

# Tyrone Golden Eagle Marching Band

## HANDBOOK

2020-2021



# Important Contact & Communication Information

David Hock, Director

Email: [dehock@tyrone.k12.pa.us](mailto:dehock@tyrone.k12.pa.us)

\*\*Make sure this email address is on your “safe” list. I send email announcements and important information weekly.

School Phone: 814.684.4240 x 3306

\*\*If you call during the school day, it goes directly to voicemail. I will call you back as soon as I am able. I receive email notifications every time a voicemail is received and I can easily check my voicemails anywhere from my smartphone, so leave a voicemail and I'll get back to you as soon as I am able to.

Marching Band Page: [www.tyrone.k12.pa.us/Page/1706](http://www.tyrone.k12.pa.us/Page/1706)

[www.Facebook.com/tyronebands](http://www.Facebook.com/tyronebands)

[www.twitter.com/tasdband](http://www.twitter.com/tasdband)

[tyroneband.weebly.com](http://tyroneband.weebly.com)

## Remind (text & email announcements)

What is Remind and Why is it Safe?

Remind is a free, safe, and simple messaging tool that helps teachers share important updates and reminders with students and parents. Subscribe by text, email, or using the Remind app. All personal information is kept private. Teachers will never see your phone number, nor will you see theirs. Visit Remind.com to learn more.

Contact Mr. Hock for the information to sign-up. The REMIND sign-up info is also included on the Marching Band shared drive

# MARCHING BAND ATTENDANCE EXPECTATIONS

Friday, May 29 is the deadline to commit to marching band for 2020.

**Marching Band is a FULL commitment and a TOTAL GROUP EFFORT!** Unlike sports, EVERY student becomes an irreplaceable piece of the puzzle. When students are missing, the whole band suffers. **As of Monday, June 1 you must commit for the ENTIRE 2020 season. Think carefully about how band will impact your schedule.**

**ALL Practices, Performances, Football Games, Competitions\*, and Parades are MANDATORY.**

## **ABSENCE FROM REHEARSAL:**

- Contact Mr. Hock by phone/email/text BEFORE rehearsal or as soon as reasonably possible.
- If absent from school day (illness or unexcused), student is allowed to participate in band on that day.
- If student misses all rehearsals in one week, they may not be allowed to perform at the Friday football game. If student misses a Saturday practice on a competition day, they may not be allowed to perform in the competition (exceptions for school sports/events as long as Mr. Hock is notified PRIOR).
- Student is responsible to make up the time and material that they missed.

**EXCUSED ABSENCES/LATENESS:** student illness (including MAJOR stress/anxiety), or family emergencies

## **UNEXCUSED/UACCEPTABLE ABSENCES or LATENESS**

- “I don’t have a ride” – You must TRY. Ask a friend. If it’s a major reoccurring issue, contact Mr. Hock
- Jobs – students must plan their job schedule around band
- Birthdays, vacations, or other family events\*\*\* (*exception for summer, see below*)
- Non-school affiliated sports, activities, concerts, performances, etc
- Simply not wanting to be there, minor stress/anxiety, laziness, oversleeping, etc.

**BEHAVIOR/ATTENDANCE:** Any student who has major reoccurring behavior problems or incurs 5+ unexcused absences, may face temporary suspension or permanent dismissal from the band.

## **SUMMER REHEARSALS:**

- BAND CAMP (both weeks) are mandatory in order to march on the field. If you are unable to attend part or all of band camp, you may still be allowed to participate in a non-marching capacity. Contact Mr. Hock.
- \*\*\*Aug 3 – 21 rehearsals are a little flexible. Students may be excused for vacations/family events. However, students are expected to be at as many of these rehearsals as possible.
- **Please Let Mr. Hock know all summer vacation dates in advance ASAP.**

**\*Majorettes who choose to do only football games:** your schedule will vary slightly. Be sure to communicate with Marcia Fink.

**SPORTS:** We are flexible to share time with most school sports. However, some are not compatible with band. If you are in a sport that directly conflicts with marching band, you may not be allowed to march, but can still perform in the front ensemble. Let Mr. Hock know ASAP if you are in a sport.

Sports students are expected to be at band rehearsal within 1 hour or less after you return from any game or conclusion of your sports practice.

**Ineligibility.** Ineligible students will not be permitted to participate in performances or travel with the band during the week of ineligibility (Sunday through Saturday). Ineligibility lists are submitted every Thursday for the upcoming week. Students are responsible to keep their grades up throughout the season.

# BEHAVIOR & PROCEDURES

## RESPONSIBILITIES

- A. Students are responsible for their own belongings, instruments, and school locker... Nobody else
- B. Be prepared with everything you need: pencil/pen, drill & music, water bottle, instrument, etc
- C. Additionally, Mr. Hock will assign each student a specific job/responsibility in relation to the band trailer, set-up, or tear down at rehearsals and performances.
- D. CLEAN UP ALL TRASH, ALWAYS, EVERYWHERE.

## BEHAVIOR & CONDUCT

- A. **All school rules apply no matter where we are or what we are doing: Practices, performances, on the field, in the stands, on the bus, and everywhere in between.**
- B. You WILL face discipline for any behavior that goes against school rules.
- C. RESPECT yourself, other members of the band, others that you see. When you are with the band you represent the school and who we are. Act in a way that gains respect and praise from others.
- D. Bullying, physical or verbal attacks on any member of the band or staff are not tolerated.
- E. No PDA, no matter what the relationship
- F. **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.**
- G. **Social Media:** Everything you post online can not only make you look bad, but could make the band look bad. Bullying, harassment, or hate speak against anyone is not acceptable.
- H. Walk away from drama. Don't feed it. We're here to make music together, not throw insults.
- I. Respect the chaperones! Their word is law in absence of the band director.

**EVENT TRAVEL (School Policy):** ALL students are expected to ride the bus to and from all events. If there needs to be an exception, only a parent/guardian may legally drive the student. A note/email outlining this must be provided BEFORE WE LEAVE for the event (not during or after).

## BAND UNIFORM & RAINCOAT CARE

**It is the student's responsibility to keep his/her uniform in the best condition possible. Students are monetarily responsible for any damages that are not a result of normal wear**

- Return uniforms and shakos to uniform storage after each performance, unless otherwise directed
- Hang the uniform PROPERLY. Pants folded on crease and hung on hanger, jacket hung over pants.
- One of the best ways to keep your uniform fresh is to shower & use deodorant DAILY.
- Do not wash/dry/apply heat to the uniforms. (dry clean only). Avoid spills, oils, good stains, etc.
- CLEAN SHOES before every performance.
- Shoes go in the SHOE POCKET on the back of the bag, NOT IN with the uniform.
- WHAT TO WEAR UNDERNEATH: band shirt, athletic shorts, & LONG BLACK SOCKS.
- Jewelry is not permitted during any performance.
- Gloves are provided for wind players

## REQUIRED ITEMS

- SHOES: All students must have proper marching band shoes. Shoe fitting will take place the first week of band camp. (approximately \$32 a pair)
- LONG BLACK SOCKS: Winds/percussion are responsible for having long black socks
- POLOS: Required for warm-weather performances, parades, and pep rallies. (approx. \$15)

## Fundraising Requirement Information

In order to do what we do, there are certain costs that are incurred by band booster by the band boosters.

Our fundraising events are designed to allow students to meet our fundraising goals without having to pay out of pocket (with the exception of the soda donation). To that end, many of our fundraisers are highly participation based and ALL fundraisers are required by EVERY student. For the fundraisers that are participation based, a specific amount is credited towards the student's fundraising account. Other fundraisers receive dollar amounts. Each type is outlined below. All fundraiser dates are on the calendar.

For the regular Tyrone Area Marching Band season, running June 1 – December 1, each student is required to fundraise the following amounts (also known as the “fundraising quota”):

- **Competition students: \$200 + \$25 soda donation**
- **Football-game-only students: \$125 + \$25 soda donation**

### REQUIRED FUNDRAISERS:

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| <b>SODA \$\$</b>  | ALL Students, donation for soda/beverage purchase for concession stand   | \$25 out of pocket<br><i>(cash/check)</i>  |
| <b>CAR WASH</b>   | ALL Students must participate in at least 1 of the 2 scheduled   | \$20 credit<br><i>(for each date)</i>  |
| <b>TAG DAY</b> <i>(collection at assigned businesses)</i> | ALL STUDENTS. Participant students will be treated to a party by the band boosters   | \$40 credit  |
| <b>CONCESSION STAND</b>                                   | 5 regular home football games, 1 or 2 potential play-off games. Each family is expected to volunteer for at least one game.                                | \$20 credit per game<br><i>(calculated per family on a given date, not per person)</i> |
| <b>HOME TOB COMPETITION (Oct 3)</b>                       | Parents, family members or friends are VITAL to make sure this event is a success. There are many jobs available   | \$20 credit<br><i>(calculated per family not per person)</i>                           |
| <b>PATRON ADS</b>   | Students sell AD space in our TOB Competition Program. Ads can be from business, personal ads from family/friends, or simply “shout outs” from individuals | 100% profit<br>All monies collected go toward student's quota                          |
| <b>ULTIMATE SUBS &amp; BAKE SHOP</b>                      | Sept/Oct Sale. This is only required if student hasn't met the quota by this time.   | ~\$3 per item sold goes toward fundraising quota                                       |

### FINE PRINT DETAILS:

All fundraiser activities, all money fundraised, and any out-of-pocket money paid to the Tyrone Band Boosters are the sole property of the Tyrone Band Boosters to cover the shared costs for the season as outlined above. As such, refunds cannot be issued except in the case of errors. Any fundraised or paid out-of-pocket money that exceeds the \$225/\$125 “fundraising quota” by any student is still the sole property of the Tyrone Band Boosters, will be added to the general fund, and cannot be carried over to future seasons or years. Extra amounts raised over the \$225/\$125 quota MAY be donated to one or more other students’ “fundraising qutoa” to help said student(s) cover their “fundraising quota.” Extra amounts will not automatically be applied to other students unless explicitly stated in writing. It is understood that if the student(s) and/or parent(s) are unable to or refuse to participate in the fundraisers and as a result do not fulfill stated “fundraising quota”, the student(s) and/or parent(s) are required to pay the Tyrone Band Boosters out-of-pocket in order to satisfy the “fundraising quota.”

**2020-21 Marching Band  
Student and Parent/Guardian Contract**

We the undersigned have read the marching band attendance policy and have reviewed the 2020 marching band calendar. We understand the commitment and everything that it involves. We understand that after June 1, 2020 we must honor our commitment to the band for the entire season. We understand that all rehearsals, performances, parades, football games, and competitions are mandatory and the only excused absences are for illness or family emergency (the only exception being for dates Aug 2 – 21. I will notify Mr. Hock of any absence IN ADVANCE as soon as reasonable possible. I understand that missing rehearsals may require that I sit out of performances. I also understand that having 5 or more unexcused absences may result in dismissal from the band.

SUMMER DATES THAT I WILL BE ABSENT: \_\_\_\_\_

We the undersigned have read the behavior policy and procedures and will abide by all school rules and policies at all times. All behavior, rules and guidelines fall under the school district policy and I understand that if I break the rules, school discipline will follow. I also understand that repeated, serious discipline problems may result in temporary suspension from the band or permanent dismissal from the band.

We the undersigned have read the uniform policy and promise to take care of the school assigned uniform and raincoat. I will follow the dress code and present myself in a professional manner. Any loss or damage to the uniform, shako, or raincoat that is due to neglect on the student's part, said parts or repairs will be replaced or paid for by the student.

We the undersigned have the read the fundraising policy. We understand that the student must meet a fundraising quota of \$200 (for competition students) or \$100 (for football-game-only students) plus pay the \$25 soda donation. We understand that we are responsible to fundraise this amount by the end of the 2020 marching band season or pay the above amount out of pocket by December 1 to the Tyrone Band Boosters.

Student name: \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

Student Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Parent/  
Guardian name: \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

# Tyrone Area Marching Band – Contact, Emergency & Medical Information

PRINT neatly. Items with a \* are required

**Student Name\*** \_\_\_\_\_ **Grade Next Year\*** \_\_\_\_\_

Instrument/Section\* \_\_\_\_\_

Student Email\* \_\_\_\_\_

**Parent/Guardian 1 Name\*** \_\_\_\_\_

Email Address\* \_\_\_\_\_

Home Phone\* \_\_\_\_\_ Cell Phone \_\_\_\_\_ Work Phone \_\_\_\_\_

**Parent/Guardian 2 Name** \_\_\_\_\_

Email Address \_\_\_\_\_

Home Phone \_\_\_\_\_ Cell Phone \_\_\_\_\_ Work Phone \_\_\_\_\_

**Emergency Contact 1 Name\*** \_\_\_\_\_ **Relationship\*** \_\_\_\_\_

Phone # 1\* \_\_\_\_\_ Phone # 2 \_\_\_\_\_

**Emergency Contact 2 Name** \_\_\_\_\_ **Relationship** \_\_\_\_\_

Phone # 1\* \_\_\_\_\_ Phone # 2 \_\_\_\_\_

## Medical Information

List student's **medical conditions, treatments, or allergies** (*bee or food allergies, diabetes, etc*):

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List any **prescribed medications** the student needs to take during band practices or events:

\_\_\_\_\_

Check the **OTC medications** that the student has permission to receive from Mr. Hock if needed/requested:

Tylenol  Ibuprofen/Advil  Benadryl  Pepto-Bismol  Other: \_\_\_\_\_

Any of the above  Do not give any OTC medications to student

I understand that in an emergency situation, the band director and/or chaperones will use their best judgement before a parent/guardian can be reached. If any of this information changes I will notify the band director as soon as possible.

**Parent/Guardian 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.**

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**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: \_\_\_\_\_

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**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 2020**

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

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Date