



Mercer County Band
2020-2021
Handbook

Dear Mercer County High School Band Students and Band Boosters,

Welcome to the Mercer County High School Band Program and congratulations on your decision to be a part of one of the most successful organizations at MCSH. The 2020-2021 school year gives us all the opportunity to carry on this outstanding tradition of excellence. The Mercer County High School Band provides musical activities that encompass a wide scope and allows everyone a chance to reach the highest possible level of success.

While the musical activities are the core of our program, the total band experience provides the student far more opportunities. During the year, the student will be able to participate in leadership development programs; learn and apply planning, and team building skills; and spending time with other students and adults who have direction and goals as an integral part of their lives.

The fall season emphasizes the excellence of our outstanding Marching Band. Performances during the season will include home football games, marching competitions that include festivals and KMEA sanctioned contests, and several parades.

The Mercer County Band program also features our Concert band. The Concert band presents several concerts throughout the year as well as perform at Concert Festival in the spring.

In addition to ensemble successes, members of the Mercer County Band program distinguish themselves through individual performance in All-Regional Band, KMEA All-State Band, Orchestra and Jazz Band, as well as several honor bands.

The main goal of the Mercer County High School Band program is to obtain a level of excellence through determination, dedication, teamwork, and experience. Students of the Mercer County Band program develop as individuals musically, mentally, socially, and emotionally. With hard-working students, dedicated staff, involved and active parents, and a supportive administration and community, the 2020-2021 year looks to be an exciting year for the Mercer County Band program.

The purpose of the handbook is to ensure that students, parents, and administration are knowledgeable of the information needed to make the Mercer County Band program a success. Band members as well as parents are expected to read the handbook and are expected to abide by the rules set forth in the handbook.

Sincerely,

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Calendar 2020-2021

- A. Rehearsals - Every Monday, Tuesday, and Thursdays 3:00 - 6:00pm. Some Thursdays will be 6:00 – 9:00pm.
- B. Booster Meetings - The first Monday of every month at 6:00 PM in the high school band room.
(Date & time may vary)

C. PERFORMANCES AND OTHER OPPORTUNITIES

July 13-16	Band Camp New Marchers (M, T, & Th. 9:00 – 11:30) Drums & Guard (M, T, W, & Th, 1:00-5:00) & Full Band (T & Th 1:00-5:00)
July 20-24	Band Camp Full Band 8:00 - 5:00
July 27 – 31	Band Camp Full Band 8:00 – 5:00
Aug. 3, 5, 7	8:00-11:30am-Morning Rehearsals
<i>August 22</i>	<i>Home Football Game 6:00pm</i>
<i>Sept 4.</i>	<i>Home Football Game 6:00pm</i>
<i>Sept. 12</i>	<i>Camp Day 9am-5pm at HS</i>
<i>Sept. 18</i>	<i>Home Football Game 5:30pm</i>
<i>Sept. 19</i>	<i>Contest @ Madison Southern</i>
<i>Sept 25</i>	<i>Home Football Game 5:30pm</i>
<i>Sept. 26</i>	<i>Contest @ Boyle Co.</i>
<i>Oct. 3</i>	<i>Contest @ Marion Co or Corbin HS</i>
October 9-14	Fall Break
<i>Oct. 15</i>	<i>Fall Camp – 8:00-8:00pm</i>
<i>Oct. 16</i>	<i>Fall Camp- 9:00am-4:00pm & Game at 6:00</i>
<i>Oct. 17</i>	<i>Contest @ GRC or South Laurel HS</i>
<i>Oct. 24</i>	<i>KMEA Regionals @ GRC</i>
<i>Oct. 30</i>	<i>Home Football Game (Senior Night)</i>
<i>Oct. 31</i>	<i>KMEA State Marching Band Championships (UK)</i>
Nov.	All-State Preliminary Auditions
Dec 3	Parade Practice until 5pm
Dec. 4	Christmas Parade
Dec. 6 & 12	All-Region Auditions & All-State Auditions
Dec. 10	Christmas Concert
Jan 9-11	All-Region Band
Feb.	All-State Band & MSU Band Clinic
Mar.	KMEA Concert Festival
May	Band Banquet & Spring Concert

Specific dates will be given through the use of monthly calendars. Additional dates may be added. A calendar can be found on our website, www.mercercountyband.com.

Covid-19 Guidelines

Due to the recent outbreak of Covid-19, the band members, staff, and parents will abide by the guidelines set forth by KMEA and the Mercer County Board of Education to help prevent the spread of the disease and keep those involved with the Mercer County Band safe. These guidelines are subject to change at any time during the season.

Health Considerations-Anyone with a fever of 100.4 will be sent home and will not be allowed to participate in activities/rehearsals, and should contact their healthcare provider. Once cleared by the healthcare provider, the student will be allowed to return.

Students

Students will be asked to keep all materials, equipment, food, etc. labeled. All students will need the following items labeled. If you are not able to provide one of your own, the band will provide one for you.

1. Mask for daily use during times not practicing.
2. Water bottles or jug labeled. Any disposable water/gatorade bottle needs to be labeled. (Drinking out of the water fountain will not be permitted.) The sink in the band room can be used to refill water bottles.
3. Fanny pack to put pencil, chalk, guard gloves, mask, dotbook in for outdoor practices for all members when not in use.
4. Individual music, equipment, and pencil (will be provided once we begin).
5. Sunscreen and/or deodorant.

When entering the band room, materials will need to be put by your chair or in your cubby if not in use.

During breaks (meal or rehearsal breaks), students need to keep at a minimum 6 feet if possible away from other students. Students should wear a mask when not able to social distance or not involved in vigorous activities. Students should be in the designated areas during these breaks (practice rooms or storage rooms not permitted). If using the restroom during breaks, students should social distance if there are others in the restroom.

Students will not be allowed to ride with other students during lunch. The driver may bring back food for another student.

At the ends of rehearsals, students should clean out mouthpieces, wipe down percussion equipment (mallets, sticks, etc.), flag poles (if not going home), and any other equipment. Anything not being taken home should be put in cubby after cleaning. Water bottles and jugs should be taken home every day and cleaned. Make sure to shower and change clothes when getting home.

Parents

Parent involvement in band is vital to our success, so the following guidelines should be followed when being involved with the students or band.

1. Parents and other family members should not enter the building unless absolutely necessary or helping out with an activity.
2. When entering the building, parents/family members should have a mask.
3. When involved with students, parents should wash their hands or sanitize hands before interacting with students.

EVERY POLICY RELATED TO COVID-19 IS SUBJECT TO CHANGE IN ACCORDANCE TO FEDERAL, STATE, AND LOCAL GUIDELINES.

Ensembles

Marching Band

To be a member of the Mercer County Marching Band, the student must be enrolled in the proper class if they play an instrument and are in High School. He/or she must have the director's approval before signing up for the course. Marching band is not an auditioned group. Anyone interested in being in guard must have the approval of the director and have good attendance at guard rehearsals held in the Spring Semester.

Members are expected to pay the marching band fee (\$250) set by the Director and Boosters or make a financial arrangement with the Director and Boosters. A deposit of \$100 of the fee will be due May 27th before the upcoming marching season. This deposit is non-refundable once marching band begins in July. If a family has two or more students in the HS band, the first child's fees will be \$250, and any additional child will be \$200.

Concert Band

To be a member of the concert band, the student must be enrolled in the proper band class. The student agrees to attend all after school rehearsals (including section rehearsal) and all performances (including basketball games). Exceptions through director approval only.

Any student who drops out of any of these organizations during the season ***will not be allowed*** to rejoin at any time that year and must drop that specific class immediately or as soon as the administration deems possible. Any student who drops out ***will not be allowed*** to rejoin unless approved by director. The director and the principal must approve any exceptions to the requirements above.

Marching Band

The Mercer County Marching Band has a history of excellence. The band competes at the KMEA State Marching Band Championships every year and has won 3 State Championships. The marching band requires extra effort, discipline, and determination, but in return, students will build friendships that will last a lifetime, build good individual character, and it will prepare students for life by teaching important life skills.

Rehearsal etiquette is very important for us to achieve our goals and be as successful as we can be. Every marching band member is expected to follow these rules during full band rehearsal, sectionals, and performances.

1. Be prompt and ready to start at designated times.
2. Listen to the director, drum major, section leaders, and staff. These are the only people permitted to talk during rehearsal.
3. Gum, food, and drinks are forbidden during any rehearsal or performance.
4. Leave petty matters, hang-ups, and outside problems out of rehearsal.
5. No one is to leave rehearsal without first telling the director. This includes leaving the marching field for a band aid!
6. ***Cell phones are strictly prohibited in rehearsals!***

Band Camp

Band Camp is an important part of the Mercer County Marching Band experience. Camp is held for 3 weeks in July at the high school. Times for rehearsal during camp vary each week and are posted on the yearly calendar in the handbook and will be given out to students before the end of school. Students will get a lunch break from 11:30-1:00 each day of camp. Students may bring lunch to eat at the high school, or they have the option of leaving during the break to get something at home or a fast-food restaurant. Before a student may leave during a break, his or her parent must sign the release form attached at the end of the

handbook.

Having a good camp is essential to having a good season, so in order to have an outstanding camp, students must follow the guidelines set by the directors, staff, and section leaders.

1. Be on Time!!! To be early is to be on time and to be on time is to be late! It is important that everyone is ready to go at the beginning of rehearsal.
2. Be Present at all rehearsals! Sometimes, emergencies do arise and you must miss a rehearsal. Please notify the director as soon as possible if a rehearsal is missed.
3. Be cooperative! Willingness to do whatever it takes to make the band better is the sign of an outstanding student. Please be an outstanding student!
4. Wear proper clothing-shorts, etc. No bathing suits, or t-shirts or hats with obscene comments or gestures.
5. Wear good comfortable shoes and socks. No sandals or boots.
6. Make sure to wear sunscreen every time the band has rehearsal outside.
7. Band camp is not a good time to start a diet. Make sure to eat a good meal before camp and during the breaks.
8. Please drink lots and lots of water and/or Gatorade.
9. Smoking and use of tobacco products is prohibited.
10. Please have equipment, coordinate sheet, pencil, and music (in a binder with plastic sleeves) at every rehearsal.
11. Please be courteous to the director, staff, and boosters. They are here to help you.
12. Please do not horseplay around equipment. This includes throwing water and ice on someone or playing another person's instrument.

Uniform

Band members will also be responsible for their uniform. Certain parts will be issued and will require no fee. Some items will need to be purchased; shoes and warm-up suit are a one-time purchase. After competitions and games, the uniform is to be placed in the garment bag neatly and placed back in order on the uniform rack. The hatbox will be placed on the hat rack, and shoes will be placed in the appropriate box. Each student will be given a number for his or her items. It is their responsibility to remember the number. Uniform fitting will be announced during band camp.

Band Members:

Issued Parts: Black Pants, Red Band Jacket, Hat w/ hatbox, Gauntlets, One pair of black gloves, and Garment Bag

Purchased Parts: Band Shirt, Black Shoes, Warm-up Jacket, and Black Socks.

Guard Members:

Issued Parts: Uniform for the show

Purchased Parts: Band Shirt, Shoes (specified by Guard Instructor), Warm-up jacket, and other accessories determined by Guard Instructor.

Schedule

A schedule for each month will be passed out. Specific itineraries will be passed out for each competition the Tuesday before the competition or earlier. Attendance is directly related to the success of the Mercer County Band as a performing ensemble. Any absence excused or unexcused is detrimental to the achievement of our goals. Please make every attempt to be at each and every rehearsal. **Any student who misses two or more rehearsals during the week will miss the next performance of that weekend. After 3 absences, students are required to have a doctor's note for each subsequent absence to remain in the show.**

Grades will be determined by attendance at rehearsals, competitions, and other performances. Each performance will be counted as a test grade and practices will be counted as daily grades. Missing for work is an unexcused absence.

Any missed performance will result in a writing assignment. It is the responsibility of the student to inquire about the writing assignment the day the student returns to class.

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Grading Scale for Marching Band

Area of Grading	Percentage
Performances	50%
After-school rehearsals	40%
Attitude	10%
Total	100%

Student Leaders

In order for the band to succeed, it must have qualified leaders who are willing to do everything possible to ensure the success of the band. A band council will be appointed at the end of the school year for the following school year. Section leaders, Drum Majors, Band Officers, and Senior Band members will be a part of the band council. The council will meet as necessary after rehearsals during marching season. These meetings will be announced in advance. These meetings will last about 15 minutes to address problems or discuss information pertaining to the entire band.

Section Leaders

These leaders are selected by the director and staff on the basis of musical/marching ability, service, dedication, loyalty, and leadership qualities. The number of section leaders for each section may vary from section to section and year to year.

Drum Majors

Drum Major auditions will be held at the end of every school year. In order to audition, the student must

have been a member of the marching band for two years previous to the audition. They must be in good standing and show enthusiasm for learning and teaching. The audition will consist of conducting the band in class, conducting a prepared piece of their choosing, and submit an essay explaining why they would like to be Drum Major.

All student leaders will carry out the policies of the Band, Band Director, School, and School Administrators to the best of their abilities. Any time you question or disagree with specific instructions from a student leader, please avoid confrontation and discuss the problem with the director at your earliest convenience. Student leaders cannot give you permission to miss a rehearsal or performance, be tardy, or leave early. Student leaders should be positive and work for the best interest of the Mercer County High School Band at all times.

Band Officers

President- Kaleb Mitchell

Vice-President- Nathan Vittitoe

Secretary- Morgan Perry

Equipment Managers-Brass- Grayson Smith

Woodwinds-Nicholas Walden

Percussion-Nathan Doughty

Guard- Alex Smith

Concert Band

Classroom Procedures

All students are to be inside the band room before the tardy bell sounds. At two minutes after the bell, each student is expected to be in their seat, with stand, music, and necessary materials (especially your pencil). There should be silence in the band room when the director gets to the podium.

Warm-up is a very important part of each rehearsal. This is when we focus on the fundamentals of our playing so that we may improve both as a group and as individuals. Be on time so the entire ensemble can warm-up together.

Brass players should have all necessary mutes. These are called for quite often. Brass players should also have valve oil, slide grease, rotor oil, etc.

Reed players should have at least two spare reeds at their seat during rehearsal. Ideally, you should have four to five reeds that all play that you rotate using from day to day. Your reeds will last longer and you will get better play from them if you do not use the same reed all the time from the day it is new until it is worn out.

Percussionists should each have a pair of concert snare drum sticks and any other equipment that is not provided by the band. Parts will be assigned to students, so the band can have a well-rounded percussion section.

At the end of rehearsal, make sure you put all of your equipment away. Instruments should be put in the cabinets until time to take them home for practice. Music that is not being taken home should be placed in your cabinet.

Problems of an individual nature (music missing, problems with instruments, etc.) should not take class time. These issues should be dealt with either before school, after school, or just before class as a last resort.

Talking during rehearsals must be kept to a minimum. Talking should always be about music we are studying and should never be a distraction to the conductor or other students. Cell phones should be put away and on silent or turned off for rehearsal. Cell phones are not permitted on stands during rehearsal unless approved by the director.

Grading Procedures

Band is a unique course at Mercer County High School. It has curricular requirements, just as any other academic discipline, but it also has out-of-class time requirements. The strength of our band program is the consolidation of these requirements into one performance based, academic course of study. The level of commitment from each individual student is the driving force behind the organization and is reflected in the level of achievement reached by the individual and the program.

Band is a learning activity. Rehearsals, whether during or after school, are the means by which students learn, and by their very nature cannot be reproduced or made-up. Therefore, it is important that students be present unless the absence is absolutely unavoidable. Excessive rehearsal absences will undoubtedly affect a student's performance. Although I frequently function as a conductor, I am primarily a teacher responsible for the musical and aesthetic education of each student in the band program. This is the reason I am absolutely insistent upon each student's daily participation. **Rehearsals are not optional, and are reflected in the student's daily grade.**

Performances are viewed as major tests. A performance is a learning experience that cannot be duplicated in a rehearsal hall or practice room. The level of concentration required in a public performance assists each student in developing an insight into his/her own level of performance; a performance is an important evaluative tool, allowing comparison of a student's performance in relation to classroom objectives presented and with past performances. Absences from performances are only excused in the event of an extreme emergency: serious illness or hospitalization of the student, death in the family, religious holiday, or other reasons deemed excusable by the directors. All absences from performances or rehearsals must be approved by the band director **IN ADVANCE**. 5 minutes before rehearsal or game is not in advance.

Missing for work is **not** an excused absence. Unexcused absences may result in a writing assignment.

Grading Scale for Concert Band

Area of Grading	Percentage
Performances	30%
After-school rehearsals	30%
Participation in Class	20%
Flipgrid/Recordings	8%
Attitude	2%
Total	100%

Finally, I take my job as band director seriously. The band as an organization provides a medium through which students progress academically, musically, and socially. Musicianship, attitude, attendance, punctuality, conduct, and a desire for excellence are absolutely expected from each member of the Mercer County High School Band. Therefore, individual practice and preparation are essential. No other discipline in education requires the high level of achievement from all participants, as does musical performance. Through the level of commitment required, I hope to better prepare our students for the responsibilities encountered throughout their lives.

Individual Opportunities & Responsibilities

As a member of the Concert Band, you have the choice of auditioning for several honor bands that the Mercer County High School Band participates in. I highly encourage every student to try-out for as much as they can. It will only make you a better player!

Honor Bands

Auditions for All-Region and KMEA All-State Band, Orchestra, and Jazz Band are held in November and December. Students perform required music and sight-reading. The audition process ranks the students from Kentucky on their specific instruments. Students selected for one of the KMEA All-state ensembles prepare and present a concert at the KMEA Conference in Louisville in February.

There are always outstanding musicians in the Mercer County High School Band, and I strongly encourage widespread participation in these activities. Often, colleges and universities use membership in these organizations as partial criteria for music scholarship consideration.

Other "Honor Band" activities may be available to Mercer County High School Band students during the school year, either based on audition or application. These events include the Morehead State University Honor Band Clinic and others.

Instrument Care

School-owned instruments become the responsibility of the student to whom they are issued. Any damage other than normal wear and tear will be repaired at the student's expense.

Individual instruments must always be maintained in top playing condition. Always show the director your instrument before taking it in for repairs.

Remember that horseplay can cause damage to instruments and equipment. Be careful with your own instrument, place it out of harm's way if it is necessary for you to put it down, and never play around with or play on anyone else's instrument.

Private Lessons

Private lessons are the key to developing an outstanding musical organization. Students who study their

instruments privately with a professional show rapid improvement in individual musicianship. As these students improve, their excitement towards practicing increases, they continue to improve, and they become a stronger contributor to the overall success of the band. Private instruction has a great impact on the individual student and on our band program both this year and in the future. The director will assist you, if needed, in selecting a private instructor. The key to satisfactory results from private instruction is to start as soon as possible.... SO START NOW!

General Rules for Pep Band and Trips

Stands Procedure

1. Remember -- NO SMOKING or any other use of tobacco products/vaping products is prohibited.
2. No food or soft drinks in the stands before halftime (Football Games). Water is permitted.
3. Do not wear hats in the stands or with your uniform (except regular marching band hat). If it is cold, stocking caps, earmuffs, or something for warmth is permissible.
4. There is to be no random playing of instruments at any time. Any section or solo cheers should be cleared with the director prior to the game.
5. At home games, sit in your assigned section (away games and contests, seating will depend on the type of stands). Sit in your assigned section the entire game -- even after third (3rd) quarter break.
6. No outsiders allowed in the band sections.
7. Your concession break will be during the third quarter. You must be back in the stands in time to play at the end of the third quarter. Don't be late, watch the clock carefully. You will lose your break the next week if you are late.
8. NO SCREAMING!!!! Yell for the team — not at each other.

Bus Rules and Procedures

1. DO NOT change buses. You must ride the same bus to and from performance/game.
2. On school buses, try to keep noise to a minimum. No loud screaming, radios, etc.
3. DO NOT throw anything out of the windows. Keep arms, head, etc, inside windows.
4. Answer roll call for yourself only. Keep the noise level down. Roll will be called by chaperones each time we load the bus.
5. Couples—remember this is a band function—not a date! When in a performance situation there are to be no boy/girl friends around the band. This includes marching band rehearsals, pep band and around the buses during contests.
6. There will be no boys sitting with girls on the bus when it is dark outside.
7. Put trash in garbage bags. On short trips, take trash off the bus when you leave.
8. No food or drinks on the bus.
9. When we return, be sure to close windows. This will help the drivers.
10. At contests, you must return with the band, unless YOUR parents pick you up in person. YOUR parents must sign you out with the director or chaperone before leaving.
11. Arrival times from contests will be on the itinerary. Please make sure your ride is there at the appropriate time. A Remind Text will be sent out to parents with approximate time on the way home from games and contests.
12. Remember -- NO SMOKING or use of tobacco products/vaping products.
13. Be courteous, do what chaperones ask and thank the drivers and chaperones when we return.
14. Do not use the emergency exit doors unless an emergency arises. They are not to be used for loading and unloading the bus.
15. Bags may be put in the truck at contests. Do not ask a chaperone to carry your belongings. Leave valuables at home.
16. No music is to be played out loud on the bus. If you want to listen to music, you must use headphones. There are many reasons for this -- courtesy for others.

Travel Tips

1. Follow instructions of the director or chaperones at all times. If you don't understand, ask.
2. No boys in girls' rooms, no girls in boys' rooms -- EVER.
3. Band students are not to go into any adult's room; this includes your own parents.
4. No unnecessary moving around on the bus. No standing in seats, sitting on backs or arms of seats on the bus. Do as the bus driver asks when on the bus.
5. Be quiet and cooperative during roll call on buses.
6. You are responsible for any damage to your room.
7. Know who the chaperone for your group is, and their room number.
8. Take no souvenirs from your room, restaurants, or any other place of business. Remember: Shoplifting and stealing are crimes.
9. Make no calls between rooms after lights out, unless you are calling a chaperone to report a problem.
10. Do not leave your room unlocked.
11. No alcoholic beverages, non-prescription drugs, or any controlled substances (which includes tobacco and alcohol) are to be taken, bought, or consumed during the trip. The director should be notified if you are taking any prescription drugs.
12. Do not change rooms with another person.
13. Leave non-essential valuables at home.
14. Watch your belongings. If you put something down unattended, there is an excellent chance it will not be there when you return.
15. Profanity is not a part of this band. Make sure your language is never offensive.
16. Curfews will be announced and strictly enforced.
17. Behavior of students will be exemplary at all times. There is no excuse for rude, obnoxious acts.
18. All school rules are in effect throughout the duration of any trip.
19. Kindness and courtesy work miracles in almost every situation. Remember that PLEASE and THANK YOU cost you nothing and yet are highly valued, especially when received from a teenager.
20. There shall be no action for which an explanation is necessary. If you think someone might ask you "Why did you do that?" then don't do it.
 - Violations of these rules will result in disciplinary action that could include removal from the organization, confinement to your room for the duration of the trip, or being sent home.
 - Detailed information sheets, showing departing and estimated arrival times, are distributed prior to any trip.

Staff, Chaperones, & Band Boosters

Staff and Chaperones

Anyone on the staff of the Mercer County High School Band has been selected due to the skills and qualities they possess and for the benefit they can bring to the band program, and should be considered an extension of the director. They are to be treated with the highest level of courtesy and respect.

Chaperones are also extensions of the authority of the directors. Without the dedication of our chaperones and other adults that assist the band, we could not travel or perform in the way we do. These people work hard, and the only payment they receive is our appreciation. Be respectful, polite, cooperative, and remember that the words "Please" and "Thank You" cost you nothing, but are highly valued by the recipient.

If you disagree with something a chaperone asks you to do, you are not to argue with the chaperone. You are to do as you are asked and then inform the directors as soon as possible. This policy will be strictly enforced. (In the extreme unlikely event that a chaperone's instruction would cause you to violate civil law or moral standards, the student should ask to be taken by that chaperone to the directors immediately). If a chaperone has to report a student for being uncooperative or for any other reason, that student is subject to removal from the group.

Band Boosters

Parents are an important part of the Mercer County High School Band, and have a vital role to play. Without the assistance and cooperation of Band parents, there would be no chance for the level of success we want the band to reach. There are many things parents can do.

1. Attend Band Booster Meetings. We meet the 1st Monday of every month at 6:00 p.m. in the band room.
2. Volunteer for parent committees. There are many different tasks with which we need your assistance, and everyone can find the niche that suits them best: Chaperone, uniforms, transportation, equipment handling (pit crew), sewing, meals, and publicity are just a few of the areas we need filled.
3. Be supportive of the band program and your child's participation by:
 - a. Assisting your child to be prepared and punctual for every rehearsal and performance.
 - b. Notifying the director if your child is to be absent or late for performance or rehearsal. This should be done in advance unless in absolute emergency.
 - c. Encouraging your child to practice at home and help them find a quiet place to do so.
 - d. Showing your interest and support in your child's music study by enthusiastically attending every performance possible.
 - e. Discussing with directors and staff anything that will help them understand and better serve your child.
 - f. Arranging for private lessons for your child, if at all possible.
4. We welcome visitors to rehearsals but request they remain quiet so as not to disturb the focus of the students or staff. Cheering at appropriate times is welcome!
5. Parents/guardians are responsible for paying for any unsold fund-raising goods not turned in by the deadline.

Band Booster email: mercercountybandboosters@gmail.com

MEDICAL INFORMATION AND AUTHORIZATION

Name of Student _____ Date _____

Address _____ Zip _____

Age _____ Date of Birth _____ Grade _____

Parents' full names _____

Work or Cell phone (mother) _____

Work or Cell phone (father) _____

Health Insurance (Give company, policy name, and any ID numbers.)

Name of Family Doctor _____ Phone _____

List any special conditions (diabetes, epilepsy, allergies, etc.) your child has:

List any medications to which the student is allergic or for some reason cannot take:

List any medications your child must take: _____

Check here if your child is allowed to take over the counter pain medication _____
(Acetaminophen/ibuprofen)

I give my permission for _____ to participate with the Mercer County Band at any and or all school approved events beginning with the date below and throughout the entire school year. I have completed the Medical Information and Authorization Form giving the director and/or adult chaperones permission to obtain medical care and/or hospitalization should illness or accident occur, and I accept responsibility for payment of any medical expenses.

Date

Signature of Parent or Guardian

Band Contract

I, _____(Parent) and _____(Student) have read the handbook and understand that my child and I are committed to meet the demands outlined within. I will do my best to assure that my child is responsible concerning all of the issues discussed in the handbook.

I also understand the financial obligations of the band, consisting of the following:

Marching Band Fee	\$250.00
Additional siblings	\$200.00

On May 27, 2020, a \$100.00 deposit is due.

Anyone that is delinquent in marching band fee payments will not be allowed to audition for All-Regional band, All-State band, or MSU Band Clinic.

Band fees are non-refundable once band camp begins. This includes injury &/or illness.

Balance of Fees are due by July 24, 2020

Signed _____
Student

Date _____

Signed _____
Parent and/or Guardian

Date _____

Parent email address _____

PLEASE RETURN THIS FORM WITH PAYMENT

Driving Permission Slip

_____ has permission to drive to lunch during the summer/fall band camp.

Date _____

Signature Parent &/or Guardian

_____ has permission to ride to lunch with _____
during the summer/fall band camp.

Date _____

Signature Parent &/or Guardian

****Students during band camp will not be allowed to ride to lunch with other student drivers due to COVID-19 social distancing guidelines. Driving restrictions may be lifted later on in the season.****

Band Booster Help Form

It is important that parents and/or guardians help with band. Please check all of the following that you would be willing to do and fill out the information below.

- Help with fundraising throughout the year.
- Help with marching band materials (sewing, painting, building, etc.).
- Help with Pit Crew during Marching Season.
- Help with band camp.
- Help with uniforms (organize, fit, take to the cleaners, sew, etc.).
- Help at competitions with food.
- Serve on committees.
- Other _____

Name

Name of Student

Phone Number

Email Address