Mahomet-Seymour Marching Bulldogs 2026

Google Classroom code: 5amljmy

Freshmen Mini Camp

(Freshmen, New Students, Section Leaders, and Drum Majors)

- **Monday, June 15 - 6-8pm**
- **Tuesday, June 16 - 6-8pm**

Full Band Mini Camp

(All Marching Band Members)

-Wednesday, June 17 - 6-8:30pm
-Thursday, June 18 - 6-8:30pm
-Friday, June 19 - 6-8:00pm

Please notify Mr. Gray in advance for scheduled conflicts with June Mini Camp rehearsals at dgray@ms.k12.il.us. Since parade and field show music as well as marching basics are taught during these rehearsals, it is important that students miss as few rehearsals as possible.

DRUM CAMP and COLOR GUARD CAMPS

-July 13-17
Colorguard: 9:00AM-5:00PM
Drumline: Time: 9:00am-5:00pm

All percussion and colorguard members need to be present for these rehearsals. Much of the music and choreography for the field show is taught during this time. Failure to attend may jeopardize regular participation status.

BAND CAMP

(All Band Members)

-Monday, July 20 - 8:30 am-12:30 pm & 5pm-8:30pm
-Tuesday, July 21 - 8:30 am-12:30 & 5pm-8:30pm
-Wednesday, July 22 - 8:30 am-12:30 & 5pm-8:30pm
-Thursday, July 23 - 8:30 am-12:30 & 5pm-8:30pm
-Friday, July 24 - 8:30 am-12:30 & 5pm-8:00pm
-Saturday, July 25 - 9:30am-11:30am

Band Camp is mandatory for all members of the Marching Band unless arrangements have been made due to extraordinary circumstances.

Additional Summer Rehearsals

(All Band Members)

-Tuesday, July 28 - 6-8pm
-Thursday, July 30 - 6-8pm
-Tuesday, August 4 - 6-8pm
-Thursday, August 6 - 6-8pm

Regular School Year Schedule

(All Band Members)

Beginning Wednesday, August 12

-Tuesday - 3:30-6:00pm
-Wednesday - 3:30-5:30pm
-Thursday - 3:30-6:00pm

Percussion and Color Guard will have additional rehearsals throughout the season as determined by the instructors.

Shared Positions

The Marching Bulldogs use a shadow system to assure that complete field show formations are always present during all performances. This is due to the possibility that a student could move away, get injured, be unable to perform due to grades, drop the class, or not be physically / musically ready to perform at a designated skill level. Students that are unable to attend band camp are automatically designated as shadows. Otherwise, selected freshmen are generally chosen as shadows. The number of shadow positions will vary from section to section. Selected students are paired and both learn a specific drill position. Mr. Stevens, along with the color guard instructor, will select which students perform at any given performance. Shadows will be guaranteed to perform in all parades, and selected field show performances. (Football Games and/or Competitions). During a performance that a shadow is not marching on the field, the student will assist with props and pit. Shadows are expected to be at all rehearsals and performances.

Grading Procedures and Attendance

A student's grade in marching band is based on several factors.

1. Attitude and Effort
2. Attendance and Punctuality
3. Musical Performance
4. Marching Performance

Attendance at every rehearsal and performance is of the utmost importance! Job schedules must be arranged so they do not conflict with scheduled rehearsals and performances. Unexcused absences and tardiness may cause a student to be dismissed from participation or changed from a regular position to a shadow. Also, please try and schedule medical appointments at times that miss scheduled rehearsals. Other **Mahomet-Seymour High School activities** which conflict with marching band rehearsals will be excused as long as Mr. Stevens is given advance notice. Since band practices continue until 6pm on Tuesday and Thursday, students dismissed from sports practices at 5:30pm should attend the remaining band practice time.

Excused Absences: Death in the family, weddings, Illness, school-sponsored activities.
Unexcused Absences: Forgetting or skipping, sleeping in, job conflicts, failing to notify Mr. Stevens in advance for planned excused absences.

Students must be in attendance at all rehearsals and performances.

Failure to request absences in advance will automatically result in an unexcused absence.

Marching Band Fees

RETURNING MEMBERS (Band and Guard) - **$140.00**
FRESHMEN and NEW MEMBERS - **$180.00**
MAKE CHECKS PAYABLE TO: MSHS

(The above Marching Band fees are separate from the $35.00 DISTRICT ACTIVITY FEE paid at registration)

Marching Band fees are due no later than the last day of band camp unless previous arrangements have been made. For financial concerns please contact Mr. Gray or Mr. Torres!

-Students are responsible for providing all-white tennis shoes and white socks that cover the ankles for performances in SUMMER UNIFORM.
-Students are responsible for providing a plain gray t-shirt, plain gray shorts, and white socks that cover the ankles to wear under our MAIN UNIFORM.
-Students are expected to have longer hair put up before arriving at school and are not permitted to wear jewelry or fingernail polish for performances.

Allerton Retreat

The marching band will have their annual retreat on **Friday night and Saturday, September 25 and 26.** Buses will leave the HS at 4:30pm Friday and return around 6:30pm Saturday evening. All students are expected to attend unless excused in advance.

2026 Marching Band Season Schedule

-Monday and Tuesday, June 15 & 16 --- Freshmen and New Marchers Camp --- 6-8pm
(Freshmen, New Members, Section Leaders, Drum Majors Only)

-Wednesday - Friday, June 17-19 --- June Mini Camp --- 6-8:30pm (Full Band)

-Monday - Friday, July 13-17 --- Percussion and Color Guard Camps --- 9:00am

-Monday - Friday, July 20 - July 24 --- Band Camp --- 8:30am-12:30pm and 5-8:30pm

-Friday, August 21 - Home Football Game - 5:00pm (Dawgapolloza)

-Friday, August 28 - Home Football Game - 5:30pm

-Saturday, August 29 — Mahomet Music Festival Parade - 8:00am

-Saturday, September 19 - Competition- Limestone

-Friday and Saturday, September 25 - 26 --- Allerton Retreat

-Friday, October 2 - Home Football Game - 5:00pm

-Saturday, October 3 - Competition - Mt. Zion

-Wednesday, October 7 - Homecoming Parade

-Friday, October 9 - Home Football Game - Homecoming Game - 5:30pm

-Friday, October 16 - Home Football Game - Senior Night - 5:30pm

-Saturday, October 17 - Competition - University of Illinois

-Saturday, October 24 - Competition - BOA St. Louis Super Regional

-Tuesday, October 27 - Indoor Band Concert - 7:00pm