

Marching Band Qualifications

Proficiency: Occasionally a student may not be ready for the demands of a competition show, either physically or musically. In the event that this occurs, the band directors have the discretion to determine whether or not a student will be able to participate as a marching member. In the event that this should occur, the student and parents will be notified by the directors. The student will become an alternate and be assigned alternate duties such as managing designated equipment or props. The student will still be a member of the marching band and will participate in music rehearsals, fundamental marching rehearsals, pep band, pre-game performances, parades, be issued a uniform, and will travel with the band on all trips to contests and football games. The cost for participation as an alternate will be the same as the regular cost of participation, since the expenses incurred in regard to meals, transportation, housing, etc. are the same. At the beginning of the following season, the student will be given the opportunity to participate provided the student's marching and/or playing skills have progressed to an adequate level.

Academic Eligibility: The marching band program abides by the board policy regarding participation in extra-curricular activities. Students must maintain a GPA of 1.5 or higher during the fourth quarter of the previous year (including 8th graders). Anyone not meeting this criterion will not participate in marching band. If a student is found to be ineligible following fourth quarter, any marching band fees paid to that point will be refunded to the family. Credits earned in fairshare accounts are never eligible for refunds.

Band Camp Attendance: Attendance is not optional at band camp. Students missing for any reason may be assigned "alternate" status and assigned alternate duties within the marching band. We cannot overstate the importance of being at every moment of every rehearsal. It is nearly impossible for marchers, new or veteran, to make up the volume of new material that is covered during band camp.