

CHAPTER 5 Approved...October 11, 2005

5.18 Veteran’s Honors Funeral Assistant Community Service Program

Established:

5.18.1 Purpose

To encourage capable young people to assist with the sounding of *Taps* at military funerals honoring our veterans and to help students develop a better understanding of the sacrifices, a respect for the commitment and an appreciation of the privileges that the men and women of the armed forces have protected through their service.

5.18.2 Training

The band director/music teacher shall have the responsibility of recommending capable students after providing the appropriate musical training, information on the historical significance, and protocol necessary to ensure the integrity of the sounding of *Taps*.

5.18.3 Registry

The band and music teachers shall make available to capable students the opportunity to obtain written consent of their parent or guardian to sign a registry to sound *Taps* during military honors funerals.

5.18.3.1 Registry Information

The registry will include;

- Student’s full name and phone number
- School name and phone number
- Band director/music teach
- School principal

The registry will be developed, maintained, updated, and kept on file in participating schools and in the Marshall County Schools central office. This registry will be made available upon request to funeral directors and established veteran’s organizations.

5.18.4 Credit

The sounding of *Taps* may be credited toward work-based learning or community service. Students are responsible for verifying that credit is recorded with the appropriate designated person in their school who is responsible for Work Based

Learning Credit/Community Service.

5.18.5 Absence

Parent/Guardian written permission for the sounding of *Taps* must be received by the school principal for each occurrence prior to the student absence. The method of transportation to the Funeral Service must be designated on this permission form. Absences incurred through participation in the sounding of *Taps* will be recorded as a school approved extra-curricular activity.

5.18.6 Liability

Student participation in the Veterans Honors Funeral Assistant Community Service Program is voluntary. The sounding of Taps for veteran's funerals is not a school-sponsored event. Transportation will be the responsibility of the parent/guardian or student.