

Prattville High School Band

“The Pride of Prattville”

General Info. and F.A.Q.

For over seventy years, the Pride of Prattville Band has demonstrated excellence in performance all over the South and the entire country. The band consistently receives superior ratings in both concert and marching festivals, and is often recognized for outstanding drum majors, percussion, and auxiliaries. In recent years, the band has performed in the Boscov's Thanksgiving Day Parade in Philadelphia, PA; Disney's Magic Music Days; the National Cherry Blossom Festival Parade in Washington, D.C.; the McDonald's Thanksgiving Day Parade in Chicago, IL; National World War II Museum in New Orleans, LA, Fiesta Flambeau Parade in San Antonio, Texas, St. Patrick's Day Parade in Chicago, IL, the Stars Performance Parade in the Universal Orlando Resort, performance at Dollywood, and invited to perform July of 2026 at America's 250th birthday in Philadelphia. Each spring, several members of the Prattville Band are selected to participate in the District V Honor Band while also representing the school at various university honor bands and the Alabama Bandmasters Association All State Honor Band Festival. In addition, the Wind Symphony – the premier instrumental ensemble at PHS – has had the honor of performing at the Southeastern United States Concert Band Clinic and the Alabama Bandmasters Association State Conference.

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

Q. Which band class do I need to be registered for?

*A. There will be placement auditions held later in the Spring to determine the different concert bands. Incoming freshmen who play woodwind or brass should register for the Concert Band class. If a student's audition results in them placing in a different band, I will adjust their schedule with the counselors. All percussion should register for the Percussion Ensemble class. These classes are not separate from **marching band – all students regardless of concert placement participate in the “marching band.”***

Q. When does the band practice during marching season (the fall semester)?

A. Marching band meets during the school day to work on sectional work and drill fundamentals. The band also practices after school on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 3:30 to 6:30 p.m. Rehearsal attendance is required as part of the band class grade.

Q. Do I have to march at the Prattville Football games?

A. Yes. All band members are required to perform at all Prattville football games, parades, pep rallies, etc. Performances are part of your grade for the band class.

Q. Besides football games, what other performances will the marching band participate in?

*A. In addition to football games, the Prattville Band performs at regional marching band festivals and contests in late September and October on **Saturdays. This will include the Annual Heart of Dixie Marching Festival which is always the 2nd Saturday in October.** Our band usually performs in at least three of these events. In addition, we play at the football playoffs & championship, pep rallies, local parades and events, and other possible performance related trips.*

Q. How will I get to all these performances?

A. Transportation is provided from school to all band performances with the exception of home football games and local events.

Q. When can I audition to be a majorette or guard member?

A. Majorette and Color Guard clinics and auditions are held in the high school band room in the spring (Please refer to the CutTime calendar found at prattvillebands.com). If selected to either of these groups, the student should register for the Auxiliary Band Class. All auxiliary candidates should have two years PJHS Band experience before auditioning, be a current band member at PJHS or PHS, and be a member in good standing.

Q. Does it cost anything to be in the band?

A. Yes, however nearly 100% of the costs can be made through hard work and fundraising. Please refer to the financial information listed below.

Q. Do I have to attend band camp?

A. Yes, ALL MEMBERS ARE REQUIRED to attend band camp. Percussion, guard, majorettes and new members are required to attend their respective mini-camps also held during the summer. Check the attached calendar for times and locations. The month of June is the best time to take family vacations and avoid band dates.

Q. What happens if I miss rehearsals and/or games or other performances?

A. Every one of our members is vitally important. There are no “bench-warmers.” Attendance at all rehearsals, games, and ALL performances IS REQUIRED and MANDATORY. Your grade will be deducted for each absence. Excessive absences (excused or unexcused) will affect a student's standing with the band.

Q. How can parents help?

A. That's simple! 1st – continue to be involved in your child's life and support and encourage them. 2nd – get involved in the Band Boosters and help. We have a GREAT parent organization and need all families to participate!

Financial Information

Throughout the year we have many different fundraisers – all of which are designed to raise enough funds to cover the majority of the costs, provided each band student participates in these fundraisers. *See below for a list of possible fundraisers.*

BAND FEES

The band fee is **\$450**. The band fee includes band camp, band t-shirt, band shorts, two pairs of gloves and socks, marching and concert music, drill, instructors, and the cost of transporting the band to away games and to different band competitions and performances throughout the year. ***Band auxiliary fee*** information is in the auxiliary packet, which is passed out before auditions at the interest meeting.

WHEN ARE THE BAND FEES DUE?

Payments will coincide with various fundraisers and activities. **Band fees must be paid in full by the end of marching season (December 1). Failure to pay may result in not participating in future performances and not walking at graduation. Any concerns meeting this deadline should be addressed in writing to Mr. King (prideofprattville@yahoo.com) prior to September 1.**

Money Transactions

Payable to Prattville High School (PHS)

\$450 Band Fees

Balance Due should be:

\$250 by 5-12-2025 (**non-refundable deposit paid at parent/student meeting**)

\$150 by 8-1-2025 (to PHS)

\$50 by 9-1-2025 Balance (to PHS)

\$450 Band Fee Paid by end of marching season or, any credits (received more than band fees amount of \$450) can be applied to future events. Contact the PBBI treasurer at treasurer.pbbi@gmail.com. **All band fees** are due by September 1.

WHAT OTHER FEES ARE DUE?

\$75 Annual Uniform Fee – due in July at time of fitting (see summer calendar)

\$50 Annual School Instrument Fee - due at the same time as annual uniform fee

\$40 Shoes (if needed) – due at time of order

\$5 Additional Gloves per pair (2 are issued and are included with band fee)

Payable to Prattville BAND BOOSTERS (PBBI)

Fundraising money

Note: Whenever possible, if you are sending money to school for band purposes, pay with a check rather than cash and always include the reason for the check and the student's name on the "memo" or "for" line.

Fundraisers

Discount Cards

Discount Cards are a way for members to earn money to pay for band fees. **100%** of the profit goes to each member. Discount Card Blitz Day is designated by PBBI for students to stand outside local businesses and solicit card sales.

***Fruit and Meat Sale** Starts October

***Mattress Sale** late January or early February

Other opportunities for fundraising may be added during the year, but this will be determined by PBBI. (Ex. We sold coffee during the 24-25 school year.)

**A percentage of total sales are applied to student band fees*

****Home Football Game Concessions**

Concession Profits go to the OVERALL BAND COSTS

****Heart of Dixie Marching Band Festival**

ALWAYS the SECOND Saturday in October

Participation is required (during work shift and performance)

****Boston Butt Sale**

***Total sales are applied to OVERALL BAND COSTS*

Uniforms

We will be issuing uniforms by grade level on the specified days and times marked on the calendar. Students **MUST** pay the \$75 annual uniform fee on the designated uniform fitting day in July.

Members are also responsible for having black gloves, black socks, and black marching shoes (*percussionists do not need gloves*). Your band t-shirt, band shorts, band camp fee, two pairs of long black socks, and two pairs of black band gloves are included in your band fee amount. Band shoes are \$40 and *extra* pairs of gloves and socks are \$5 per pair.

Occasionally, we perform in our “pep band uniform.” This consists of our red band t-shirt, black band shorts, long black band socks and Dinkles.

- We have uniform inspections periodically to ensure that everyone is wearing their uniform correctly and completely. Members are **NOT ALLOWED** to march or perform without the correct uniform attire.
- The band uniform must be **DRY-CLEANED** at the student’s expense every 2-3 weeks during the season and before final turn-in in December. If the uniform is **NOT** returned dry-cleaned in cleaner’s plastic, with cleaner’s tags attached, and on time, the student will be charged a \$30 fee.
- Keep the uniform hung properly when not in use.
- They must be returned with all the pieces in good condition along with the band issued uniform garment bag and hanger that was issued with it.
- There will be a payment required for uniform pieces that are not returned or returned in unusable condition. See band handbook for cost of each uniform item. *Any issue with a uniform item should immediately be brought to the director’s attention.*
- Shoes should be clean, polished, and in excellent condition.

Camps

SUMMER BAND CAMP PREPARATIONS

Summer band camp dates can be found at prattvillebands.com

There are several things to keep in mind when preparing for our summer band camp:

1. Be at the right place, at the right time, with the right equipment and supplies.
2. Be sure your transportation is arranged.
3. Help others with car-pooling.
4. Wear **ATHLETIC SHOES** and light colored, loose fitting clothing. When you are outside, wear a **HAT** and sunglasses. A loss in body temperature or overheating is due to the top of the head not being covered.
5. Start the **hydration** process several weeks before camp and bring a water jug. (Put your name on it!)
6. Acclimate yourself to outside temperatures a few weeks before band camp to prepare for the **HOT** days!!
7. Get a good night's sleep before rehearsal.
8. **YOU MUST EAT!!!** EAT a good breakfast for band camp each morning...**NO DAIRY PRODUCTS, NO JUNK FOOD OR SODA!**
9. Instruments should be in working condition. If they need to be serviced for new pads or a "tune-up" before camp, please do so that each student may be able to give their **BEST**.
10. Wind instruments (brass and woodwinds) are required to have a lyre (device to help hold music) and flip folder (what the music is put in). I will have flip folders and plastic sheets for sale in my office.
11. Each member should have a pencil at all rehearsals.

ROOKIE CAMP

Everyone who was not in our marching band last year **MUST** attend "rookie" training. Section Leaders will also attend in order to help train the new members.

PARENTS!!! We Need You!

All Band parents are urged to join and actively participate in our booster club. We meet in the high school band room at 7:00 p.m. on the second Monday of each month, except December and June when there are no meetings.

The purpose of the booster club is to provide "moral and financial support" for the band program. Please make your plans to attend these meetings and volunteer for a committee. Our first meeting of the new year will be **May 12 at 7:00 pm in the Prattville High School Gym**. At this meeting we will get important information about the upcoming marching and concert seasons. The band booster organization will also have places for you to get plugged in! Everyone, parents and students, are required to be at this meeting. *This is a terrific opportunity for you to stay involved with your child's school activities!*



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2025-2026 Member Commitment Form

Student Name _____ 2025-2026 Grade _____
(Print)

Date of Birth _____ Male or Female
(Circle one)

Address _____ City _____ Zip _____

Home Phone _____ Cell Number (parent) _____
Cell Number (parent) _____

Instrument/Section _____

T-shirt size (adult sizes only) _____ Shorts size (adult sizes only) _____
Gloves size (wind players only) _____

Parent/Guardian name _____

Student email _____

Parent/Guardian email _____

We only need one valid email address for you to start receiving emails from the band. You will have an opportunity later to add as many different email addresses as you like in your Charms account.

I will commit to participate in the 2025-26 Prattville H.S. Band. By signing this form, I understand that Band is a **year-long commitment** and I agree to attend rehearsals and all performances, always put forth my best effort, and hereby state that I am registering for band.

(This form is not a registration form. You should fill out the appropriate papers with the High School counselors).

I am making a commitment to participate and I want a position in our fall marching show.

Student Signature Date

Parent/Guardian Signature Date

Prattville High School Band Medical Release

SECTION I: Personal Information

Name _____ Date of Birth _____ Age _____ Sex _____
Address _____ City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Parents/Guardians

Father _____ Phone (H) _____ (W) _____
Mother _____ Phone (H) _____ (W) _____

If persons named above are not available in the event of an emergency, notify:

Name _____ Relationship _____ Phone _____
Name of personal physician _____ Phone _____
Personal health/accident insurance carrier _____ Policy # _____
Name of insured _____ Relationship _____

PLEASE ATTACH A COPY OF YOUR HEALTH INSURANCE CARD TO THE BACK OF THIS FORM.

SECTION II. Health information

Allergies	Yes _____	No _____	Explain _____
Epi-Pen	Yes _____	No _____	
Asthma	Yes _____	No _____	
Diabetes	Yes _____	No _____	
Cancer/Leukemia	Yes _____	No _____	
Heart trouble	Yes _____	No _____	
Seizures	Yes _____	No _____	
Other	_____		
Routine Medications	_____		

Do you wear contact lenses Yes _____ No _____

If there are any special instructions or concerns about your child's health that we need to know about while traveling with your child, please note these instructions or concerns on the back of this form.

SECTION III: Authorization/Hold Harmless

In the event of an emergency, I _____ **give Mr. Chris King, or his representative,**
permission to obtain any necessary emergency medical care for my child _____ **while**
participating in Prattville HS Band activities. I understand that every effort will be made to contact me in the
event of an emergency. I also agree to assume responsibility for all expenses that occur due to the medical
treatment of my child.

Date _____ Signature of Parent/Guardian _____

HANDBOOK ACKNOWLEDGEMENT FORM

-----Please return this sheet to the Director of Bands-----

I have read the entire band handbook and agree to all policies set forth by both Prattville High School and the Prattville High School Band. The Prattville Band Handbook can be found at *prattvillebands.com* under the *downloads and links* tab.

Student Name (Print) _____

Student Phone (Cell) _____

Student Signature _____ Date _____

Parent Name (Print) _____

Parent/Guardian Signature _____ Date _____

Street Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Parent phone: Home () _____

Cell () _____

Parent email address _____

Parent email address _____

