

Marching Giants

Procedures

Rehearsals

1. All rehearsals are required. Please see the included Season Schedule for a list of rehearsal dates and times. Never assume a rehearsal is canceled because of inclement weather!
2. Prior to rehearsal every student will take everything which is needed, including charts, pencil, music, lyre, etc. Playing of instruments to and from the rehearsal field is not allowed.
3. Section rehearsals are vital for working out details essential to a fine performance. Whenever a section leader is working with the section, strict attention to section leaders is expected.
4. The podium is a platform in more than just the literal sense of the word, for it is the only place in the rehearsal room or on the rehearsal field from which gestures and suggestions can mold a group of individuals into an organization. Whenever any of the directors, drum majors, or any other person takes the podium, the group will give him/her complete attention. This means total silence and quickness to respond to instructions.
5. Section leaders are responsible for asking the directors about anything in the music or drill charts which is unclear. Anyone who puts his/her mind to it can solve almost any problem with EYES and EARS.
6. A rehearsal ends WHEN the director end it, not when a bell or buzzer sounds. Every student must put away his/her own instrument before leaving the band room.
7. Care of your instrument and equipment is essential. This involves routine maintenance and storing your equipment properly at the end of each rehearsal. If your equipment is in need of repair, it is vital that this be taken care of quickly.
8. Never leave instruments or uniforms unattended.
9. Your full cooperation with directors, drum majors, and section leaders is expected.

Performances

1. All performances are required. Please see the included Season Schedule for a list of performance dates and times. Never assume a performance is canceled because of inclement weather.
2. Prior to a performance every student will take everything which is needed for that performance including instrument, uniform, music, etc. Playing of instruments, including warm-up, will only take place in designated areas at designated times.
3. Be punctual, flexible, and responsive to instructions.
4. Cheering at games as an organization is vital to generating spirit and enthusiasm of the student body, alumni, and fans. Participate loudly and enthusiastically while paying attention to what is happening on the field.
5. Students are not excused from performances until all equipment is properly stored, the band room is clean, and the organization is dismissed by the director.

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Music

Each student is issued music, a flip folder, and a carrying folder. It is essential that each student take particular care of these items since they must be used from one year to the next. The student is responsible for the flip folder and all music issued to him throughout the marching season. All music should be marked in pencil only and not ink. Any student who loses his/her flip folder and/or music lyre will be charged a replacement fee. The replacement fee for a flip folder or for a lyre is \$5.00. Grades will be held and the student will be encumbered until all items are returned or until replacement fees are paid.

Uniforms

One of the most exciting aspects of being in marching band is putting on your uniform and preparing for a performance. You should feel a great deal of pride when you put on your uniform. However, the uniform also brings with it a great deal of responsibility. It is critical to understand that when you put on the uniform:

1. You become *visibly* associated with the marching band, which means that all of your words and actions become associated with the marching band and our school.
2. Judgments will be made on the *whole group* based on the actions of each individual. You have to ask yourself: how do you want our organization to be viewed within our community?
3. You should assume that *somebody* can always hear your words and see your actions.

Because the uniforms must last several years, each student is responsible for the care of his/her uniform. Each uniform part is numbered and issued to the student. Do not trade uniform parts, and do not make alterations to the uniforms. Any problems with uniform fitting should be brought to the attention of the director.

Once the uniform is issued to the student, the care of the uniform is the student's responsibility. Any uniform part damaged beyond usual wear will be charged to the student. Any uniform part that is not returned following a performance is the responsibility of the student to whom it was issued. The replacement fees listed below will be applied. Grades will be held until all items are returned or until replacement fees are paid.

Each student will be issued the following:

1. Shako	\$45
2. Shako Box	\$5
3. Plume	\$15
4. Coat	\$135
5. Cape	\$60
6. Pants	\$85
8. Garment Bag	\$5
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TOTAL	\$350

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Uniform pant lengths should be measured 3 1/2" off the floor with band shoes and suspenders on. Adjustments in the pant length should be made by adjusting the suspender clips.

Each student must provide his or her own white gloves that are to be worn with the full uniform at all performances. New gloves may be purchased in the band office for \$3.00.

Here are some "Do's and Don'ts" to help you wear your uniform correctly:

1. DO put your hair up if your hair will be sticking out of the back of your hat. This applies to both gentlemen and ladies.
2. DO remove all nail polish from your fingernails if you are wearing fingerless gloves.
3. DO remove all earrings, necklaces, watches, bracelets, and sunglasses. It is best to leave these things at home so they are not lost.
4. DO bring clean, calf-high black socks to every performance, as they are a part of the uniform.
5. DO wear a t-shirt underneath the coat as part of the uniform at all performances.
6. DO NOT wear spaghetti straps or tank-tops underneath your uniform even if it is hot.
7. DO wear shorts underneath your uniform. Athletic shorts work the best at keeping you cool.
8. DO NOT wear jeans under the uniform. For cold weather, wear long underwear.
9. DO NOT eat or drink anything other than water or approved snacks while in uniform.
10. DO NOT chew gum in uniform.
11. DO NOT take off any part of the uniform unless instructed by staff.
12. DO NOT run or horse-around in uniform.
13. DO sit with the band during football games. Only band members may sit with the band. You must sit with your section.
14. DO NOT leave the stands during the game without the express permission of the director.
15. DO correct other members of the band when you see them doing something inappropriate in uniform.

Take pride in your uniform and your band by taking care of your uniform...you have EARNED it!