

# **EAST RIDGE HIGH SCHOOL**

**HORNLINE – DRUMLINE – FRONT ENSEMBLE – COLORGUARD**

# **MARCHING BAND**



**Be Part of the FUN!**

**Parent & Member Kickoff Meeting**

**Monday, May 5th 6:00pm**

**in the East Ridge Auditorium**

**Registration Due: Thursday, May 8th**

**[www.eastridgebands.org/marchingband2025](http://www.eastridgebands.org/marchingband2025)**

### **How do I sign up for marching band?**

Read all the info and follow the registration process after the kickoff meeting. All ERHS students (including incoming 9<sup>th</sup> graders) and 8<sup>th</sup> graders (current 7<sup>th</sup> graders) are eligible!

### **Is marching band fun?**

Marching Band at East Ridge is the largest and most fun music group on campus. We play great music and have a blast entertaining our fans!

### **Can I be in marching band and do sports or other activities?**

Yes, many marching band members manage sports, academics, and band... so can you! We will introduce you to the upperclassmen who do it every year.

### **How much does marching band cost?**

There is a district fee, but you will also need a t-shirt, a jacket, marching shoes, and a few other items... it all adds up to around \$400 for new members, or around \$300 for returning members per season. Grant support is available for those who need it!

### **If I'm in orchestra or choir... Can I be in marching band too?**

Yes! Our staff can teach you to play an instrument or spin a flag! If you will be in band, choir, or orchestra next year you are eligible for winds & drumline. Colorguard is open to anyone at East Ridge High School!

### **How long is the season/when do we practice?**

The marching band season begins in May with weekly rehearsals and performances at Valley Fair and in the Cottage Grove Strawberry Festival Parade in June. We take the rest of June and of July off, then return for a few rehearsals leading up to **Heat Week** in August. The band learns their fall field show during heat week, so it is most important that all members attend these 5 camp days in their entirety. The season continues 6 weeks into the school year with 2 rehearsals per week, 3 more parades, 4 home football games, and District Showcase.

### **More Questions?**

Ask Mr. Comeau the East Ridge Band Director!

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