

Terrier Sound Band 2025-2026

I hope this letter finds you enjoying a great Summer Break. We are looking forward to seeing you this fall and want to be sure you have all the information you need for the upcoming year.

Marching band is a MANDATORY activity for all participants in the band program. This includes Marching Band Camp. Marching band is the biggest public relations endeavor of the entire music department, and all must be involved in this significant part. The only standing exceptions to this policy are those students who are in a fall THS sport or Cheerleading. If you are involved in these activities and are not planning to march, please let us know right away. Other concerns about this policy will be addressed on an individual basis. The final decision is at the discretion of the directors.

The summer camp schedule is below and on the Google Calendar on the Terrier Sound [web-page](#). Both give the overall times for camp. If a student is not at camp without notifying the directors before the camp, they may be written out of the show and, therefore will become an alternate. Extreme exceptions will be considered. Once again, the final decision is up to the directors.

Items that you will need to begin marching camp on either July 21-25 (TSA and Percussion), July 24 - 25 (officers), July 25 (incoming freshman), and July 28-July 31 (EVERYBODY):

1. Big Breakfast before you leave the house (no fainting allowed at bandcamp) :-)
2. Comfortable Clothes
 - A. Shorts (not too short) or pants (all within school dress code)
 - B. T-shirt (no spaghetti straps/tank tops - all within school dress code)
 - C. Comfortable tennis shoes AND SOCKS (no sandals or flip-flops)
 - D. Hat for Outside
3. Sunscreen and bug spray
5. Your OWN water jug/cooler full of WATER (not soda-pop or any other sugary drink)
6. Lunch plan. Either bring lunch with you or make plans for the 12:00-1:30 time. There will be an unairconditioned space for you to eat. You can enter the band room quietly when you finish eating and drinking.
7. Instrument (unless playing a school instrument)
8. Pencil

Two options for keeping the marching band drill.

- A. The first option is to buy the following: three-ring binder (plastic and light as possible), 30 Clear Sheet protectors for 3-ring binder, and something to hang three-ring binder around the neck while marching. This folder will be used to hold your music and drill sheets during practice.
- B. Buy an App to put on an Android or Apple device (iPod/smartphone/tablet). Then, use this device at practices. Here is a [link](#) to the website of the app. It can be purchased in the Apple App Store or the Android Play Store. The App is \$2.99. Once the app is downloaded, it does NOT use data to run nor requires wifi. It is also a one-time purchase that will last all four years.

Marching Camp (REQUIRED) - (Please contact us concerning unavoidable conflicts)

July 21-25, 8 am-12 pm TSA

July 21-25, 8 am-12 pm Percussion

July 24-25, 8 am-**5 pm** Leaders

July 25, 5:00 pm-8:00 pm Freshman Welcome Ice Cream Social

July 28-July 31; 8:00-12:00, 1:30-**3:00**, Full Marching Band Camp.

Aug. 5, 6-8pm Parent Meeting/Performance/Demonstration, BBQ

Aug 12: First Full Marching Band Practice of the year 6:00 PM - 8:30 PM

All students without marching shoes will need to buy them. Students will be fitted on the second week of school at the marching band practice. The students will also need to buy gloves and a poncho. The shoes are \$30.00, the gloves are \$3.00, and the poncho is \$10.00. These are purchased directly from the company on campus that evening. They only accept cash. These are required. The remaining fees will be collected: Uniform-\$25; Transportation-\$35; Instrument rental (for school-owned instrument players)-\$35; T-Shirt-\$12; Bag/Water bottle-\$10. The T-shirt, Shoes, Gloves, and Poncho are the most critical.

Please remember that for those not able, scholarships are available to cover these fees. Please contact us. NO ONE SHOULD EVER QUIT OVER MONEY!

Once school starts, practices will be on Tuesday evenings from 6:00-8:30 PM through August and September. In the first three weeks of October, we will practice on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 6:00 PM to 8:00 PM. The last marching band rehearsal of the year will be on October 28th. All students are expected to be at all rehearsals. If a student is *unexcused* from a rehearsal during the week or a performance, the class grade will be affected accordingly.

Thank you,

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