

The Walker Valley Band considers **all practices and performances mandatory** and un-excused absences can affect a student's band grade. **One of the band directors should be notified ahead of time if a conflict exists.**

Excused Absences:

1. Death in the immediate family
2. Personal illness
3. Previously scheduled event of an important nature (overseas travel, etc.)

Un-excused Absences:

1. Doctor, dentist, or hair appointment (*if an appointment is necessary, we would rather that a student miss their scheduled Band class time during the school day than an after school rehearsal*)
2. UT Football Game, etc.

Other:

If a student needs to make up work or to attend tutoring for another class, the student should make every effort to schedule around practice. After school detention or make up work needs to be scheduled on Monday or Wednesday.

Grading Policy – As with all classes, work needs to be made up if absent. This includes excused and un-excused absences.

1. Incorrect **practice attire** (chacos, sandals, boots, tight pants) or **no instrument**
2pts deducted or can be made up 30 minutes after school Mon. or Wed.
2. Excused absence from after school rehearsal
2pts deducted or can be made up 1 hour after school on Mon. or Wed.
3. Un-excused absence from after school rehearsal
5pts deducted or can be made up 2 hours after school on Mon. or Wed.
4. Excused absence from PERFORMANCE
10pts deducted but 5pts can be made up 2 hours after school on Mon. or Wed.
5. Un-excused absence from PERFORMANCE
10pts deducted with NO OPTION for making up pts.

*Walker Valley sports, club activities, field trips are excused only if the directors are notified 1 week previous to the scheduled rehearsal.

**The band staff will have authority to determine excused and un-excused absences.

If a THURSDAY rehearsal is missed, the student may NOT be able to perform Friday night or Saturday Competitions. But the student will be required to still attend