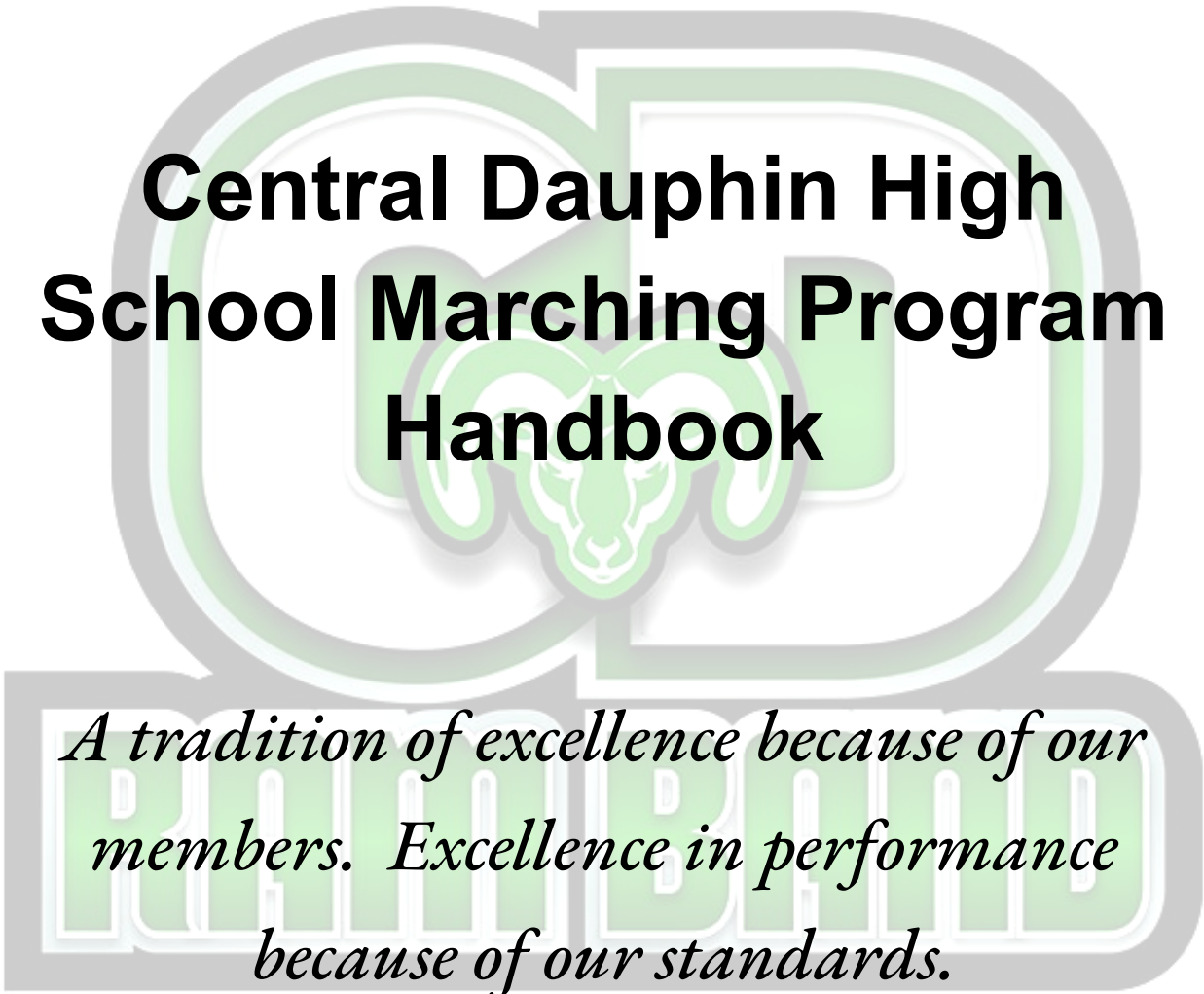




Central Dauphin High School Marching Program Handbook

*A tradition of excellence because of our
members. Excellence in performance
because of our standards.*

Mission Statement

The CDHS Marching Band is a co-curricular program part of the Central Dauphin School District that strives to provide an environment of excellence, inclusiveness, and opportunity for each of our members. We believe in creating a safe environment for everyone to do their best and grow as individuals and performers.

Season Schedule

Prior to the end of the school year, the Marching RamBand holds preseason 'mini camps' to prepare members for the upcoming season as well as the end of the school year Linglestown Memorial Day Parade. These camps and attendance are as follows:

Rookie Camp: All incoming 1st year prospective members and prospective student leadership

Parade Camp: All prospective and current members

Mini Camp 1: All prospective and current members

Mini Camp 2: All prospective and current members

At the conclusion of Mini Camp 2, all students who wish to be members of the coming seasons Marching Band must fill out a season commitment form found on the marching band page of cdramband.org to secure their spot on the field.

Mini Camp 3: All committed members **MUST** be there.

(2) Full Camp Weeks: All committed members **MUST** be there.

The season schedule is communicated to members as soon as possible (often MONTHS) ahead of the season. It is members' and family's responsibilities to make sure these dates are accounted for in personal calendars. If there are rare changes to the season schedule, they will be communicated to everyone as soon as possible to allow ample time for adjustments.

Attendance Policy

Attendance in marching band is vital to the success of our program. Attendance is MANDATORY for all Competitions, Performances, and Rehearsals. Please DO NOT schedule vacations, family trips, and other events that will conflict with marching band dates. In the event of a conflict, the members PARENT or GUARDIAN must email Mr. Tate and any other appropriate staff members at least 2 weeks in advance. Excused absences will be handled on a case-by-case basis by the directors and staff members. If an excused absence is approved, the MEMBER should communicate this to their section leader prior to the absence occurring. A maximum of 2 excused absences can be granted a season. Excused absences will only be granted on rehearsal days. NO excused absences will be granted for competition or performance days without director approval. Unexcused absences will affect members overall marching band grade and may impact members membership status and future performance opportunities.

In the case of emergency absences, please contact Mr. Tate as soon as possible. Student and family emergencies will always be handled with dignity and respect. Events of this nature include, but are not limited to death in the family, sudden injury/debilitating illness, car accidents, etc. We hope that no one has to miss anything this year, due to any of these emergencies.

Sports and band can be done in the same season!!! Yes, you can do marching band and other activities, as long as members communicate practice and game schedules as soon as possible. Sports absences and conflicts will also be handled on a case-by-case basis. Members should openly communicate this to Mr. Tate and other staff members at least two weeks in advance (minimum), or as soon as the schedule is known. Please ask Mr. Tate, staff, and other students if you have questions about what a student schedule might look like doing sports and band.

Required Equipment

Please refer to the Member Checklist at the top of the Marching Band page of www.cdramband.org.

School Owned Instruments

Marching Band members (and all CDHS Band students) will have access to a wide variety of school owned equipment that is available for student use throughout the year. These instruments are to be taken care of and treated with care. Damage due to willful negligence could be a monetary obligation to the marching member. Accidental damage should be reported to Mr. Tate or other staff members as soon as it is discovered. Students should utilize a school issued locker and lock for the duration of the use of the instrument. If an instrument is stolen while it is checked out to a member, it is the members responsibility for the cost of replacement. Please take care of this equipment as if it were your own!

Band Uniforms

Wearing the CDHS marching band uniform is a privilege and symbol of Central Dauphin High School's best. The marching band has different uniforms for different parts of our activity:

- 1) The traditional CDHS green and white band jacket and black bib pants
(Football Game Uniform)
- 2) The competitive show top and black bib pants (Show Uniform)
- 3) The short sleeve 'Ram' shirt with tan khaki shorts (Casual Uniform/Memorial Day Parade)

Each of these uniforms will be explained to each marching member. For anything involving a football game or show uniform, students must have the required black dri-fit shirt (worn underneath uniform tops), **long black socks**, and black marching shoes in order to participate. Members that do not have these could see a reduction in their marching band grade.

Uniform Captains are part of the student leadership team and are responsible for helping us look and be our best! They are great resources for anyone who has a uniform issue BEFORE it becomes an emergency. Members are responsible for care and maintenance of appropriate parts of the uniform. It is also their responsibility to communicate problems to the captains as soon as uniform issues are discovered. Members are also responsible and expected to know how to 'nugget' a uniform top, hang up bib pants by creases, and wash show shirts as needed. This keeps everyone looking and smelling their best! If this becomes an issue, members' competitive performance opportunities might be revoked till uniform issues are resolved.

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