



EVERYTHING YOU NEED TO KNOW ABOUT MARCHING BAND

FALL 2025



MARCHING BAND INFO FORM (MBIF)

Please complete the [Marching Band Info Form \(MBIF\)](#) by May 23, 2025.



CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Here is the [2025 Band Calendar](#); Please add the dates to your family calendar.

BAND CAMP

Band camp is a hugely important time for us as we get the new marching season started. Freshmen attend a few extra rehearsals so that we can teach them the basics of marching before the upperclassmen join them. We work to learn good marching skills, rehearse our show music and pep tunes, and learn the drill (marching formations) for our pregame show (which we perform before football games begin). It is critical that all students attend; students who miss rehearsals miss out on a lot of new things and are behind when they return.

FOOTBALL GAMES & EVENING REHEARSALS

The marching band performs at all home football games and the Homecoming Parade each Fall. On each game week, we have an evening coordination rehearsal. These are the only rehearsals (aside from band camp) where the full marching band meets because, during the school day, there are 5 band classes that meet at different times. The exact dates and times of these rehearsals need to be coordinated with athletic schedules, so we will let everyone know as soon as they are determined.

ATTENDANCE

Band members are expected to attend band camp, evening rehearsals, and all performances. We pride ourselves on how we are able to incorporate marching band into our curriculum and involve EVERY student. Students who are in attendance at all of these rehearsals and performances will be guaranteed a spot in every performance.

CONFLICTS & INVOLVEMENT IN OTHER ACTIVITIES

We work closely with the administration, coaches, and activity sponsors to ensure that the students can participate in band and other activities because we believe that the students should have a well-rounded high school experience. We will be asking you to list potential sports/activities for the Fall and any extenuating circumstances that might prevent your student from attending a performance or rehearsal. It is much easier for us to find potential solutions if we know of a possible conflict well in advance.

REQUIRED MATERIALS FOR MARCHING BAND REHEARSALS

Below is a list of items that students will need for ALL marching band rehearsals:

- ❑ **Pencil** – put 2-3 in your instrument case to make sure you always have one on you!
- ❑ **Comfortable tennis shoes** – NO SANDALS OR FLIP FLOPS
- ❑ **Instrument** in good working condition; Clarinet and Saxophone players need to have extra reeds and brass players need to have valve oil or slide cream.
- ❑ **Flip Folders and Lyres** –
 - ALL STUDENTS need a flip folder for marching band
 - All students except sousaphones and percussion also need a lyre.
 - The flute, mellophone (horn), trombone, and baritone lyres come with a flip folder attached. All other instruments must order a lyre in addition to their flip folder.
 - Flip folders should have at least 5 pages but preferably 8-10 with the amount of music to be played.
 - If you are an incoming freshman (or an upperclassman that has lost their flip folder), we recommend you order your equipment now through WHS and they will be delivered by the first day of marching band. Pricing is listed in the MBIF.
- ❑ **Sheet music and drill charts** (received at rehearsal)
- ❑ **Personal water bottle**
- ❑ **Hat and Sunscreen** to avoid excess sun exposure
- ❑ **Light, loose-fitting clothing** – T-shirts should cover the shoulder
- ❑ **A GREAT ATTITUDE!**

Students need to have all required materials by the first day of Band Camp

MARCHING BAND UNIFORM

Below is a list of items that students will need for ALL marching band performances:

- ❑ WHS Marching Band Uniform (Provided and to be fitted prior to the first performance)
- ❑ Long black socks (Student Provided)
- ❑ Black Drillmaster marching shoes. If you need to order shoes, please indicate the size you need on the MBIF. Pricing information is below.
- ❑ This Fall's Marching Bulldogs Purple T-Shirt (Included in Marching Band Fee; see below.)
- ❑ Athletic shorts to be worn underneath the uniform (Student Provided)

**Students need to have all required uniform items by the first performance.
(T-shirts and Marching Shoes are distributed in class the week of the first performance)**

MARCHING BAND COSTS

- ❑ **Yearly, District-assessed Band Fee (\$55)**
- ❑ **Yearly Marching Band Cost (\$20)**

This cost includes a Marching Band T-Shirt (unique to our show theme each year), bottled water for each student at each performance, and supplies for marching band camp and activities.
- ❑ **Marching Band Shoes (\$42)**

All new members will need to purchase a pair of Marching Band Shoes. Returning members may use their shoes from the previous year, so this is typically a one-time purchase. If returning members need to order a new pair of shoes, please indicate that on the MBIF.
- ❑ **Lyre & Flip Folder (~\$9-20 depending on the instrument)**

Exact costs are listed on the MBIF

**Payment Information will be emailed home over the summer and
payment will be due by the start of Band Camp**