

2024-2025

HHS
Marching Band

Hand Book



Purpose

Marching Band is a combination of the musical arts and the visual arts. Like any other sport, marching band is physically demanding, competitive, and requires teamwork and self-discipline.

- a. The purpose of this group is to foster:
 - Self Discipline-Self Respect-Self Worth
 - Responsibility and dependability within each member
 - Organizational skills
 - A standard of Excellence in performance
 - Teamwork
 - Being a positive role model as an ambassador of the band program and Herriman High School
- b. Students are to follow this guide as well as the HHS student handbook.
- c. The rules stated in this guide are not inclusive. All calendars are subject to change. Members are expected to adjust their schedules and keep their parents informed.
- d. Students are required to be enrolled in a band class (if they are a wind player) or percussion class (if they are percussionists) at their respective school. Color Guard members are exempt from this rule. However we highly encourage participation in our winter guard program.

STANDARDS OF BEHAVIOR

There are five general rules governing expected behavior for members:

1. Be prepared and on time, with all necessary materials
2. Be respectful
3. Be quiet and attentive during all functions
4. Keep all rehearsal and performance areas clean and in good condition
5. Participate!

These rules will be strictly enforced.

The consequences for violating the above rules are as follows:

First offense - warning.

Second offense - parent contacted.

Third offense - removal from rehearsal & meeting with band staff prior to return

Fourth offense - removal from rehearsal/staff & parent conference required.

Subsequent offenses will result in referral and, possibly, removal from the marching band program.

Insubordination toward instructors, band staff, captains, or any adult helpers will result in immediate referral. The student will not be allowed to participate again until a conference occurs with the parents and the instructor. Any further violation can result in permanent removal from the marching band program.

Attendance Policy

ALL practices and performances are **mandatory**. The Staff reserves the right to schedule additional practices as needed and/or make changes to the existing schedule, provided they supply adequate notice to all members.

- Activity absences refer to absences outside the regular school day, such as games. These absences would be for personal illness, religious holidays, death in the family, or other absences excused at the discretion of the staff. All absences must be reported by a parent 2 weeks prior to the absence. This allows staff members to make modifications and adjustments to the practice schedule and performance numbers.
- Emergencies (sick at school etc) will be excused from the 2 week rule twice. After your second emergency there will be a parent contact.
- Members must attend practice the day before a performance. Any exceptions must be cleared with the staff prior to the absence.
- Members are asked to schedule around all marching band performances and practice dates.
- Saturday practices will be equal in importance to a performance and are not to be missed.
- Missing a Camp or a Comp needs to be turned into the Band Director by May 31st
- **Any member who has an unexcused absence from school during the last rehearsal before or the day of a performance may not be able to perform. This will be at the discretion of the Band Director and the band staff.**
- It is the staff's expectation that you will be communicating needs & changes with your parents. Parent emails will be sent frequently, however anything that changes daily students will need to communicate it to parents. Let Staff know of conflicts at least two weeks in advance.
- **TWO (2) UNEXCUSED ABSENCES WILL RESULT IN DISMISSAL FROM THE GROUP. NO QUESTIONS ASKED.**
- **ANY MISSED PERFORMANCE IS GROUNDS FOR DISMISSAL**

Injury or Illness

- An injured member is expected to attend ALL practices and ALL performances. When sitting out from a rehearsal, members must be attentive and take notes of suggestions, observations, and small corrections. These will be collected and read by the staff at the end of each rehearsal.
- A doctor's note is required. This prevents further injury and allows for the staff to plan accordingly.

- If a member does miss a practice, THEY are responsible for what is missed. The marching band will not stop practice to re-learn what has been missed. **THE MEMBER must make up what is missed before the next rehearsal. Failure to do so can/may result in being written out of a part.**
- The director and staff recognize there may be valid reasons that would prevent a sick or injured member from attending performances or practices. The member is to discuss their problem with the band director to determine the best course of action. Dr's appointments, work, etc. must be scheduled outside of the practice schedule.
- Members on the injured list will not get to determine what they will and will not do. For instance, the member cannot decide to perform at a show, but be too injured to run with the band or perform full-out at practice. If the member is injured, they will not be able to perform with the band. If the member is recovered, they will be able to do all activities with the band.
- The injured member must perform routines/drill full-out the entire week of practices in order to be allowed to perform at the competition. They cannot partially participate in the routine/drill all week, but assure the staff they will be able to do it full-out by Saturday. This is to prevent injury, and also so staff feel confident that the member in question will be able to physically complete the show. If there is a valid reason the member did not practice, this will be taken into consideration.

Tardies & Absences

- A tardy is defined as: Not being in our warm-up block with all necessary equipment at the start of rehearsal. If rehearsal starts at 4pm, we START at 4pm. Students should not be showing up at 4pm.
- If a student is tardy they will be expected to run a lap or the equivalent to.
- Tardiness on performance days will carry a greater consequence, including diminished show responsibility or possible dismissal from the group. We are on a tight schedule and CAN NOT hold the bus for you.
- Members who have to be late or leave early must be pre-approved through the Band Director. Should this become a habit a parent will be contacted. 4 unexcused tardies can result in dismissal from the group. Email the Band Director for approval
- Absences are excused for:
 - Illness & Family emergencies
 - Class requirements, such as choir & band concerts. (This does not include things that students are not graded for. Do not schedule a study group during rehearsal)

That being said, we understand things come up and there can be special circumstances. PLEASE let the Band Director know AHEAD of time if this will be a problem and we can try to work it out. Please keep in mind that missing rehearsal hurts you and the group. Communication is KEY! Things WILL come up and can be worked around when notification is given!!

Other Activities

- By participating in the Herriman High Marching Band, the members make marching band a priority to other activities.
- The staff **will** put reasonable effort into scheduling with the director of the other event so the member may be a part of other extra-curricular activities.
- A detailed calendar is provided to all members prior to the season for the entire season, so members are asked to schedule outside events accordingly.
- **Marching Band is a full season commitment.**

Required Marching Band Dates Fall 2024-2025

* See attached calendar for dates*

- After school rehearsals are Mondays, Wednesdays, & Thursdays from 4-7pm.
- It is THE MEMBER'S responsibility to read the calendar and let the Band Director know ANY conflicts with camps/competitions PRIOR to May 31st
- We do not hold staging or choreography for those who are not there. If the member is not there they run the risk of being written out of that portion.

Rehearsal Procedures

- **Dressed and ready to go at rehearsal start time.**
 - i. Be early. It is recommended you arrive at least 10 minutes early so that you are able to get yourself and your equipment ready and meet in the appropriate place for practice.
- Proper attire is to be worn at all times! Proper attire first and foremost must be HHS appropriate. Acceptable Items Include (T-shirts, legging, athletic shorts) JEANS ARE NOT ACCEPTABLE EVER!
 - i. This is for your safety. Members not wearing proper attire will be asked to change, if no proper clothes are available to change into the member will sit and take notes for the rest of rehearsal.
- NO JEWELRY. Any piercings MUST be able to be taken out. This is a safety measure.
- **Set your cell phones to silent or turn it off during practice.**
- All Drinks must be brought to rehearsal PRIOR to the beginning. We do not have time to go get anything during rehearsal.
- Friends and Significant others are NOT allowed to hang out at rehearsal or competitions unless special permission is given by the Band Director.
- NO member may leave until equipment is put away and the area is clean. **All members are responsible for carrying equipment back to storage places.**

I. Performance Procedures

- All attire in good condition and properly worn
- No fingernail polish, jewelry, or make-up unless it is deemed part of uniform by instructor
- Performance makeup will be expected during all school performances and competitions unless otherwise stated by the staff.
 - Everyone should have their own makeup as determined by the staff if a member wants to share it is up to that member the expectation is that everyone has THEIR OWN.
- Attendance is mandatory
- Follow all instructions given by staff
- Maintain a professional attitude – you are representing the band program and HHS!
- Any behavior deemed inappropriate by the band staff could result in a benching/removal from the group.
- **Keep all comments about another school's shows to YOURSELF unless they are positive. Everyone works very hard on their show.**
- Don't leave the group without getting permission from band staff. Students must travel in pairs.
- Travel with the group
- Attend practice all week prior to a performance! Unless you have been excused from the School (ie. Dr. Note)
- You must be in school the day prior to/of the performance
- You must have attended the last rehearsal before the competition
- You must have your drill, music, and routines memorized
- You must be deemed academically eligible

II. Uniforms

- All members must have the required parts of their uniform (shoes, show shirt, shako, etc)
- You must have ALL of your uniform in order to perform. If you lose a piece of your uniform you will need to purchase another. Since our uniforms are sometimes custom made that may not always be possible. **DO NOT LOSE YOUR UNIFORM PIECES**
- Follow Marching Band Uniform Standards, see Marching Band Uniform Standards
- Items purchased through the marching band must be paid in full before receiving them
- All parts of the uniform should be clean and in good condition. If something happens let Staff know so we can get it fixed!

III. Finances/Fundraising

- Members will be provided with fundraising opportunities. Fundraisers will always go towards the individual member's account. Members are responsible for what financial obligations are outside of what is fundraised.
- It is expected that all students will participate in all fundraisers. It is free money!
- If a student quits or is asked to leave the group it is their responsibility to pay for all items and charges incurred prior to their dismissal or departure.

****See Attached Cost Sheet****

If finances are an issue please bring this up to the staff so that we can try to work it out!

Drug/Alcohol Usage Policy

The possession, use, and distribution of alcohol or drugs by the members of this organization at any rehearsal or event is strictly prohibited. The Herriman Band Program will not tolerate the use of alcohol or other drugs at any school sponsored activity (i.e., bus trips, rehearsals, etc.). A violation of this policy will result in automatic expulsion from the Herriman winter guard in addition to any discipline administered by the Herriman High School administration.

GroupMe

- Students will use GroupMe to get daily information out
- All students are expected to be in AND read the information in the GroupMe.
- GroupMe hours are from 6am-10pm. If it is after 10pm or before 6am it needs to be silent. Exceptions can be made and accidents happen, however as a general rule we have quiet hours.
- The GroupMe is a place for everyone to connect, however please keep in mind that it does notify each student for each message. Keep the "hallway" chatter to a minimum.
- Please do not put tardies or conflicts into the open GroupMe.
- Students should not personally message staff on Groupme. If it is a personal question, it needs to be sent via email. Staff will not respond to personal messages on GroupMe

Social Media

It is Herriman Marching Band policy that all video and audio recordings of the Marching Band be kept for private use and not posted via social media for public viewing. (this does not include public performances) Our kids work very hard to perfect their skills and it is the program's wish that videos showing a product not yet honed to a high level be shared for our competitors or the internet world to see. Never speak disrespectfully about your teammates, the band/guard or staff – social media, etc.

HHS Social Media Page

The Herriman Band Program maintains an Instagram page that serves as a place for students and instructors to share information and encouragement. Parents should also be a part of this page to have access to information shared and to help monitor the page to ensure that our students are always displaying proper behavior while online. As always, any questions, issues, or concerns that may arise should be directed to the band director..

Instagram: officialherrimanbands
herrimanguard

Website: <https://www.herrimanbands.org/>

Please make sure to type your email address correctly on the sign up document. We communicate with you frequently through emails!

Video Policy

- We utilize videos to help students remember and learn work. These will be loaded into the GroupMe chat after rehearsals and camps that students can access.
- It is the student's responsibility to ask the staff if there is a video they need access to or something they want filmed.

Bullying Policy:

HHS Bands follow Herriman High School protocol. A band member who partakes in bullying will be referred to the office and HHS administration.

Bullying – In accordance with state law, bullying is defined as intimidation, unwanted aggressive behavior, or harassment that is repetitive or is substantially likely to be repeated and causes a reasonable student to fear for his or her physical safety or property; that substantially interferes with the educational performance, opportunities or benefits of any student without exception; or that substantially disrupts the orderly operation of the school. Bullying includes, but is not limited to: physical actions, including violence, gestures, theft, or property damage; oral, written, or electronic communication, including name-calling, put-downs, extortion, or threats; or threats of reprisal or retaliation for reporting such acts.

Cyberbullying – A form of bullying committed by transmission of a communication including, but not limited to, a message, text, sound or image by means of an electronic device including, but not limited to, a telephone, wireless telephone or other wireless communication device, computer or pager. The district has jurisdiction over cyberbullying that uses the district's technology resources or that originates on district property, at a district activity or on district transportation. Even when cyberbullying does not involve district property, activities or technology resources, the district will impose consequences and discipline for those who engage in cyberbullying if there is a sufficient nexus to the educational environment, the behavior materially and substantially disrupts the educational environment, the communication involves a threat as defined by law, or the district is otherwise allowed by law to address the behavior.

Marching Band Uniform Standards

A marching band uniform will be issued to you or your student. Here are a few rules and instructions to keep Marching Mustangs looking their best.

Competition Day

Clothes worn under Uniform

- There are times when the band will put uniforms on in school parking lots. Nylon/cotton gym shorts or leggings should be worn. These fit best under the uniform.
- Wear T-Shirts. Shirts with spaghetti straps, muscle shirts, or high collars that can be seen with the jacket on, are not allowed. The t-shirts help keep the jacket clean. Show shirts are required to wear on competition days. You can wear it under your uniform.

Socks

Plain black socks are required. They must be crew socks or longer. No ankle socks. If socks are forgotten, they will be required to wear a pair that band parents have collected and put in our leftover/used box.

Shoes

Black Dinkles. In order to not forget black socks or black Dinkles, wear them to the competitions and performances. Please put your initials or name in both shoes.

Hair

Shakos - Hair will be up off the collar or pulled up smooth and pinned up on top of the head and UNDER the Shako. NO loose strands. No visible buns.



Berets - Hair will be up off the collar, pulled up smooth and pinned into a nice bun UNDER the beret. NO buns sitting on the collar of the uniform. NO loose strands.

For those not wearing beret or shakos - Hair is to be up off the collar and pulled up smooth and pinned into a nice bun. NO loose strands.

****Short hair should not touch the collar. If it does, it is time for a haircut.****

Gloves

Wash them while wearing them like you would washing your hands with soap and water. Wring gently and hang dry. Please keep care of your gloves. One pair, if taken care of, will last throughout the season. Please make that one pair work. We don't have very many gloves.

Shako, Wraps, and Hat boxes

ONLY Shakos and Wraps are allowed to be stored in the hat box. Do not store anything else in your hat box.

Traveling

ONLY the Coat, Bibber, Gloves & Gauntlets are put in the Garment bags. NO SHOES OR SOCKS.

- The front of the Coat faces the zipper and label. Using the wishbone hanger. The front of the jacket's shoulders curve in and zipped up.
- Bibbers should be folded along the crease. Line up inside seams and fold in half over the hanger and secured with the provided black clip. Bibbers will stay wrinkle free and secure when traveling.
- Gloves and gauntlets are stored in the back pocket of the garment bag.
- To clean, empty all dirt and debris from pockets. Machines wash in cold water on the "rinse and spin only" cycle without laundry detergent, or hand rinse in a tub in a few inches of cold water. Drip dry.

Miscellaneous

- No jewelry including watches, bracelets, rings, earrings, etc.,
- No gum or food is allowed while in the uniform. Please eat before or after the event.

After all Competitions and Performances, hang up Bibbers and Coat separately to air out

Make sure the coat is on its wishbone hanger. When it is time to travel, hang up your bibbers with the side seams together on the hanger using the clip to hold them in place. Then hang the jacket over the wishbone hanger zipped up.

- In warm weather especially, uniforms should be aired and dried after each wearing. Make sure the Coat is on its wishbone hanger - **DO NOT store them in garment bags! Do not leave them in the garment bag with the zipper undone expecting them to air out. Hang them up separately.**
- Avoid getting the uniforms wet in any way. If this does happen, hang the uniform parts separately on hangers and provide a well-ventilated area.
- **Do not store Dinkles and dirty socks in your garment bag with your uniform.** Help keep your uniform clean.

***DO NOT STORE THE UNIFORMS IN GARMENT BAGS* they need to air out. Shakos too!**

Uniform "Don'ts"

- DON'T lay the garment bag with the uniform inside of it on the floor.
- DON'T lay it on the floor of your car. Hang it up on the hook above the back seat doors or use handles.

HEMMING INSTRUCTIONS:

- The pant legs have snaps on the inside to hold them in place so they don't fall down and get stepped on. To secure, Bibbers may be hemmed by hand or secure the hems on the inside of each pant leg side seam with a single secure stitch.
- Hem stitching should not be visible on the outside of the pants.
- Stitching should be minimal and easy to remove at the end of the season.
 - DO NOT CUT FABRIC
 - No Iron-On Hem Tape / Safety pinning hem / Taping Hem
- HEM MUST BE PRESSED AFTER BEING ALTERED



UNIFORM CLEANING & WASHING INSTRUCTIONS

Bibbers and Coats should be zipped up when being washed.

Bibbers

- Wash bibbers **by themselves**
- **COLD** water
- Delicate cycle No Agitation
- Low spin
- Mild detergent **No Softeners. Do Not Bleach**

Remove immediately and hang by the shoulder straps to dry

Coats

- Wash Coats **by themselves (the dye could bleed)**
- **COLD** water
- Delicate cycle No Agitation
- Low spin
- Mild detergent **No Softeners. Do Not Bleach**

Remove immediately and hang on the wishbone hanger, shoulders curved in, zipped up.

***IF needed, when dry, follow ironing instructions to press the Hem. If hung up immediately, you shouldn't have to iron.**

The Herriman Marching Mustang Uniform should be worn and cared for with PRIDE.

You are financially responsible for the cost of replacement of any part of your uniform or uniform bag that is not returned in good condition at the end of the marching band season.

- DON'T lay it on the floor and then put your instrument or backpack on it.
- DON'T drag it when walking.
- Don't store or pack Dinkles in the bags, they rub against the uniform and gauntlets, and will wear out the bottom of the bags.

These uniforms will wear out early if not taken care of. You don't want to be the person next year given a uniform with problems. Please take care of EVERYTHING loaned out or given to you.

Coat

Keep it hung at all times. Do not lay it on the floor, draped over a chair, etc.

- Use the wishbone hanger provided to maintain the styling of the coat, preventing broken collars and creased shoulders. The edges of the hanger curve inward. That is the front of the hanger. The coat shoulders should curve in.
- Sleeves are to be at wrist length.
 - They have snaps on the inside to hold them in place so they are not too long. You are allowed to help secure them on the inside of each side seam with a single secure stitch.

See Hemming Instructions and Ironing Instructions below

Bibbers

The Trouser Break is where the pant legs fall against the shoe. The bibbers must be at the Quarter Break.



QUARTER BREAK

It is your responsibility to check and fix the hem on the bibbers. Have the student try on bibbers with BAND SHOES

- Before determining pant length, adjust shoulder straps to achieve proper crotch position.
- Have the student stand straight at attention looking straight ahead.
- Pant leg should fall right at the top of the shoe, Quarter Break.
- There should NOT be a break between the shoe and pants

IRONING INSTRUCTIONS:

- Iron should NEVER touch the uniform directly – it will damage the fabric
- Use a damp cloth over fabric, Press on low heat
- Bibbers may also be taken to the dry cleaners to be pressed

Herriman Parade Band Cost

Total Cost - \$50

Payment Due- May 31

\$50 (pay online, will be sent via email)

**If a student drops out after May 24th, 2024 they are still responsible for the full payment

Herriman Fall Marching Band Cost Sheet

Total Cost - \$725

Camp and Clinic (deposit) – \$300

Participation Fee (set at a district level) – \$225

Overnight Travel (St. George) – \$200

Payment Schedule- Fall Members

\$300 (online payment) **July 19th**, \$225 **Sept. 6th**, \$200 **Oct 4th**

**If a student drops after June 28th, they are still responsible for the full payments.

Paperwork Due Date:

Handbook Agreement Page: June 17, 2024 or sooner

Overnight Paperwork: ASAP

- Parent Approval
- Parent Consent for Student Travel - signed by a Notary Public
- Copy of insurance card

Required Marching Band Dates

Parade Members:

- Parade Camp: June 17-21 8am-12pm
- Herriman Parade: June 22th
- Riverton Parade: July 3rd

Fall Members:

- Basics Camp: June 17-21 1-3pm
- Percussion/Guard Camp: July 29-Aug. 2 8am-5pm
- Rookie Camp: Aug. 2 8am-12pm
- Band Camp: Aug. 5-9 8am-8pm, 12-16 8am-4pm
- Nebo Competition: Sept. 21
- OMBI Competition: Sept. 28
- BBI Competition: Oct. 5
- Wasatch Competition: Oct. 12
- Davis Cup: Nov. 2
- State Marching Band: Nov. 7-9

Marching Band SignUp



Marching Band Leadership



Last Day to sign up is April 9th

Marching Mustangs Warm-Up Music



Percussion SignUp



Agreement Page

By signing below we understand and agree to the above stated policies in this contract. We realize that the success of the Herriman High School Marching Mustangs is dependent upon our dedication and commitment to these policies. We agree to have the above named student removed from the Marching Band if these expectations are not adhered to. We also understand that this contract constitutes a binding agreement that the above named student will be enrolled in the Marching Band at Herriman High School and fees associated with this contract are non-refundable. We also agree to be charged the above stated fees in their entirety as of the appropriate fee deadlines. We also acknowledge that all fees are non-refundable regardless of the above named student's removal from the group either voluntarily or involuntarily after the deadline.

Administration Signature  _____ Date 4/5/24

Band Member's Name Printed _____

Instrument or Color Guard _____

Band Member's Signature _____ Date _____

Parent's Signature _____ Date _____

I give permission to the Herriman High School Marching Band Program to take and publish photos of my child on social media, websites and other web based entities.

Parent Initial _____