

Tyrone Golden Eagle Marching Band

HANDBOOK

2019-2020



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tyroneband.weebly.com

Marching Band Page: www.tyrone.k12.pa.us/Page/1706

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Mission Statement & Philosophy of the Program

Tyrone Area School District Performing Arts Mission Statement

The mission of the instrumental program at Tyrone Area High School and Middle School is to educate each student through the unique aesthetic qualities that are found in the study and performance of music. Through continued participation with the bands (concert, jazz, and marching) each student will experience the benefit of character development and realize their leadership potential through a persistent effort toward achieving their personal excellence.

The Tyrone Golden Eagle Marching Band:

- A. Fosters a creative and cooperative musical atmosphere for middle and high school musicians and band front members
 - B. Proudly and positively represents the Tyrone Area School District, Music Department, Tyrone community, and self.
 - C. Develops an outstanding musical and visual production for the community at large, through the dedication and commitment of the students, staff, and boosters to attaining a personal excellence.
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MARCHING BAND

ATTENDANCE EXPECTATIONS

******All Rehearsals, PARADES, & Performances are MANDATORY. PLEASE LOOK OVER THE ENTIRE SCHEDULE AND PLAN AHEAD******

Friday, May 31 is the deadline to sign up for marching band. The forms in this handbook must be submitted by this date to sign up for marching band. We are working on the field show drill and music and need to have the EXACT names and number of participants.

Due to the tremendous amount of time it takes to develop the show during the summer, as of the Friday, May 31 you must honor that commitment for the entire 2019-2020 school year.

SUMMER REHEARSALS: Every year, our Band Camp is mandatory (unless cleared in advance) for ALL members. Policy for other summer rehearsals is as follows:

Students are expected to attend all rehearsals with the exception of family vacations. When a student is absent for this reason, a signed note or email from the parent/guardian PRIOR to the absence is mandatory and should be submitted to Mr. Hock.

All band members were provided with a **2019 Fall calendar** prior to the May 31, 2019 commitment date. The only acceptable excuses for absence from a competition are a parental/guardian excuse for immediate family emergencies or a commitment that I was notified of *prior* to May 31.

All Rehearsals, Performances, Football Games, Parades, etc. are Mandatory. More importantly, you should *want* to be here. If you have a problem with transportation, work, etc. address this with your section leader or the director immediately. We'll get creative to get you here! lack of Transportation is not an excuse to miss rehearsal.

A note/email/phone call from your parent/guardian excusing you from rehearsal should be given to the Band Director *prior* to rehearsal. If a student is absent due to illness from school on a rehearsal day, they will obviously be excused from rehearsal. Athletic events will be excused as well. Please let me know before May 31 what sports you are involved in so I can plan ahead.

If you are participating in a fall sport, you are expected to be at band rehearsal within an hour of your sports' conclusion. One hour is the maximum, sooner would be greatly appreciated.

Examples: If a cross country meet is over at 5:30, you should be at band practice by 6:30.

If you return from a soccer game at 7:00, you should be at band practice by 8:00.

Ineligibility. Ineligible students will not be permitted to participate in performances during the week of ineligibility (Sunday through Saturday). Students must still attend practices, but will not be permitted to travel to events (football games, competitions) with the band. Ineligibility lists are submitted every Thursday for the upcoming week.

MARCHING BAND IS A TOTAL GROUP-EFFORT ORGANIZATION. If you miss practice it is YOUR responsibility to make up missed drill teaching/sets, music changes, equipment work, etc. with your section leader PRIOR to the next rehearsal.

BAND UNIFORM & RAINCOAT INFO

Winds, Percussion & Guard Uniforms

STORAGE: Members will keep uniforms & raincoats (including shako boxes) at school in the uniform storage room. Band shoes may be kept in band locker;

CLEANING AND UPKEEP: It is the student's responsibility to keep his/her uniform & raincoat in the best condition possible. The boosters will dry clean uniforms in May after uniform turn-in, however if the uniform needs dry cleaned during the season, it is the student's responsibility to do so (guard uniforms can usually be hand-washed). One of the best ways to keep your uniform fresh is to shower prior to any football game or TOB competition. Shoes should be cleaned and polished for every performance.

OTHER DETAILS: Winds & Percussion should wear a band t-shirt and athletic shorts under their uniforms. WEAR LONG BLACK SOCKS. Jewelry is not permitted during any performance. Summer uniforms, if needed, will consist of black band polo, khaki shorts/pants, black socks, and black marching shoes.

WINDS ONLY: gloves are provided. You will receive a new pair at the beginning of the season and one additional pair sometime in October before Championships.

UNIFORMS & FITTING

Uniform fitting for all band members will occur during the first week of band camp, in the afternoon. This is mandatory. It is your responsibility to have your uniform fitted **PRIOR** to the DelGrosso's Performance. If you miss your uniform fitting, you must reschedule ASAP.

Uniform committee members will work with you to make sure any needed alterations are done.

REQUIRED STUDENT ITEMS

*Students must purchase these items separately

SHOES: All students must have proper marching band shoes. Shoe fitting will also take place the first week of band camp. Shoes are approximately \$30 a pair

POLOS: Each student must also purchase a marching band polo. There are for use during school pep rallies, warm-weather parades, and other related events. Polos are approx. \$15.

CARE AND KEEPING OF UNIFORMS: It is important to hang the uniform up properly after each performance. Students will not be permitted to leave until uniforms are checked. The pants should be folded on the crease and hung on the hanger. Jacket should be hung over pants. *Thank you for your cooperation!*

IMPORTANT

Winds & Percussion Uniforms:

- **Do not** wash the uniform. It should be professionally dry cleaned **ONLY**.
- **Do not** hand clean the uniform in any manner. It should be professionally dry cleaned **ONLY**.
- **Do not** tumble dry or heat the uniform in any manner (for example: hand ironing, blow drying, or over a hot stove).
- Professionally press the uniform **ONLY**.
- **Do not** get water/oil proofers, spot cleaning chemicals, bleaches, spray deodorants, perfumes, facial makeup, etc. on the uniform.

Please keep in mind that each uniform costs over \$400.00 – treat with care, and wear it with pride!

Thank you very much,
The Uniform Committee

By signing this handbook, you are agreeing to the upkeep and care of your uniform and are responsible for any damages that are not a result of normal wear. Students returning a uniform in poor condition or with lost or damaged parts at the end of the year will be charged an additional fee for replacement or repair at the end of the season.

2019-2020 MARCHING POLICIES, GUIDELINES & INFO

Instruments

- A. Marching Band Students are assigned a band locker at school during band camp. If you use a lock, you must submit an extra key or the combination to the band director. Key and combinations will be kept secure. Lockers are expected to be kept clean.
- B. You are responsible to unload and load your own instrument/equipment onto the trailer or bus.
- C. Students using school-owned instruments, including percussion and large woodwind/brass instruments, must register the instrument with the director. You are responsible for taking care of these instruments as if you owned them and may be financially responsible for any damages!
- D. All clarinet and saxophone players are responsible to have at least four reeds in their cases. All brass players are responsible to carry valve/slide oil in their cases. Percussionists are responsible to take care of their own (personal or assigned) sticks and mallets.
- E. Students are responsible for their own belongings! This includes anything you may put in your locker, locked or unlocked.

Guard Equipment

- A. All guard materials should be carried/unloaded/loaded by guard members only, unless supervised by a staff member, or given special permission by the guard captain, guard instructor or band director.
- B. All guard members are responsible for their own equipment care and upkeep.

Academic Eligibility & Ineligibility

- A. If a student participating in an extracurricular activity is deemed academically ineligible due to grades or fines, he/she may not participate in any extracurricular events during the respective weeks or otherwise notified. Students may attend practices but may not dress in uniform or participate in performances. This includes football games, competitions, parades, etc.
- B. Students who obtain ISS or OSS will also be ineligible to participate in the above stated activities during the week(s) of said disciplinary action.

BEHAVIOR & CONDUCT

- A. Inappropriate language, inappropriate dress, and/or violations of the drug/alcohol policy are not permitted at any time for any reason. You are a part of a championship ensemble. Always act like it.
- B. Physical or verbal attacks on any member of the band or staff are strictly forbidden. Appropriate disciplinary action will be taken if necessary, including being ineligible to participate in activities. Please be courteous to others and earn their respect before you demand it.
- C. You are responsible for your own equipment and conduct. DO NOT touch any item that is not yours.
- D. No PDA, no matter what the relationship
- E. **Whether you are in uniform or not, with the band or not, you are a MEMBER OF THE BAND. Your actions have a direct reflection on this ensemble. THINK before you act. There are a lot of people counting on you to behave like young men and women.**

Buses/Chaperones

- A. School rules apply on the bus. ALL students must ride the school buses to and from events. The only exception is a parent excuse in both written (email or note) and verbal form 1 day IN ADVANCE. Parents/Guardians are the ONLY approved persons to transport students to or from school events.
- B. CLEAN UP all trash after riding the buses and thank the bus driver!
- C. Respect the chaperones! Their word is law in absence of the band director.

Competitions

- A. There is often 'free time' at competition events...make sure you have a clock and follow instructions for report times and locations.
- B. Respect and encourage your fellow competitors!
- C. Always remember that you represent our school and community. The greatest award that we can receive is the sportsmanship award.
- D. Estimated return times are always provided to parents/guardians in advance of a weekend performance...please plan ahead.

Standard Football Procedures & Expectations

** Some variances will occur depending on special events.

HOME GAMES

1. Report to school, load trailer, change into uniform
2. Trailer leaves for the field – any items that you need for the game must be on the trailer.
3. March to the field – fight song and drum cadence
4. Perform our show pre-game.
5. Form an arc and perform national anthem & Alma mater – **MUST BE MEMORIZED.**
6. **MARCH** in straight line to the back gate to play Fight Song for team entrance
7. Walk single file to the band truck. Load unneeded equipment on trailer and report to the stands

AWAY GAMES (Very similar to home games, except for a few items...)

1. Report to school, load trailer and change into uniform
2. Departure. Upon arrival, unload trailer and put on Jackets, gauntlets, and shakos
3. 2nd quarter warm-up & halftime performance

AWAY AND HOME GAMES

1. In order to look as professional as possible...
 - a. Students will site in neat rows by section. Back to front: guard, brass, woodwinds, drumline
 - a. Full uniform will be worn at all times 1st and 2nd quarter, and 4th quarter. Raincoats will be worn if it is raining.
 - b. 3rd quarter – get food at concessions and return immediately to the stands. During warmer months, all jackets may be removed during 3rd quarter as determined by Mr. Hock.
 - c. It is every student's responsibility to ensure that they return to the football stands with 1:00 FB minute remaining on the clock in the 3rd quarter. We will play at the change of quarter.
 - d. School-appropriate behavior and good sportsmanship is expected at ALL times.
 - e. Be ready to play at a moment's notice!! **WATCH YOUR DRUM MAJOR!**
 - f. Respectfully watch the other band's performance, clapping when appropriate, and no talking.
2. Home Games: After EVERYONE helps load the band trailer, ALL students will walk back to the school as one group. No students may return to the school on their own.
3. Upon arrival back at school...
 - a. Uniforms neatly hung and returned to uniform storage
 - b. Clean and organize the band room

DEMERIT SYSTEM

Explanation of Offense	# of Demerits
BEHAVIOR: This includes all school rules and policies (refer to the student code of conduct). This includes: Disruptive or inappropriate behavior, bad attitude, tardy to practice or event, insubordination (disrespect to staff, chaperones or event sponsors), PDA (public displays of affection, Poor sportsmanship, Failure to exemplify character/moral integrity, actions which leave a bad impression, etc. Students may also be written up through Mr. Rhoades or Mrs. Miksich if the action warrants it.	1-2 (depending on degree) If ejected from practice—2
Unexcused absence from practice (must receive excuse prior to day of absence)	1 (Must learn missed information before next practice)
Unexcused absence from a performance (must receive excuse prior to day of absence)	2
Suspension from school	2

- An accumulation of 2 demerits may result in a one-event suspension
- **5 accumulated demerits will result in dismissal from the ensemble for the remainder of the season.** Additionally, if a student misses 2 or more rehearsals in a competition week, that student will be allowed to accompany the group to the competition, but will not be allowed to perform.
 - All members must attend practices and performances, even if suspension is pending

INSTRUMENT LYRE: All students must have an instrument lyre able to hold their music flip folder for playing in the stands and parades. Students will receive a flip folder, but the lyre is the student's responsibility. If you do not have a lyre, please contact Mr. Hock to order one. They are typically \$3-\$5.

SPIRIT WEAR

Spirit Wear items with the Tyrone Marching Band Logo as well as the season show graphics are offered for sale. Be on the lookout for when these forms are distributed. New band students are encouraged to purchase a band sweatshirt. These are very popular for chilly evening practices and TOB Saturdays!

TYRONE BAND BOOSTERS

The Tyrone Band Boosters does a lot to support the band program. The Boosters are the reason we are able to do what we do. **WE NEED YOUR SUPPORT.** Please consider attending booster meetings which are typically held the 2nd Wednesday of the month, unless otherwise listed on the band calendar.

Fundraising General Information

- Fundraising is the financial backbone of our band – without it, the band cannot function and perform. Each member (instrumentalists and guard) is expected to participate in all fundraiser activities.
- All fundraiser forms and money should be turned in, in an envelope with your name and what it's for, to the booster mailbox located in the High School Band room by the double doors. The band boosters strongly recommend checks or money orders only – cash can be lost or stolen! Make all checks out to the *Tyrone Band Boosters*.
- For questions related to the use of these funds, please attend a booster meeting listed on the calendar.
- Please speak to Mr. Hock or the band booster officers regarding any potential financial difficulties. We are here to help!

Fundraising Quota. This year the band boosters set a required fundraising quota of **\$225 per student** (\$200 + \$25 soda donation fee). Every student is required to fundraise the equivalent of \$225 or pay this amount to the Band Boosters. At the end of the season, students who have not met this fundraising quota are required to pay the remaining amount out of pocket.

Please see the attached fundraiser credit information and important dates. There are **AMPLE** fundraising opportunities for each student, so there should be no excuse for lack of participation and meeting the quota.

The following 2 pages lists details on the fundraising requirements and dates. The majority of these fundraising activities are **PARTICIPATION BASED...** meaning if you simply participate in all of these activities, you will be able to meet your fundraising quota without paying anything out of your own pocket!! The boosters have made it very easy, so please do your part! If you don't participate, you will have to pay your unfilled quota out of pocket.

2019 FUNDRAISING DATES

****REQUIRED**

Sat, July 13 – CAR WASH (8 am – 2pm)**

Sat, July 20 – TAG DAY 9AM – 4PM (Evening party for participants only, TBA)
-- Parent Chaperones are also needed for this event.**

Mon, July 22 – Begin DelGrosso's BBQ Fundraiser (1st day of band camp)**

Thurs, Aug 1 – DelGrosso's BBQ \$\$/Orders DUE (By end of practice)**

Thurs, Aug 8 – BBQ Dinner/Performance**

Mon, July 22 – Hand out PATRON AD information (1st day of band camp)**

Thur, Sept. 19 – PATRON ADS DUE**

Sat, Aug 10 – CAR WASH (8am – 2pm) Rain date**

Mon, Aug 19 – MONEY DUE for SODA REQUIREMENT**

Sat, Oct 5 – HOME SHOW**

Tue, Sept 17 – Ultimate Sub Company Fundraiser Begins

Tue, Oct 8 – Ultimate Sub Company Fundraiser DUE (\$\$\$ and Form)

Mon, Oct 21 – Ultimate Sub Company DELIVERY Date

HOME FOOTBALL GAME DATES (CONCESSION STAND)

- See calendar for Home Game Dates

POSSIBLE HOME PLAYOFF GAMES – NOV. 2/3 and 9/10

2019
TYRONE AREA MARCHING BAND
Student Fundraising Quota Information and Participation
STUDENT FUNDRAISING QUOTA: \$225 (\$200 + \$25 soda donation)

REQUIRED

- DelGrosso's BBQ/Show – sell 10 tickets or \$25.00 buyout
- Money for Soda Requirement – \$25.00. We recently moved to a monetary donation instead of requiring students to purchase and donate soda for the concession stand. This extra \$25 will cover the soda donation.

REQUIRED PARTICIPATION (as applied to \$200 quota):

Car Wash – 10% credit each date of participation toward student fundraising quota

Tag Day – at assigned businesses 20% credit for participation toward student fundraising quota

Concession Stand - (5) regular home football games 10% credit each date of participation towards student fundraising quota (calculated per family on a given date, not per individual)

Patron Ads – All monies (100%) collected by students will be credited towards student fundraising quota

Home Show – 10% credit for participation towards student fundraising quota

ADDITIONAL PARTICIPATION:

Ultimate Sub fundraisers – September/October sale

Concession Stand – possible 2 home football playoff games 10% credit each date of participation toward student fundraising quota

Please note: "credit" is applied to the amount each student owes at the beginning of each season (student quota) and is not based on the \$ amount of fundraiser sales. Also, Multi-student families will get full credit toward each student quota based on their participation (see above).

*Please submit all absence requests to Band Director at least two weeks in advance for approval.

**monies from additional participation events will go into general funds and also covers any unpaid balance from excused absence(s) from required participation event(s).

**2019-2020 Marching Band
Student and Parent/Guardian Contract**

We the undersigned understand that this handbook has been devised to outline the guidelines and expectations of the Tyrone Golden Eagle Marching Band. We have carefully read the entire handbook and understand all rules and regulations set forth by the director, with the realization that breaking such guidelines may result in removal from the marching band program.

If there is any loss of or damage done to the uniform due to neglect on the student's part, the lost or damaged part will be replaced by the student. The student has also read the attached uniform information and understands the care and responsibility involved in maintaining the entire uniform throughout the school year.

We, the undersigned, will make every effort to abide by these standards at all times. We understand that this form and the accompanying forms must be turned in, completed and signed, before participation in the marching band can commence.

Student name: _____ Date _____

Student Signature: _____

Parent/
Guardian name: _____ Date _____

Signature: _____

Tyrone Area Marching Band
Contact, Emergency & Medical Information
Please PRINT neatly. Items with a * are required

Student Name* _____ Grade* _____

Instrument/Section* _____

Student lives with (*Parents, Mom, Dad, grandparents, etc.*)* _____

Student's Email* _____

Parent/Guardian 1 Name* _____ Relationship* _____

Parent/Guardian Address* (*Please include town and zip*):

Email Address* _____

Home Phone* _____ Cell Phone _____ Work Phone _____

Parent/Guardian 2 Name _____ Relationship _____

Parent/Guardian Address (*If different from Parent #1*):

Email Address _____

Home Phone _____ Cell Phone _____ Work Phone _____

OTHER IMPORTANT INFORMATION

Please include any important family information that you think Mr. Hock may need to know, such as custody information, "Do not release", or other important information.

Please list two relatives/friends/neighbors that would have your authority to advise the school in caring for your child, in the event neither parent/guardian could be contacted:

Name: _____	Name: _____
Address: _____ _____	Address: _____ _____
Relationship to student: _____	Relationship to student: _____
Phone number(s): _____ _____	Phone number(s): _____ _____

Medical Information

Is the student currently under medical treatment the marching band chaperones/staff should be aware of?
YES NO

If "yes," please give the nature of the treatment:

Is the student currently taking any medicine the marching band chaperones/staff should be aware of?
YES NO

If "yes," please give name of medication, reason of use, and times must be taken:

List any ailments the marching band chaperones/staff should be made aware (allergies, diabetes, etc):

In the event that no one can be contacted by phone, what do you wish the school to do in case your child is sick or injured?

If emergency treatment is required, may the school authorities/staff use their own judgment in sending the child to a hospital or doctor most easily accessible before the parent/guardian can be reached?
YES NO

If "no," please name preferred doctor/hospital: _____

The band chaperones/staff has my permission to administer the following to my child (please circle):
TYLENOL, IBUPROFEN, PEPTO-BISMOL, BENEDRYL, Other – be specific _____

It is understood that in the final disposition of an emergency case, the judgment of the school authorities will prevail. The recommendation of the parent/guardian, as indicated here, will be respected as far as possible. If at any time this information must be changed, I will notify my child's music director in writing. It is understood and agreed that the child and his/her parent/guardian shall hold harmless from any and all lawsuits, claims, demands, expenses or costs arising out of the administration of failure to administer first aid or emergency treatment to the child while in attendance of marching band rehearsals and events.

Parent signature: _____ Date: _____

Student signature: _____ Date: _____

**DRUG AND ALCOHOL TESTING FOR STUDENT PARTICIPANTS IN
ATHLETIC, EXTRA-CURRICULAR, AND PRIVILEGED ACTIVITIES
GRADES 7-12**

PERMISSION TO TEST

The Tyrone Area School District is committed to providing safe drug and alcohol-free athletic and extra-curricular programs as well as privileged activities. We appreciate your support, encouragement, and cooperation. The cost of the initial test and, if necessary, the drug and alcohol evaluation will be covered by the Tyrone Area School District. Tests will be confidential. Male and female students participating in middle school, junior high, junior varsity, and varsity athletic programs, extra-curricular and privileged activities will randomly be tested during the school term. Testing may be mandated by school administration at any time throughout the school term for any student thought to be using illegal substances.

Please fill out the bottom of this page and return it in the enclosed envelope addressed to the Tyrone Area High School Principal's Office, 1001 Clay Avenue, Tyrone, PA 16686. The completed form must be on file in the Tyrone Area High School Principal's Office **before the first performance. The form must be returned for your child's continued participation.**

I hereby give permission for the Tyrone Area School District and a laboratory/hospital to perform drug and alcohol testing on my son or daughter. I realize the purpose and ramifications of the testing and will follow the guidelines set forth for positive tests.

I understand that my son or daughter will not be punished by suspension or expulsion from school attendance for a positive result; however, they will be disqualified from participation in the activity as outlined in Board Policy No. 227.1 on Drug and Alcohol Testing for Student Participants. I also understand that my son or daughter will be required to comply with specific guidelines for further athletic, extra-curricular and/or privileged opportunities as set forth in this policy.

Parent/Guardian Name (**Please print**): _____

Parent/Guardian Signature: _____ Date: _____

Address: _____ Phone: _____

Family Doctor: _____ Pharmacy: _____

Current Medications: _____

As a student participant, I agree to participate in the drug and alcohol testing program. I have read and understand the information provided in this Permission to Test Form.

Student Name (**Please print**): _____

Student Signature: _____ Date: _____

Activities: _____ Grade: _____

TYRONE AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT
Middle & High School Student Code of Conduct
August 2019

As a participant in any school-related activity in the Tyrone Area School District, I will follow the rules as listed below. I realize that violation of any of these rules will result in consequences as defined through guidelines of the activities, the Student Handbook, and/or School Board Policy.

1. I will not use any tobacco products.
2. I will not drink alcoholic beverages.
3. I will not use any type of drug unless prescribed by a doctor.
4. I will not miss practices or scheduled meetings unless excused by a coach/advisor.
5. I will follow school district discipline policies.
6. I am responsible for all equipment/supplies issued to me. Any loss or damage other than that due to normal wear and tear to issued equipment/supplies is my responsibility.
7. I shall at all times conduct myself in a manner that will not cause embarrassment to the Tyrone Area School District, team, coaching staff, teachers, advisors, school directors, my parents, and the community as a whole. This may be considered a major or a minor infraction.
8. I will use the transportation furnished by the school in going to and from games/activities. A student may be released to a parent or acting guardian after any away event/activity provided the parent gives the coach/advisor a written note prior to the team leaving for the event. The student will only be released to the parent or acting guardian. No student will be released to ride with a parent of another minor, or any other relative unless prior approval from the principal is obtained.
9. I will be well groomed at all times.
10. I will cooperate with any investigation relative to this Code of Conduct.

Signature of Student

Date

Signature of Parent/Guardian

Date