

Franklin Central High School Band Challenge Policy

Philosophy:

Challenges are set-up to encourage friendly competition within the band program. Challenges are not intended to be vindictive or revengeful in nature. Students are to approach challenges with a positive attitude. Students who are not satisfied with challenge results are encouraged to reschedule a challenge immediately. Students are reminded to be good sports about the challenge and accept the final outcome in a mature manner.

Protocol:

- 1) Students are allowed two challenges per nine weeks.
- 2) Challenges cannot occur within a two-week window of a major performance.
- 3) The Challenger student is to fill out challenge form in triplicate, giving the director, and the challenged student a copy. The challenger student should keep a copy for him/herself.
- 4) It is the discretion of the director to approve or deny the challenge. This will be determined on a case-by-case basis.
- 5) The director will set a date for the challenge. All challenges will occur on Wednesdays, with at least one week, but no more than two weeks, given for both parties to adequately prepare for the challenge.
- 6) Failure of either the challenger student or the challenged student to show up for the chair test under any circumstance will result in the forfeiture of the challenge.
- 7) The challenged student will determine the selection to be performed. The selection will be taken from the band folder unless all parties agree to a different arrangement. The selection will be a composition currently being prepared by the band for contest or competition unless all parties agree to a different arrangement. The director(s) must approve all selections for the challenge.
- 8) The challenge will be a blind audition. Both students will stand in the back hall area out of sight of director(s). A third student (witness) will stand with the students. The witness student will assign the challenger student and the challenged student the letter A or B. Only the students will know their assigned letter. The students will play three rounds. Each time they may keep the same letter or switch at their discretion. The director(s) will record the winner of each round. The results will be posted the next morning. The student who wins 2 of the 3 rounds will have earned the higher chair and may sit in the proper chair the next band rehearsal.
- 9) The higher chair will be awarded to the student who best demonstrates accurate pitches, dynamics, articulations and tone quality.
- 10) A rematch may be called in case the original challenged student loses his/her chair. This can occur one week after the first challenge. The rematch will count toward the two challenges each student is allowed per nine weeks.
- 11) All students are reminded to keep a positive and mature attitude about the final results. Complaining and whining will not change the results of the chair test and only serve to hurt the morale of the challenger's section and band.

Franklin Central High School Band Challenge Form

To be filled out in triplicate – one copy for each party

Challenger _____

Challenged _____

Selection to be performed _____

Date of Challenge _____

Director's Signature _____