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2025-2026

CHS BAND HANDBOOK

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2025 MARCHING BAND SUMMER & FALL SCHEDULE

June & July Sectional Practices (Determined by Section Leaders & Staff)

Sunday, July 20th – Friday, July 25th - Band Camp (w/ Dale Powers 7/20-7/24)

Sunday 12:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m.

Monday-Tuesday 8:00 a.m. - 8:00 p.m.

Wednesday-Friday 9:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.

Monday, July 28th - Practice 4 p.m. - 6 p.m.

Tuesday, July 29th - Practice 4 p.m. - 6 p.m.

Monday, August 4th - Practice 4 p.m. - 6 p.m.

Tuesday, August 5th - Practice 4 p.m. - 6 p.m.

Monday, August 11th - Practice 6:30 p.m. - 8:30 p.m.

Tuesday, August 12th - Practice 6:30 p.m. - 8:30 p.m. (required sectionals 6:30 p.m. - 7 p.m.)

Monday, August 18th - Practice 6:30 p.m. - 8:30 p.m.

Tuesday, August 19th - Practice 6:30 p.m. - 8:30 p.m. (required sectionals 6:30 p.m. - 7 p.m.)

Friday, August 22nd - Football Game (Pep Band) 6:30 p.m. – 8:30 p.m.

Monday, August 25th - Practice 6:30 p.m. - 8:30 p.m.

Tuesday, August 26th - Practice 6:30 p.m. - 8:30 p.m. (required sectionals 6:30 p.m. - 7 p.m.)

Monday, September 1st - No rehearsal (Labor Day)

Tuesday, September 2nd - Practice 6:30 p.m. - 8:30 p.m.

Friday, September 5th - Football Game (Field Performance #1) 6:00 p.m. - 8:30 p.m.

Monday, September 8th - Practice 6:30 p.m. - 8:30 p.m.

Tuesday, September 9th - Practice 6:30 p.m. - 8:30 p.m. (required sectionals 6:30 p.m. - 7 p.m.)

Saturday, September 13th - Germantown Marching Band Madness 2:30 p.m. - 10:30 p.m.

Monday, September 15th - Practice 6:30 p.m. - 8:30 p.m.

Tuesday, September 16th - Practice 6:30 p.m. - 8:30 p.m. (required sectionals 6:30 p.m. - 7 p.m.)

Friday, September 19th - Football Game (Field Performance #2) 6:00 p.m. - 8:30 p.m.

Saturday, September 20th - Franklin Saber Invitational (TBD, ~2PM-8PM)

Monday, September 22nd - Practice 6:30 p.m. - 8:30 p.m.

Tuesday, September 23rd - Practice 6:30 p.m. - 8:30 p.m.

Saturday, September 27th - Waukesha South Invitational (TBD, ~2PM-8PM)

Monday, September 29th - Practice 6:30 p.m. - 8:30 p.m.

Tuesday, September 30th - Practice 6:30 p.m. - 8:30 p.m.

Friday, October 3rd - Homecoming Parade 4:00 p.m. (Field Performance #3) 6:00 p.m. – 8:30 p.m.

Monday, October 6th - Practice 6:30 p.m. - 8:30 p.m.

Friday, October 10th - Football Game/Senior Night (Field Performance #4) 6:00 p.m. - 8:30 p.m.

Saturday, October 11th - Clinic at Fond du Lac High School (TBD, ~2PM-10PM)

Sunday, October 12th - Mukwonago High School Invitational (TBD, ~1PM-6PM)

Monday, October 13th - Practice 6:30 p.m. - 8:30 p.m.

Saturday, October 18th - State Championships (12:52 p.m. perform) ~10 a.m. - 11 p.m.

Saturday, October 25th - Band Banquet 11 a.m. - 2 p.m.

Monday, May 25th, 2026 - Cedarburg Memorial Day Parade at Legion Park 8 a.m. - 11:30 a.m.



MARCHING BAND FEES

A band camp/Marching Band season annual fee of \$185.00 will be charged by the Cedarburg School District for all students who participate in Marching Band. This money is used for transportation to/from competitions, uniform dry cleaning, Show t-shirt, props, etc. These band camp fees are part of the Fall Registration process and are to be paid at that time. Additional fees may be assessed for alterations if volunteers are not located to help.

Marching Band Uniform Measurement forms will be issued early June with a required due date that will be stated on form. **This form is absolutely crucial in fitting your student properly. Please take this form very seriously and spend the time to record the correct measurements.**

MARCHING BAND UNIFORMS

Each student is responsible for their assigned uniform, including keeping all articles in good condition and returning them promptly when requested. When not in use, the uniform should be hung properly on the hanger provided. A garment bag and hat box are provided for uniform storage and travel. Marching Band uniform dry cleaning is a small portion of the overall course fee that is accessed at registration. A show shirt is required to always be worn beneath the bibs to help reduce any damage due to perspiration. Each student will be required to maintain their uniform in the condition in which it was issued (complete and undamaged). Anyone who damages a uniform through carelessness or neglect will be required to pay for its repair and/or replacement. Students will be responsible for any deductible fees on insurance claims.

Students are responsible for providing the following, these items are considered to be a required part of the uniform and should be worn for all performances:

1. The Show T-shirt, ordered during band camp, is required to be worn under uniform during performances.
 2. Black pants/shorts/leggings (NO cargo shorts or denim)- low profile and form fitting performance wear is recommended.
 3. Black dress socks, calf height (NO peds, no-shows, ankle, or crew socks).
 4. Black Dinkles band shoes ([Vanguard, style #707](#))
 5. Black Gloves* **2 pair** of either:
 - a. long wristed/nylon half finger glove - style [#GLP575](#) (clarinets)
 - b. long wristed/nylon full glove - style [#GLP455](#). (all instruments except clarinets/percussion)
- *No gloves are required for the pit or the battery (percussionists)
6. (optional) Hand/foot warmers strongly recommended for performances later in the season!

Shoe and glove pre-owned options will be available during band camp on a first-come first served basis. If unable to obtain pre-owned, materials must be ordered in time to have them two weeks before the first performance.

Up-Front Footwear, Inc. (DINKLES/GLOVES) bandshoe@dinkles.com, 1-800-883-4655, 717-492-1875



BAND CAMP INFORMATION

- The music will be printed and emailed out to all students prior to camp. This music should be printed out and put into instrument specific flip folders.
- Students are required to memorize the first movement prior to the first day of band camp.
- If you're early, you're on time - if you're on time, you're late!
- **Required Materials:**
 1. Proper basic gym shoes for every rehearsal. No flip-flops, crocs, or boots are allowed.
 2. Water jug or refillable water bottle
 3. Dot book w/pencil - A dot book is a spiral bound 3"x 5" index card book and can be purchased at any office supply store or online catalog along with a lanyard.
 - a. Pro tip: Buy a lanyard or long shoestring to hang the dot book around your neck.
 4. Sunscreen - reapply often!
 5. Baseball hat and/or sunglasses
- Lunch at Band Camp is on your own - lunch break is one hour, please plan accordingly! Most students pack a sack lunch and extra snacks (think healthy) throughout the day.
- Marching Band students will select their locker on the first day of band camp. Locker sizes vary based on the size of the instrument that needs to be stored. The lockers do not lock so be wary of leaving valuables. No perishables and/or smelly clothing/shoes.
- Please be respectful of your bandmates, and of the band room!

PARENT VOLUNTEER INFORMATION

In order to support our students and effectively run the program, we need parents to volunteer! Each volunteering opportunity is a great way to meet other band families, and give back to the CHS band program. Please see [this link](#) for more information regarding parent volunteers and sign up to help! Below are most of the positions we look to fill each season. We will be using sign up genius to reserve and communicate volunteer positions.

- Uniform Parents
- Concessions
- Spirit Wear and Band T-Shirts Coordinator
- Chaperones
- State Competition Lunch Committee
- Prop Construction
- Pit Equipment & Prop Movers



CLASSROOM MATERIALS REQUIRED

- All students are required to bring two pencils (not pens) to class daily.
- 1” Black Three ring binder with sheet protectors for storing music safely
- Additionally, all students must purchase accordingly and bring to class daily:
 - **Woodwind players**: Minimum of four playable reeds, cleaning swabs (as needed), and cork grease. Double reed players need a small container for water.
 - **Brass players**: Valve oil (slide cream & water spray bottle for trombones), and appropriate mutes (as needed). All trumpets and trombones must purchase a straight mute for concert season. Jazz trumpets and trombones must also purchase a cup mute and plunger mute.
 - **Percussionists**: Appropriate sticks/mallets in mallet bag, spiral notebook, and drum pad.
 - All **Marching Band** students are required to purchase a marching flip folder and lyre. You can find this on amazon by searching for “(your instrument) lyre marching band”
- Instrument and Music
 - Lack of instrument and/or music will result in a 0% for daily participation

BAND MEMBERSHIP EXPECTATIONS

Band at Cedarburg High School is both a class and an activity. Membership in the Cedarburg High School Band is reserved only for those who have taken the prerequisite year(s) of band, and for those who maintain proper standards of conduct. Students who are members of the Cedarburg High School Band will be expected to participate in ALL activities of the organization including practices, rehearsals, performances, and local school day trips.

The safety and well-being of all band students is a top priority. In an effort to continue and provide quality teaching strategies geared towards band, the following precautions will take place:

1. Practice rooms will be treated with the utmost respect. There will be no eating or drinking and practice rooms will be locked. You must ask your director for usage of a practice room.
2. Equipment, including (but not limited to) chairs, stands, instrument lockers, instruments, and percussion equipment, must be maintained and cared for by all band members. Damage and/or destruction of band room equipment will result in the liable student being financially responsible for the repair/replacement cost of the equipment.



ATTENDANCE

Each member of the ensemble relies upon one another for rehearsal and performance. We are a team!

- Event dates for Marching, Concert/Symphonic, Jazz, and Pep Bands can be found [in this handbook](#), and are available digitally via a Google calendar that is kept on our [Cedarburg Bands website](#). Students must look over this calendar with parents and employers, as it is the student's responsibility to be at all required band events.
- Students who find a scheduling conflict with any required performance or rehearsal must contact your director **via email** as soon as possible and will require an email from their parent/guardian informing why they are missing the performance **at least three days prior to the event**.
- Pep Band: The Cedarburg High School Pep Band will perform at 6-8 evening sporting events for the pep band season. Concert and Symphonic Band students will be split into two bands (Orange and Black), which will be required to attend 3-4 basketball games each.

There will be NO grade penalty for a student who is absent if:

- The student is ill, an emergency occurs, or the absence is pre-communicated and arranged with the band director at least three days prior to the event. In case of absence due to illness or emergency, **the student must provide an email or note from their parent/guardian within 2 school days of their return to school.**

GRADING POLICY

1. **Grade Percentages** are based on the following formula:
 - a. 50% Daily class rehearsals, daily classroom materials, written quizzes, functioning instruments, and instrument storage/cleanliness.
 - b. 50% Lessons, Sectionals, Playing Tests and Performances
2. **Tests** will be given over a variety of materials such as, but not limited to:
 - a. Scales - Major & Minor
 - b. Rhythmic accuracy
 - c. Concert Music
 - d. Etudes
 - e. Memorization of Marching Music (Marching Band students only)
3. **Tests** missed due to an excused absence must be made up within five school days or the student will receive a 0%. If a student misses a test due to an unexcused absence, there will be no opportunity to make up the test, and a 0% will be recorded and averaged into the students gradebook.
4. **Performances** are similar to another class at Cedarburg getting on stage and collectively presenting their final exam to an audience. It is extremely important for all members of our groups to be present at every event, as we are a team, and without even one member, we do not function as a whole. Therefore, aside from sudden illness or emergency, failure to attend any scheduled band performance without a pre-approved excuse will result in a 0% for that concert.



REHEARSAL PROCEDURES

Proper rehearsal procedure is the only way any musical group can reach its fullest potential. We attempt to emulate the professional wind band.

Every person is expected to bring their 1” black binder and music to **EVERY** rehearsal. This will be checked frequently. All changes in the music and major rehearsal suggestions should be marked in pencil. Please handle music carefully and responsibly. Failure to bring music to rehearsal will result in a grade of 0% for daily participation. It is vital that students are responsible to bring their own music to rehearsals each day.

“To Arrive Early is to be On Time-To Arrive On Time is to be Late”

1. Before Rehearsal
 - a. Go to the bathroom/get a drink before class. Arrive early
 - b. Upon arrival, look at the board to find the agenda and the order of music for rehearsal
 - c. Bring the following to your assigned seat, and leave case in your band locker:
 - i. Pencil
 - ii. Instrument
 - iii. All required music
 - d. Student backpacks/book bags should be placed next to or underneath chairs
2. During Rehearsal
 - a. Warm-ups three minutes after the bell
 - i. Students not in their seats ready to play will be marked tardy
 - b. Silence is required so that all directions can be heard by the entire ensemble
 - c. Keep band-related conversations short and at a very low volume
 - d. When the conductor raises their hands, get into playing position (with good posture*) as quickly as possible
 - e. When the conductor cuts off, cut off right away and keep your instrument in playing position in case we go back to playing shortly after the cutoff
 - f. If you make a mistake, keep playing until the conductor cuts off, then circle the mistake with your pencil after the conductor puts their hands down
 - g. If the director is not working directly with you or your section, study your music for difficult passages. Practice the rhythms/fingers/slide positions of those sections to build muscle memory and learn music more efficiently

*Proper posture is required for greatest playing efficiency. Remember, we are playing high-level music which demands your best efforts. Both feet should be flat on the floor to establish proper body balance. The back should be straight to permit free use of the arms and proper breathing. The instrument should be held properly to allow the easiest playing technique with the least fatigue.



CONCERT AND SYMPHONIC BAND PERFORMANCE DATES

Tuesday, December 16th, 2025 at 7PM - Winter Band Concert in the CPAC

Tuesday, May 12th, 2026 at 7PM - Spring Band Concert

Sunday, June 7th, 2026 12:30PM-3:00PM - Graduation Band

WSMA SOLO & ENSEMBLE MUSIC FESTIVAL

Saturday, March 14th, 2026 - Solo Ensemble Festival: Port Washington High School

Saturday, May 2nd, 2026 - WSMA State Solo Ensemble Festival: Carroll University

JAZZ ENSEMBLE PERFORMANCE DATES

Saturday, December 13th, 2026 - Kapco Kids2Kids Toy Drive

Tuesday, January 13th, 2026 at 7PM - Winter Jazz Ensemble Concert in the CPAC

Saturday, February 21st, 2026 - Sun Prairie JazzFest at Sun Prairie West

Wednesday, May 20th, 2026 at 7PM - Spring Jazz Concert

CONCERT ATTIRE

Concert Band - All formal Black; dress attire - black shoes, black leggings for under skirts/dresses.

Symphonic Band - All formal Black; dress attire - both top & bottom; including shoes; leggings for under skirts/dresses

Jazz Band - All formal Black dress attire - both top & bottom including ties; dress shoes, leggings for under skirts/dresses.

NO JEANS, DENIM or TENNIS SHOES

BASKETBALL PEP BAND

Date:	Time:	Opponent:	
12/12/2025	7:00PM	Oconomowoc	Orange Band
12/20/2025	3:00PM	West Bend West	Black Band
1/6/2026	7:00PM	St. Augustine Prep	Orange Band
1/9/2026	7:00PM	Homestead	Black Band
1/23/2026	7:00PM	Grafton	Orange Band
1/27/2026	7:00PM	Slinger	Black Band
2/3/2026	7:00PM	Milwaukee Lutheran	Orange Band
2/9/2026	7:00PM	Port Washington	Black Band
2/10/2026	7:00PM	Whitefish Bay	Orange Band
2/17/2026	7:00PM	Nicolet	Black Band

ART IN THE BURG (OPTIONAL FOR ALL STUDENTS)

March 21st, 2026 from 10AM-4PM - Art in the Burg in the CHS Field House



PRIVATELY OWNED INSTRUMENTS

The quality of literature and the performance standards held by the Cedarburg High School Band demand high quality instruments. Many students find it both musically and financially rewarding to own an investment quality instrument. Instruments of this quality must be chosen carefully. Please ask your band director to assist in this decision. Some Marching Band students, who own an investment quality instrument, choose to protect that investment by also procuring a lesser quality duplicate instrument for playing outside. Adverse weather conditions can be hard on an instrument, especially woodwinds (pads) and drums (skins).

SCHOOL-OWNED INSTRUMENTS & EQUIPMENT

Our equipment and Marching Band uniforms represent a large investment on the part of the Cedarburg School District. Everyone is responsible to see that these items receive proper care.

Instruments, equipment, and uniforms will be issued to individual students who are expected to care for them as if they were their own. All normal upkeep and maintenance is the responsibility of the student.

Instruments will be issued and returned in good playing condition. No one may play on another person's instrument without permission. Instruments are to be properly cased and stored when not in use. Anyone who damages equipment through carelessness or neglect will be required to pay for its repair. Students will be responsible for any deductible fees on insurance claims.



All marching band students must hand in this completed page (front and back) to your band director by July 25th, 2025. It can be given to the CHS office assistants (main office) or handed directly to the band director.

CEDARBURG HIGH SCHOOL BAND CODE AGREEMENT:

As a dedicated member of the Cedarburg High School Band Program, I will stand for complete commitment, cooperation, and responsibility in order to achieve new levels of music excellence. While maintaining respect for each individual, I will continue to build personal pride and integrity through performance, enriching our organization, ultimately developing the skills necessary for success in band and in life.

SIGNATURES: _____
(Student) (Parent/Guardian) (Date)

CARE OF SCHOOL PROPERTY

I hereby give my permission for my son/daughter to participate in the Cedarburg High School band program. I agree to be financially responsible for the safe return of any instrument, equipment, and/or supplies issued to him/her.

I, the undersigned student and parent/guardian, also agree to be responsible for the replacement cost of any Marching Band uniform component that is rendered unserviceable, destroyed or lost, that has been assigned to me or my child.

SIGNATURES: _____
(Student) (Parent/Guardian) (Date)

RELEASE, WAIVER, AND INDEMNIFICATION OF LIABILITY:

The undersigned Party and Parent/Guardian (if applicable) agree to release, defend, indemnify, and hold harmless the Cedarburg School District ("District") and its Board, its officers, employees, agents, servants, representatives, contractors or subcontractors, from any and all liabilities, claims, demands, actions, damages, loss, expenses, and judgments, including costs and attorney's fees, whether sounding in tort, contract, administrative law, or otherwise, and related in any way to necessary band travel, including but not limited to any personal injury to any participant of any kind.

SIGNATURES: _____
(Student) (Parent/Guardian) (Date)



EMERGENCY TREATMENT AND PARTICIPATION CLEARANCE

Student Name: _____ Grade: _____ Instrument: _____

Address _____ Home Phone: _____

City/Zip _____ Student's Cell Phone: _____

In Case of Emergency, call: DR. _____ **Phone:** _____

1. (Parent/Guardian) _____ **Phone:** _____

2. (Relative/Neighbor) _____ **Phone:** _____

I grant permission to school personnel to provide emergency care or secure ambulance service in the case of illness and/or injury that may occur during participation.

Parent/Guardian Signature: _____ **Date:** _____

