

**Mercer County Band
Mercer County Senior High School
1124 Moberly Road
Harrodsburg, KY 40330**

Dear Students and Parents,

The Mercer County Marching Band is currently recruiting for next year's marching band. It is open to any current 6-11th grade student. I would like to invite you to be a part of this demanding but fulfilling activity. The high school marching band is a competitive group that goes to several competitions throughout the state. Attendance at rehearsal is our main priority. During marching season, we rehearse every Monday, Tuesday, and Thursday from 3:00 - 6:00 once school starts. (Some Thursdays will be 6:00-9:00). In the summer, we have band camp at the high school which are all day rehearsals. Camp this year will be the weeks of July 13-16, July 20 - 24, and July 27 - July 31. (Specific times for each day will be determined later). These weeks of camp are mandatory for everyone in the marching band; an absence from camp could result in a person being removed from the show. We will also rehearse August 3rd, 5th, and 7th from 8:00-11:30am. Please schedule any appointments for August 4th and 6th if possible. We will also rehearse two days during fall break to prepare for the state competition (October 15th and 16th). Our season concludes on Saturday, October 31st.

In order to hire instructors, buy equipment and uniforms, travel, and fund the different aspects of the marching band season, the band charges a fee of \$250.00. The students will also need to purchase a warm-up jacket, for approximately \$35.00 and a T-shirt for \$15.00. All of these items will be purchased later in the season. A \$100.00 deposit of marching band fees (non-refundable if your child quits) is due by May 29, 2020. Please mail a check to Mercer County Senior High School with your child's name in the memo. This ensures proper records, since your child will not be signing the multiple receipt form. Please don't let the money be an issue if your child desires to participate. A payment plan can be worked out to accommodate anyone's situation.

*The Mercer County Marching Band is **the** most successful group in the history of the Mercer County Schools.* The band has been a state finalist ten times having won the STATE CHAMPIONSHIP THREE TIMES. This is due largely in part to the strong work ethic and **quality of students** who participate. The students also benefit tremendously from their participation. They learn commitment, self-discipline, how to work as a group, that hard work pays off, and most importantly how to play a musical instrument or use guard equipment to a very high degree.

Please go to the link that sends you to the registration form for marching band. Also attached is a link to a recruitment video on YouTube. If you have any questions, please feel free to email me.

Sincerely,

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