



Millersport Marching Band Handbook 2022-2023

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I. Mission Statement and Purpose of the Millersport Band Program

The mission of the Millersport band program is to encourage a lifelong love for music and the arts, teaching students through music performance, developing leadership and life skills.

II. Uniforms-Marching Band

The marching band will have 3 different uniforms for the fall season; the formal band uniform, the summer band uniform, and the rain uniform.

Summer Uniform (purchased from the boosters):

- Purple band shirt
- Black mesh shorts

Parts of the formal uniform include:

- Jacket
- Pants
- Hat/Plume
- Gloves
- Marching Shoes
- Tall Black Socks

What to wear under the formal uniform:

- The summer uniform shirt **must be worn under the jacket** at all times. Sometimes the director will allow you to take off your jacket (do not take off your jacket without permission). If you do not have your band shirt on, you may not take off your jacket.
- Do not wear jeans or any denim material with rivets or exposed zippers under your pants, as this will cause wear and tear on the uniforms.
- Plain black crew socks (no ankle socks). White or any other color will not be permitted and may result in further consequences.
- When warm, the director recommends the lightweight, cotton shorts with your band shirt. Breathable clothing prevents overheating in your uniform.
- For cold weather, layer up (NO JEANS!) Wear a long sleeve shirt and sweatpants or long johns. (NO JEANS)
- Did I mention no jeans or other clothing with zippers or rivets?

Miscellaneous:

- Do not roll up the pant legs or jacket sleeves: extra creases cause the uniform to wear out and lose their shape faster.
- All hair must be under the hat. Use hair ties and bobby pins of neutral colors.
- There will be no exposed jewelry or nail polish. If we are wearing gloves, rings are permitted. Bracelets, earrings and other visible body jewelry will not be worn during any performances.
- Report any rips, tears, stains or any other problems with the uniform to the director immediately.
- Do not place any piece of your uniform on the floor/ground or any dirty surface.
- It may be a good idea to keep an extra pair of gloves inside the jacket or pants pocket.

- Double check, before leaving, that you have all uniform pieces.

Uniform if possible rain:

- In the case of inclement weather, there will be an alternate uniform. This is decided by the director only. In the event of this uniform change, it would consist of:
 - Jeans
 - Your purple band shirt
 - Marching Shoes

Consequences for not taking care of the uniform or not wearing it correctly:

Consequences for mistreatment of your uniform may include: a verbal reprimand, discipline referral, or fees assessed to repair or replace all or part of the damaged uniform.

III. Fees

All uniform fees must be paid in full, or a payment plan worked out with the boosters before the first performance. Failure to pay fees will result in denial of participation in all performances until the fees are paid in full. Please note that the uniform maintenance fee is the only yearly fee. Summer uniform, gloves and shoes should last several years if taken care of.

Here is a list of fees that will need to be paid by the first football game:

- Uniform maintenance and dry clean fee- \$25
- Drillmaster marching shoes - \$35
- Black gloves - \$5/pair (multiple pairs can be purchased at anytime. It is suggested to buy more than 1 pair because they get dirty easily! At least one pair is required before the first performance.)
- Summer band uniform
 - Purple band shirt - \$20
 - Black shorts - \$10

IV. Student and Parent/Family Conduct

Keep in mind that you are being observed and evaluated at all times wherever we may be. You are not only representing the band, but also Walnut Township schools and community. Set a good example, and remember, you are part of the performance, not the audience.

For students, the rules of conduct:

- During time after performances, the band will sit together in the stands.
- All members must remain in full uniform at all times with all uniform parts intact unless otherwise stated by the director.
- DO NOT LEAVE YOUR HAT OR INSTRUMENT UNATTENDED.
- All school rules will be strictly adhered to. Refer to the code of conduct section of your student handbook. Failure to follow the code of conduct will not be tolerated. Offenses may result in: a verbal warning, denial to participate in performances, or a discipline referral.
- Cell phones are absolutely PROHIBITED during a performance, and may result in confiscation of the phone as well as other disciplinary actions.

Parents/Family/Friends, the rules of conduct:

- To keep the close feel of a marching band, family and friends are not permitted to sit amongst the band during award ceremonies at competitions. Family and friends are required to stay in the home bleachers while the bands sit in the away bleachers.
- While we understand that many people will want to leave as soon as possible following a performance, we ask that friends and families (and boy or girlfriends) stay out of the band room before and after performances.

V. Attendance Policy

Full attendance to every rehearsal and performance is crucial to performing an outstanding and rewarding season. Since this is a co-curricular activity, keep in mind that membership in any of the ensembles are contingent upon your individual effort to maintain a high level of excellence and attendance during rehearsals and performances.

1. Reporting and Approval of Absences

All absences from full group or sectional rehearsals must be reported directly to the director.

- Excused absences** are absences that are approved by the director with adequate prior notice. In emergency situations only, some absence may be excused after the fact. Most excuses with less than one week's notice will not be approved.
 - Illness-if you are ill and absent from school, then please stay home. A phone call or note with parent signature will need to be provided the following day.
 - Accident/emergency-In this case, please notify the director as soon as possible.
 - Serious illness/death in the family-Again, please notify the director as soon as possible.
 - Doctor's appointments-Doctor's appointments should be scheduled around band rehearsals or events if possible.
- Unexcused absences** may be absences with no reason provided, absences not approved, or absences for which the student fails to give prior notification to the director.
 - Family vacation-Family vacations or other family events are excused only if reported with adequate notice. Please note all July and August rehearsals are required.
 - Work
 - Babysitting
 - Homework
 - Social events
 - Any excused absences that were not cleared in advance with the director.
- Conflicts between school activities.**
 - Any conflicts with other school related activities will be dealt with on a case-to-case basis. Any conflicts of this nature should be reported to the

director immediately. We expect you to make the marching band a high priority, but we will work with all other extracurricular activities!

- Performances have priority over any rehearsal or practice. Missing a band performance of any kind due to a rehearsal or practice for another school club or activity will NOT be approved.
 - Any missed practices or performances because of a conflict with another activity will not be excused if not reported to the director beforehand. We work hard to make sure students are able to participate in multiple activities, but cannot make that happen if we are not made aware of conflicts!
- d. **Tardiness** is arriving after the given starting time. If you are not in your warm up position or assigned position by the time attendance is taken, you are considered tardy. If the calendar says we start at 9, the downbeat starts at 9.
- Arriving to band rehearsal up to 20 minutes late without an excuse is considered tardy. After 20 minutes, it becomes an absence.
 - For every three marks of tardiness it is the equivalent of an unexcused absence.
 - Tardiness to a performance of any kind is unacceptable and appropriate consequences will be issued.

2. Repercussions/Consequences

a. Tardiness

- Each tardy will result in that person helping to bring in rehearsal items or any other duties that need to be done at the end of the rehearsal.

b. Unexcused Absences

- Every unexcused absence will result in a make up assignment to be determined at that time. Excessive unexcused absences may result in denial of participation at a subsequent performance.

VI. Grading Policy

Marching band is a co-curricular class, meaning that practices and performances outside of the school day will affect your grade.

35%-Rehearsals

50%-Performances

15%-Playing tests/assignments

VII. Contact Information

Mrs. Savage

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High school number: (740) 467-2929

Parent information for Remind

We will be using Remind to send text message reminders of meetings, practices and performances. Please text @8a8h46 to 81010 At least ONE person from each household must sign up for Remind. If you have any questions, please contact Mrs. Savage.

IX. Student/Parent Contract

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Student Name-Print

I understand that each member of the band plays a valuable, essential role in the ensemble and that I/my student's attendance at all rehearsals and performances is therefore integral to the success of the group, along with following any rules and guidelines mentioned in this handbook. I have made note of all rehearsal and performance dates and I agree to the 2022-23 attendance policy and rules mentioned in this handbook. By turning in this contract, I am committing myself to marching band for the 22/23 school year.

The handbook agreement form along with the **\$25 uniform fee** are due by **May 20th, 2022**. If you would like to set up a payment plan for marching band fees, please contact Mrs. Savage before the due date. Checks need to be made payable to Millersport Music Boosters.

Student Signature

Date

Parent Signature

Date