALL** allergies, including medications, food and insects:

Please list any other pertinent medical information:

Date of last Tetanus booster: _____

Please provide all insurance information below:

_____	_____	_____
Policy Name	Policy Number	Subscriber's Name

_____
Primary Care Physician (if applicable)

Authorization: This health history is correct insofar as I know, and the person herein described has my permission to engage in all our activities, except as noted by me in the space provided above. In the event that I, or the individuals listed above for emergency notification cannot be reached, I hereby give my permission to share any medical information regarding my child's injury, illness, past medical history to the physician selected by Mr. Kingsland, Mr. Aungst for band; Mr. Rodriguez for Chorus; Ms. Heather Church & Ms. Charlene Monte for Orchestra; Mr. Sousa for Elementary and Middle School Bands; Addison Kaeterle for Color Guard, and authorized personnel involved in my child's care to secure proper treatment.

_____ _____
Parent/Guardian's Signature Date

_____ _____
Student's Signature Date

PHYSICAL FORM

Students must turn in proof of a **physical examination** which should be completed by the family's physician. Copies of physicals can be faxed to 508-961-1625, mailed or dropped off to the Music Department at DHS. Physical examinations are good for 13 months to the day. Once the physical has exceeded 13 months, the student will not be allowed to participate until a new physical is produced.

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ATTENTION PARENT/GUARDIAN

My daughter/son has my permission to participate in the Marching Band/Color Guard for 2017/2018 at Dartmouth High School. She/he also has my permission to be transported to competitions by Dartmouth School Department official transportation.

Student's Signature	Instrument/Guard	Grade
Parent's Signature	Telephone #	Date
Address	Email Address (print)	Instrumental/Guard Teacher

We acknowledge having read the handbook and we understand the requirements as listed in order to be a band/color guard member.

- I am aware of the school insurance plan which costs **$8.00** for the school year and that it covers my child in all Dartmouth High School functions and that it is a non-duplicating insurance.
- **(Please cross one out.)** I **(plan to)** or **(do not plan to)** enroll in school insurance under the Gerard Lefebvre Insurance Agency.

HAZING FORMS

Dartmouth High School forbids hazing of any kind. This also pertains to the Marching Band, Color Guard, Indoor Teams, Orchestra, & Chorus. We abide by the Massachusetts General Laws, Chapter 269, Sections 17-19, an Act Prohibiting the Practice of Hazing, and that the Dartmouth High School Music Department understands and agrees to comply with the law. Dartmouth High School authorities will act accordingly in all hazing matters.
I certify that we have received a copy of the M.G.L. located in this packet.

DATE	Student's Signature
DATE	Parent's Signature

USER FEES

All members of interscholastic teams for Dartmouth High School will be assessed a **$50.00 participation fee for Marching Band, Indoor Percussion, Fall & Winter Color Guard**; and **$25.00 for Orchestra**, not to exceed $250.00 per student for the school year, and not to exceed $500.00 per family per school year.

Fees are to be paid for online on the Dartmouth website at **dartmouthps.dhs.schoolfusion.us** and click on the music tab on the left. We also accept checks or money orders made payable to: **Town of Dartmouth/Music** which can be mailed or dropped off at Dartmouth High School, 555 Bakerville Road, Dartmouth, MA 02748.

If a student does not make an activity or leaves the activity voluntarily prior to the first scheduled performance, the fee will be refunded. Any student who must leave the activity after the first performance his/her situation will be reviewed on a case by case basis. Any student who voluntarily leaves the activity after the first scheduled performance or is removed from the activity for disciplinary or eligibility reasons will not be granted a refund.

Fees collected in this manner are designed to help offset program expenses. Students who qualify for free or reduced lunches are entitled to a scholarship and the fee will be waived. Any family that may be facing financial difficulties may have the fee waived by contacting the music office and speaking with the Music Director. NO student will be deprived of participating in music at Dartmouth High School due to a financial hardship.

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The Dartmouth School Music Association (DSMA) supports the development of music appreciation and musical abilities throughout the Dartmouth Public Schools. The Elementary, Middle and High School Chorus, Band, Orchestra, and Color Guard benefit from DSMA support.

Please support Dartmouth music by becoming a DSMA member! Dues are $15.00 per year for each family household. Membership runs from September 1, 2017 to August 31, 2018.

Membership in the DSMA entitles you to **voting privileges** for the year (if you have joined by October 31, 2017) and the **opportunity to participate** in offices, committees, and activities sponsored by the DSMA. **E-mail updates** will keep you informed about what is happening musically in our schools, providing details regarding concerts, parades, competitions, fundraisers and more. Your membership shows that you **value and support our music students and their programs** in the Dartmouth schools.

Please fill out the application below, with a check for $15.00 (payable to DSMA).
Drop off the form to the DHS music office, bring to the DSMA picnic in August, or mail to:

DSMA Membership, P.O. Box 80019, Dartmouth, MA 02748

Your support is greatly appreciated!

DSMA Membership Committee
www.dsmahome.org

ATTENTION ALL HIGH SCHOOL PARENTS!!!!!
♪ DSMA awards scholarships to qualifying Dartmouth High School seniors who are the children of DSMA members. Membership must have existed for **three (high school) years,** one of which is the student's **senior year**, and must be **renewed by Oct. 31** of the student's senior year. (Please refer to the online Scholarship Policy at www.dsmahome .org for additional conditions for scholarship eligibility)

DSMA MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

I wish to become a member of the DSMA. Enclosed is $15.00 which entitles me to a one-year family household membership effective through August 31, 2018. +(**For voting purposes, please list all DSMA members over 18**)

Today's Date_____ Yr.of Grad. of Student 1_____ 2_____ School_____

Student Name 1_____ 2_____

Student Activity: Marching Band_____ Concert Band_____ Chorus_____ Color Guard_____ Orchestra_____

Member Name 1_____ phone_____ *email_____

+ Member Name 2_____ phone_____ *email_____

DSMA Member Address_____ zip code_____

New Membership?_____ Renewal Membership?_____ Most Recent Yr. of Membership_____

***All notifications sent by email. To receive notifications by US Mail, please submit written request to DSMA.**