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**MARCHING REBELS**  
**2025 Season Handbook**

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## **1.0 STATEMENT OF PURPOSE**

In order to assist band members and parents in understanding areas of responsibility, a statement of marching band culture is herein set forth. Becoming familiar with this culture will enable each individual to make the most of this great opportunity to be a member of the CHS Instrumental Music Program.

We believe that students who have the will and determination to improve themselves in a team environment will make a positive contribution. The most successful students are those who improve through strong work ethic and daily, goal-oriented progress. They must buy into the expectations and culture of the band. Responsibility/accountability is a focus behind student achievement within our successful program. We intend to conduct ourselves in a manner that will accommodate and utilize all members while representing our school, families, and community in a positive image. It is our wish that all members have a fantastic experience and a memorable season by building valuable relationships.

## **2.0 PROGRAM PARTICIPATION**

**Membership - ALL MEMBERS MUST COMPLETE REGISTRATION FORM:**



1. Membership for our program is open to any student enrolled at Columbine HS. If you have not already done so, please fill out the Marching Band registration form here - students must be registered in order to participate. It is recommended that parents/guardians fill this out: <https://tinyurl.com/25CHSMR>. This will add you to our mailing/contact list.
2. Membership for marching band is required for 9-10th graders (changed in 2024) and is also open to any student enrolled in a Columbine instrumental music class during both semesters (Marching Band Concert Band, Percussion, Orchestras). Enrollment in these classes is required for participation in the Marching Band. Exceptions to the marching band requirement can be made on a case by case basis and are typically only offered for legitimate scheduling reasons.
  - a. Students wishing to participate in Color Guard that do not play an instrument are an exception to this rule. Regardless, each case will be reviewed by the director.

### **Instruments**

1. Instrumentation for the marching band includes: flute, clarinet, alto saxophone, tenor saxophone, trumpet, mellophone, baritone, sousaphone, snare drum, tenor drums, bass drums, mallet/auxiliary percussion (the front ensemble), and color guard.
2. Battery, mellophone, baritone, piccolo, bari saxophone and sousaphone section members must check out school instruments. (See Instrument Checkout section.)
  - a. Limits on the usage of personal instruments may be placed at the discretion of the director.
  - b. Members of other sections may check out a school instrument as needed and if available.

### **Equipment**

1. Color Guard members must check out equipment from the program, and may be asked to purchase their own rifle.
2. Flags, silks, props and school uniforms are purchased by the program and checked out to students.

### **3.0 GENERAL CONDUCT AND EXPECTATIONS**

1. Be kind to each other. Take care of each member of our program as a FAMILY and as a TEAM. Hold yourself and our program to a high standard. We are all in this activity 100% of the time TOGETHER. Bullying, harassment or other misconduct of any kind will not be tolerated and consequences for these actions follow our 3 strike system.
  - a. First offense, warning
  - b. Second, phone call home, alert administrators, possible repercussions from school, potentially benched from a performance
  - c. Third, phone call, alert administrators, repercussions from school, benched from performance following incident, potential removal from marching band entirely.
  - d. Any further issues are grounds for removal from the instrumental music program and further school consequences.
    - i. IF YOU ARE EXPERIENCING ANY FORM OF BULLYING OR HARASSMENT, PLEASE, COME REPORT THIS TO MS. MCCROSSAN.. DO NOT WAIT.
    - ii. DO NOT BE A BYSTANDER TO DISRESPECT, BULLYING, HARASSMENT, OR ANY OTHER FORM OF INAPPROPRIATE BEHAVIOR THAT COULD HURT THE TEAM. NORMALIZE SHUTTING DOWN TOXICITY AT THE SOURCE.
2. All school policies/ code of conduct expectations are in effect while at every single marching band event (practices or performances). Any students that break the student code of conduct will be subject to the appropriate consequences. Consumption or possession of any illegal substances/items will not be tolerated. Students will be reported to the school if they participate in any illegal activity and will be subject to appropriate consequences. The student code of conduct can be found on the jeffco website [https://www.jeffcopublicschools.org/schools/code\\_of\\_conduct](https://www.jeffcopublicschools.org/schools/code_of_conduct).
3. Communicate frequently. Students with general concerns or questions regarding procedures and policies should discuss these issues with their section leaders, sergeants, drum majors, or staff (in that order). If a question or concern cannot or should not be discussed with peers, please report directly to Ms.McCrossan.
4. If we expect to have good audiences for our performances, we have to be a good audience for others. Be attentive to, and supportive of our athletic groups as well as other schools' bands.
5. The areas of Columbine that we will use throughout the year must be kept clean and free of litter. Please clean up after an event and dispose of all trash properly.
6. Electronic devices (iPod, cell phones, etc.) will not be allowed on the rehearsal field or in rehearsal settings. Students may have their phone on them but should not be texting or using their phones unless instructed to do so.
7. Use of appropriate language and behavior is expected at all times. Consider the fact that you are constantly representing the CHS Marching Band, Instrumental Music Program, and School as a whole. It is imperative that you maintain a high standard for your behavior at all times.
8. **The CHS "Triple Threat". To be in a successful marching band program, you must become what I like to call the "Triple Threat". You have to be good in school, good at home, and good in band. To elaborate, I expect you to get good grades in your school courses as well as maintain excellent behavior. I expect you to behave well and do your job at home:**

respect your family! Finally, I expect you to participate fully in the marching band by doing your work, learning your music/drill, and treating everyone around you with respect. It is important to achieve all three categories highly without letting one negatively affect the others. Marching band students must be the example and set the standard of excellence for school programs and activities.

#### **4.0 ATTENDANCE**

*It is imperative that every member is at every rehearsal and performance event—our ensemble will never reach its full potential if we consistently have performers missing rehearsals and performances. Special cases can be made - ensure you communicate early and often.*

##### **Excused Absences:**

In order for an absence to be considered excused, a parent/guardian must contact Ms. McCrossan a minimum of two weeks in advance (example: doctor's appointment, AP test, etc.). We understand that emergencies may arise (death in the family, illness, etc.), but Ms. McCrossan still needs to hear from a parent/guardian in order to excuse these emergencies as soon as possible. If Ms. McCrossan does not hear from a parent/guardian regarding absences, they may not be excused.

##### **Unexcused Absences:**

Any absence not reported to Ms. McCrossan by the parent/guardian is unexcused. Please consider the full ensemble impact your student has before excusing them. Things like birthday parties, work, etc can and should be worked around. Unexcused absences will result in a zero for your daily participation grade. We also follow a 3 strike system for unexcused absences:

- a. First offense, warning and reminder about attendance expectations
- b. Second, phone call home, potentially benched from a performance (depending on when the second unexcused absence occurred).
- c. Third, phone call home, benched from a performance, potential removal from program

##### **Attendance Expectations:**

1. Rehearsals each day should start and end on time. On time means early! You will be ready to play, with music, instruments, tuners, drill charts, pencil, water, and other necessary equipment before the official start time of the rehearsal. End time means the groups will be dismissed at the time in which rehearsal ends (if we rehearse until 6:45, you will be dismissed at 6:45). After rehearsal is your designated clean up/pack up time. It should not take more than 15 minutes!
  - a. **Blue Day 1st block rehearsals will begin at 7:45am which means students need to be on site by 7:30am. We will always ensure that students will be on time to their next class after Blue Day Marching Band rehearsals!**
  - b. **Extra-Curricular Rehearsals maintain the same expectations - you need to be AT LEAST 15 minutes early to every rehearsal or event (if rehearsal begins at 9am, you must arrive by 8:45am). Early is on time. On time is late!**
2. Members of the program with absences, excused or not, WILL miss important instruction regarding their performance. For the success of the student and the program, attendance at all events is mandatory. When a student is absent, the entire production is affected. Please, as best as possible, schedule medical appointments, vacations, errands, work, etc outside of rehearsal times and performances for the benefit of the students' success in the program. Students that are

considered unprepared by the director and staff because of absences may not be able to perform in events as determined by the director. Students will be responsible for making up any material that they miss from absences.

3. **Performing in a musical organization requires constant participation from every member. There is no backup bench, or system of first, second and third string replacements to count on. The progress of the group directly depends on participation of all members!**

## **5.0 MARCHING BAND EVENTS, PARADES, & SEASON EXTENSIONS**

1. Performance details and itineraries will be published in advance. Ensure that you are prepared and ready to perform your best. We will teach you how performances work when the time comes!
2. During cold weather, plan on bringing heavy gloves, wool hats, heavy coats, blankets for protection against the weather. I would also recommend dressing in layers to every event - this is Colorado after all!
3. The Columbine Marching Band sits together in assigned seats in the stands during all school athletic events and performances. Non-band members will not sit in the band section during football games. Family, invited guests, and chaperones may enjoy their time sectioned next to the band.
4. All members of the marching band will play while in the stands at games. It is the expectation that you are actively engaged in the game and are ready to play at any time. Pep band can be extremely fun when everyone is participating at their fullest!
5. Whenever traveling, please personally double check all uniform parts, instruments, or equipment to ensure that all items are loaded on the equipment trailer or buses and accounted for. Every year members always leave lost items on the bus and sometimes are not able to get them back.
6. Our football season may extend into the playoffs post regular season. The band may attend and perform at Home post-season playoff games. That schedule will be communicated as soon as possible if the football team advances past the regular season.

## **6.0 PARENT VOLUNTEERING & SUPPORT**

Parents, we need your help! Behind every successful marching band program is a support network of parents and families - it is physically impossible to be successful without this! There are a number of ways that you can get involved in the program and help support the activity in which your student has chosen to participate in.

### **How can you help?**

1. Assist with serving snacks/meals at events and performances.
2. Help at performances (help with uniform checks, moving/loading equipment, supervision)
3. Help build props for our marching band show
4. Help with driving our caravan (music trailer, rental truck)
5. Help with uniform check-out/check-in.
6. Be a chaperone at one of our many events.
7. Help with one of our fundraisers
8. Attend the CHS Marching Band performances and cheer really loudly!
9. Serve on the CHS Booster Board.

## **7.0 COMMUNICATION**

Communication from instructional staff and executive booster board will be provided frequently and information can be found and received in multiple formats.

### **1. WEBSITE**

<https://sites.google.com/jeffcoschools.us/instrumentalmusic/home>. Up to date resources such as performance and practice calendars, itineraries, printable forms, music, and contact info, can be found on our public website. This website should be your main resource for information and events. You can find schedules by clicking on the events within the calendar.

### **2. REMIND**

[www.Remind101.com](http://www.Remind101.com)

Send message to: 81010    Message: @2025mrebel

This is a text based system where up to date real time reminders are provided. Ms. McCrossan communicates reminders in this format as necessary. Standard text rates apply. This is a very effective way to communicate directly to Ms. McCrossan in short text.

### **3. GOOGLE CLASSROOM**

Google Classroom is a learning management system. We will use google classroom to post instructional videos, assignments, drill sheets, music, forms, etc. You will be added to this at a later date to have access to all necessary marching band resources.

### **4. CUT TIME**

<https://app.gocuttime.com/login>

Every student in the program will be set up with a free account through Cut Time office assistant. This account is managed by our executive booster board, and is a way to accommodate student financial account balance info, and volunteer opportunities. Students will have multiple opportunities to offset costs through fundraisers throughout the season. Student earnings may be used towards many associated costs and held within individual student accounts. Also, emails from Ms. McCrossan and our executive board will be sent through Cut Time to your email address you provided. Login instructions can be found on our website under "Cut Time data" tab.

## **8.0 MARCHING BAND UNIFORMS**

1. Wind and Percussion - Our uniforms are owned by our school and each student will have a school uniform rented to them for parades, community events and some football games (included in overall fee). Any excess damage or cleaning will be paid by the individual student (See below). Lost uniform parts will be charged to the student for replacement cost. While the uniform is washable, we do not allow individuals to wash them. There will be a team of parents who will be in charge of washing about 4-5 uniforms (pending the number of volunteers). Uniforms are never issued during rehearsal time.
2. The entire marching uniform consists of:
  - Coat/Custom Uniform Top for 2025 production
  - Bibs
  - Shako (Hat)
  - Plume - which is kept at school and only handed out at performances.
  - Black gloves – Clarinets, Saxes and some flutes use ones with fingertips cut out. Percussion members do not wear gloves. Included in the participation fee.
  - Gauntlets
  - Black band shoes - “Dinkles” - purchased by the student
  - Long black socks - purchased by the student.
  - Band show shirt – cost is included in the participation fee.
  - Athletic shorts/pants - purchased by students, you will wear these underneath your uniform pants. Plan accordingly for weather - jeans are not acceptable.
3. The Color Guard uniforms will reflect the competitive show theme. Color guard uniforms must be returned at the end of the season. The cost of the uniform is included in the participation fee for color guards due to the very high cost of their uniforms.
4. Students may not eat or drink while in uniform (water is acceptable), as stains do not come out of the uniforms. After each performance, the uniform must be hung up properly and carefully. Students will be charged for any missing or damaged uniformed parts.
5. Any student with hair that reaches to the top of the neckline of the uniform or longer will need to put it up in their hats using hairpins or a hairnet.

If uniform pieces are lost, the cost to replace each are as follows:

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|----------------------------------------------|------------------------|-----------------|
| Coat – \$165.00                              | Hat – \$45.00          | Gloves – \$8.00 |
| Gauntlets – \$30.00                          | Bag – \$15.00          | Pants – \$75.00 |
| Plume – \$15.00                              | Mirrored “C” – \$10.00 |                 |
| Custom Uniform - \$75.00 (color guard \$125) |                        |                 |

## **9.0 FINANCIAL OBLIGATION**

1. A **\$600 participation fee** per student is applied to the dues associated with the marching band activity. The **participation fee** is paid to **CHS Band Boosters - Check your email for invoices. Fees are non-refundable. Payments are due in full by September 1st. Please reach out if you have financial questions.**

*Participation Fees Provide:*

- a. Custom Drill and Music tailored to this year's band!
  - b. Uniform T-Shirt, Rehearsal T-Shirt, Ball Cap
  - c. Custom Band & Color Guard show uniform
  - d. 25\$ school uniform upkeep fee
  - e. Group/individual instruction for each student by hired staff and specialized instructors
  - f. Entrance fees into band competitions along with entrance fees for the participating student
  - g. Food for the students during competitions (main dish for lunches or dinners, sometimes both, may still request donations for sides/desserts as needed)
  - h. Props and flags other equipment specific to the production
  - i. Production specific show shirts for each member
  - j. Electronics and sound amplification for show
  - k. State competition transportation and hotel (Overnight trip)
2. **Marching Shoes - Dinkles (black uniform shoes) need to be purchased by new winds, percussion and drum major students or returning students in need of replacement shoes. These shoes are specifically designed for marching and one pair can be worn for at least 1-2 years of marching band. Shoes are the property of the student but must be worn as part of the marching band uniform. Dinkles are roughly \$40.95 and the cost is in addition to the general program cost and can be purchased here:**  
<https://dinkles.com/products/vanguard-marching-shoe-black/>. **PLEASE ENSURE YOU PURCHASE THE VANGUARD MARCHING SHOE: BLACK. ORDER THESE SHOES ASAP!**
3. **Color Guard Items** - Color Guard members need to purchase shoes, flag bag, and optional body tight which can be used all four years as long as they are in great condition and continue to fit. These costs may not pertain to returning members that have already purchased these items. Cost is in addition to their general program cost and can be made payable to the CHS Band Boosters.
4. School bus fee (collected by the school). \$65 Fee to help pay for the cost of buses to our competitions and to help pay for the coach bus for the State Competition.
5. Fees are non-refundable due to the nature of the operating costs involved with the marching band program. The number of students and the operating costs determines our budget. Participation fees are due according to the following schedule: \$200 payments made on 7/1, 8/1 and 9/1 - or you pay in full at the beginning of the season.

## **10.0 FUNDRAISING**

We have several fundraisers throughout the year that provide opportunities to raise money for both the program and individual students. Fundraising opportunities will be shared each year as they arise. Keep an eye on your email for updates!

March-A-Thon

Butter Braids

King Soopers

Jazz Night

Raise Right

Car Washes

Restaurant Nights

Breakfast With Santa

Mattress Fundraiser

Other great events - again, check your email for updates regarding these throughout the year.

**Have a great idea for a fundraiser or want to donate to our program? Reach out to our booster board!**

**11.0 SEASON SCHEDULE**

# **2025 Marching Rebel Event Schedule**

## **DRAFT - List Version**

**WINDS AND PERCUSSION:** You rehearse on ALL Rebel/Blue Days. Call time is 7:30am (BEFORE SCHOOL) and rehearsal begins 7:45 through 1st.

**COLOR GUARD (NEW THIS YEAR):** You will NOT be in Marching Band CLASS, you will rehearse on Mondays 4:30pm - 7:00pm & Wednesdays 3:45pm - 6:45pm. This schedule works well with our guard instructors!

**ALL MARCHING BAND:** Extracurricular rehearsals are required and are on Wednesdays from 3:45-6:45 & Saturdays 8:00am - 12:30pm through August and 9am - 4pm September-October

**This list includes all planned events. Changes are possible. Use the Cut Time Calendar once signed up!**

**April/May**

- 4/28 6:30pm MEETING/SHOW REVEAL (students & parents)
- 5/14 & 5/21 4:00 - 6:00pm Percussion Fun n' Drums
- 5/17 8am - 12pm MARCHING REBEL MINI CAMP #1
- 5/24 8am - 12pm MARCHING REBEL MINI CAMP #2

**June**

- 6/6-6/7 8am - 4pm MARCHING RENEL JUNE CAMP
- Summer Break! Meet with your section at least once!

**July/August**

- Weekly Guard Camps over the summer TBA
- 7/29 - 8/8 BAND CAMP 8:30am - 4:00pm
- 8/16 8am-2pm WESTERN WELCOME WEEK PARADE
- 8/19 8am (CALL AT 7:30am) Drumline welcomes new students @CHS!
- 8/20 6:00 pm COLUMBINE BLOCK PARTY

**September**

- 9/5 HOME FOOTBALL GAME 7:30pm
- 9/13 JEFFCO MARCHING FESTIVAL (TIME est. 9am - 10pm)
- 9/27 LEGACY MARCHING FESTIVAL (TIME est. 8am - 10pm)
- TBA HOMECOMING EVENTS - Assembly, Parade, etc.

**October**

- 10/3 HOMECOMING FOOTBALL GAME 7:30pm
- 10/4 BIG CAT MARCHING FESTIVAL (TIME est. 8am - 1pm) Homecoming dance. Unavoidable conflict - we will NOT STAY for finals so you can go to dance!
- 10/7 FALL CONCERT (MB STANDSTILL PERFORMANCE) 6:30pm
- 10/10 9am-4pm FALL BREAK REHEARSAL CAMP (DURING FALL BREAK)
- 10/11 10am - 7pm FALL BREAK TRADITIONS REHEARSAL (DURING FALL BREAK)
- 10/16 STATE REGIONAL QUALIFIER (AFTERNOON AND EVENING)
- 10/24 & 10/25 STATE CHAMPIONSHIPS (OVERNIGHT TRIP, CO SPRINGS)
- 10/29 MARCHING BAND CELEBRATIONS CEREMONY 6:30pm

**November**

- POSSIBLE FOOTBALL PLAYOFF GAMES TBA
- PARADE OF LIGHTS REHEARSALS (IF ACCEPTED) TBA

**December**

- PARADE OF LIGHTS (IF ACCEPTED) TBA

**MARCHING BAND REGISTRATION**

Must be complete by May 24th



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**12.0 COMMITMENT FORM**

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|  | <p><i>Columbine High School Band Boosters P.O. Box 620444 Littleton, CO. 80162</i></p> <p style="text-align: right;"><b><u>COMMITMENT/ACKNOWLEDGEMENT</u></b><br/><b><u>FORM DUE MAY 24th</u></b></p> |
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We understand the commitment involved for the 2025 CHS Marching Rebels. We also understand the membership requirements, participation fees, guidelines, and expectations as outlined in this handbook, and agree to them. We wish to become a part of the Columbine High School Marching Band. We realize it will take both student and parent involvement to fully enjoy this program and our investment will determine what we get out of it. All fees must be paid in *full* by the date indicated on the Participation Fee Statement, or Student Accounts within Cut Time from fundraising can be used to pay any outstanding fees.

Sometimes conflicts cannot be avoided but for that we have control over, we will do our best to work out all appointments and scheduled events to avoid rehearsal/performance times attached because we understand that the Columbine High School Marching Band's success is contingent upon the full participation of all involved.

By signing this acknowledgment, we are stating to Ms. McCrossan that:

- I AM COMMITTING TO THE 2025 CHS MARCHING REBELS AS A PARTICIPATING MEMBER AND I WILL SEE MY COMMITMENT THROUGH UNTIL THE END.
- I HAVE READ AND UNDERSTAND THE FINANCIAL REQUIREMENTS LISTED IN THIS HANDBOOK.
- I WILL ATTEND ALL EVENTS AS LISTED ON THIS SCHEDULE, UNLESS AN EMERGENCY ARISES. I WILL COMMUNICATE ANY OTHER POTENTIAL ABSENCES WELL IN ADVANCE TO MS. MCCROSSAN

**Parent(s)/Guardian(s):**

(Print)\_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

(Signature)\_\_\_\_\_ Date\_\_\_\_\_

**Student Member:**

(Print)\_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

(Signature)\_\_\_\_\_ Date\_\_\_\_\_