

Lehigh Marching 97 Attendance Policy Fall 2008

All members of the Lehigh Marching 97 are expected to attend all performances. Practice is every Tuesday and Thursday unless otherwise contacted. Members are required to meet at ZAC at 4:00 PM. There, those who have cars will transport the band members. Those who have classes ending at 4:00 PM should notify the Staff Assistant of such a situation so the proper amount of cars can remain at ZAC later to bring people to the loft. Rehearsals will begin as close to 4:15 PM as possible and end at 6:00 PM. Practices are also scheduled on Fridays before performances. A performance schedule will be made available as soon as the official away game is decided upon. Rehearsals may be cancelled for University closings. Additional practices and performances may be added after a vote by the Marching 97. Please ask the Staff Assistant for more information.

Each member is permitted 3 unexcused tardies and 2 unexcused practices before their grade is lowered. 3 tardies are equivalent to one unexcused absence. A 4-o'clock exam is not an excused tardy and not an excuse to be absent from band. Also, the Staff Assistant must be notified of a member's 4-o'clock exam, so that a ride can be provided after the exam. 1 unexcused absence from a performance is an automatic failure.

Excused practice absences are given to those who inform the Staff Assistant before practice of a legitimate excuse. This must be done by midnight of the night before the rehearsal. If an emergency should arise the day of rehearsal, still send an email before practice, if possible. It is important to inform the Staff Assistant of your absence because if there are a large number of absences, practice may be cancelled, and a ride will not be waiting. The excusal from a performance is only granted by the director. Please contact the Staff Assistant and the Manager in advance for an excusal to be granted.

Penalties for unexcused practices and tardies are assigned by the exec board as follows:

1. something productive
2. something productive that is a little worse
3. something productive that is a lot worse
- 4+ Possible dismissal from the Marching 97, as decided by Exec. Board

This policy applies regardless of whether or not you have signed this form and whether or not you are taking band for credit.

I have read the attendance policy and understand my expectations

Name: _____

Date: _____

Signature: _____