

# Tyrone Golden Eagle Marching Band 2024~2025 HANDBOOK

## Who Can Join Marching Band?

- Students who are enrolled in Tyrone Area School District, homeschooled, or enrolled in an independent cyber school are eligible to join.
- Students who attend another brick-and-mortar school, such as Bishop Guilfoyle, Tyrone Christian Academy, Kings Academy, or Grier are NOT able to join our activities due to district rules.
- Musicians: can join starting in 8<sup>th</sup> grade. Rare exceptions are made for 7<sup>th</sup> graders. You must also make every effort to be in a band class during the school day unless your schedule does not allow it.
- Color Guard: can join starting in 7<sup>th</sup> grade. No prior experience required
- Majorettes: can join starting in 5<sup>th</sup> grade. Talk with instructors Marcia Fink or Corinne Creppage
- Runners: non-performing students who help at football games and competitions, can start in 7<sup>th</sup> grade

## 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 info weekly.
- School Phone: 814.684.4240 x 3306  
\*\*If you leave a voicemail, I will get a notification and will respond as soon as possible.

## Marching Band Page: [bit.ly/TyroneMarching](https://bit.ly/TyroneMarching)

Announcements and Important information are posted on this page weekly

## Remind (text & email announcements to your phone)

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.

Text: **@tyroneband** To the number: **81010**

\*if you have trouble using 81010 try texting @tyroneband to (814) 759-4457

Or you can use this link: <https://www.remind.com/join/tyroneband>

[www.Facebook.com/tyronebands](https://www.facebook.com/tyronebands)

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

# MARCHING BAND ATTENDANCE EXPECTATIONS

**Marching Band is a FULL commitment and a TOTAL GROUP EFFORT!** EVERY student becomes an irreplaceable piece of the puzzle. When students are missing, the whole band suffers.

**As of Thursday, May 23 you must commit for the ENTIRE 2024 season. Think carefully about how band will impact your schedule.**

**ALL activities on the calendar including Band Camp, Practices, Performances, Football Games, Competitions\*, and Parades are MANDATORY.** Events listed in *(parentheses)* are for reference only. By signing up for band you are agreeing to look at the calendar and make all the dates work in your schedule. It is your responsibility to keep an eye on the calendar and plan ahead. "I didn't know about it" is never an accepted excuse.

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

## ABSENCES:

- Contact Mr. Hock by phone/email/text BEFORE or as soon as reasonably possible.
- If absent from the school day (FULL DAY illness or unexcused), student is NOT allowed to participate in band on that day. If you are absent for only half a day or less for an excused reason (doctor's appointment) then you are still allowed to participate in the evening activity. Weekend events are separate and not affected by school-day absences (example: if you are absent on a Friday you can still participate on a Saturday).
- If a student misses all rehearsals in one week, the student will not be allowed to march on the field at the Friday night football game or Saturday competition of that same week. Exceptions are sometimes made for students who are balancing another school sport at the same time as band. See section below about other school sports.
- **Summer:** Both weeks of band camp are mandatory for students to march on the field for the season. Summer rehearsals after band camp and before school starts 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.**

**EXCUSED ABSENCES/LATENESS:** student illness, absence from school, or family emergencies

## UNEXCUSED/UACCEPTABLE ABSENCES or TARDINESS:

- "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.
- "I didn't know we had rehearsal"

**SPORTS:** We are flexible to share time with SOME school sports. However, some are not compatible with band. If you are in a sport that directly conflicts with marching band, talk to Mr. Hock ASAP about your options. Sports students are expected to be at band rehearsal within 1 hour or less after you return from any game or within 30 minutes of the conclusion of your sports practice.

**Ineligibility.** Ineligible students will not be permitted to participate or travel with the band during the week of ineligibility (Sunday through Saturday). Ineligibility lists are submitted every Thursday and is effective the following week. Students must be responsible to keep their grades up throughout the season. If you become chronically ineligible, we reserve the right to dismiss you from the band for the rest of the season.

## BEHAVIOR & PROCEDURES

**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.

### 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. Each student will be assigned a specific job in relation to equipment set-up and tear down.
- 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, and others that you see. Good sportsmanship with other schools is absolutely required. Act in a way that gains respect and praise.
- 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 & Instructors.

**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 at least TWO (2) HOURS 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**

- Hang the uniform PROPERLY. Pants folded on crease and hung on hanger, jacket hung over pants.
- Return uniforms and shakos to uniform storage after each performance, unless otherwise directed
- 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 for marching musicians will take place the first week of band camp. (~\$50 a pair)
- LONG BLACK SOCKS: Winds/percussion are responsible for having long black socks
- BAND POLO: Required for warm-weather performances, parades, and pep rallies. (\$15)

## Fundraising Requirement Information

There are many costs involved in running the band, including travel, uniforms, equipment, and more! Our fundraising events are designed to allow students to meet our 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. Fundraising is 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. Some fundraisers are listed on the calendar, other will be announced. If a student refused to fundraiser or pay out of pocket, they will be added to the school fines list and not be allowed to participate until the requirement has been met.

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

- **Competition students: \$200 + \$25 soda donation**
- **Football-game-only students: \$100 + \$25 soda donation**

### REQUIRED FUNDRAISERS:

<b>SODA \$\$</b>	ALL Students, donation for soda/beverage purchase for concession stand	\$25 out of pocket <i>(cash/check)</i> Due by Band Camp
<b>DELGROSSO'S BBQ</b>	ALL Students must sell ~10 tickets or pay \$25 buyout	Profits from each ticket sold goes toward student account
<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 <u>credit</u> to your account
<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 <u>credit</u> to your account (per volunteer, per game)
<b>Sept 28 HOME TOB COMPETITION *</b>	Parents, family members or friends are VITAL to make sure this event is a success. There are many jobs available	\$40 <u>credit</u> to your account (per family/friend volunteer)
<b>PATRON ADS *</b>	Students sell AD space in our TOB Competition Program. Local Businesses or personal lines/ads from family/friends	100% profit All money collected goes toward student's quota
<b>BAND APPAREL</b> Optional but recommended	Sale of Marching band apparel	Profits from each item sold goes toward student account
<b>Additional Fundraisers</b>	Sept/Oct/Nov Sales. These will be announced. They are only required if a student needs them to meet their quota	Profits from each item sold goes toward student account

\* Home Competition & Patron ads are not required for football-game-only students

### 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 quota” 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.”

## 2024-25 Marching Band Student and Parent/Guardian Contract

We the undersigned have read the marching band attendance policy and have reviewed the 2024 marching band calendar. We understand that...

- the commitment to this group including all mandatory events on the calendar
- after May 23, 2024 we must honor our commitment to the band for the entire season.
- all rehearsals, performances, parades, football games, and competitions\* are mandatory and the only excused absences are for illness or family emergency.
- I must notify Mr. Hock of any absence IN ADVANCE as soon as reasonably possible.
- absences from rehearsals may require that I sit out of performances.
- **I understand if I become chronically absent from rehearsals or events for any reason, including ineligibility, I will be asked to leave the group with no refund of fundraised money.**

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

We the undersigned have read the behavior policy and procedures and will abide by all school rules at all times. **I understand that repeated discipline problems will result in suspension or dismissal from the group.**

I understand that **Ineligibility** results from two or more failing grades on any given week and means that, if I become academically ineligible, I will be unable to participate for a full week (Sunday through Saturday). I understand that no exceptions will be made, and it is my responsibility to keep my grades above a 60% on a weekly basis. I also understand that chronic ineligibility may result in dismissal from the unit.

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

We the undersigned have read the fundraising policy. We understand that the student must meet a fundraising quota as outlined in the accompanying 2024-2025 Marching Band Handbook. And we understand that the student must participate in all fundraiser activities.

We understand the following financial requirements...

- If I/we refuse to do a fundraiser we must pay out of pocket for each fundraiser the equivalent profit amount that is listed on the fundraising requirements in the handbook.
- If I/we the student(s) refuse to do fundraisers or pay out of pocket, the student's name will be added to the school district fines list and you will not be allowed to participate until the requirement is met.
- I/we the PARENT(s) understand that we are required to volunteer to help with the home show on Sat, Sept 28, as well as volunteer to help in the band concession stand at least 1 home football game.

Student name (PRINT): \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

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

Parent/Guardian name (PRINT): \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

Parent/Guardian Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

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

PRINT neatly. Items with a \* are required

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

**Instrument/Section\*** \_\_\_\_\_ **Student T-shirt size \*** \_\_\_\_\_

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

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

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

**Phone #1\*** \_\_\_\_\_ **Type:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Phone #2** \_\_\_\_\_ **Type** \_\_\_\_\_

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

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

**Phone #1** \_\_\_\_\_ **Type:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Phone #2** \_\_\_\_\_ **Type** \_\_\_\_\_

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

**Phone #1** \_\_\_\_\_ **Type:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Phone #2** \_\_\_\_\_ **Type** \_\_\_\_\_

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

**Phone #1** \_\_\_\_\_ **Type:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Phone #2** \_\_\_\_\_ **Type** \_\_\_\_\_

### Medical Information

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

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List any **prescribed medications** that may need to be taken during any band events:

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

DCI/Drum Corp Trip to Allentown, PA

## Information & Permission Slip

When: Saturday, August 3, 2024

Times: Leave 1pm and return about 2am (after midnight)

Cost:

Tickets: \$32 if we have a group of 20 or more.

Meal: we will stop to eat before the event at a fast food place. Students will be responsible to bring their own money or a packed lunch.

Other: students are able (but not required) to bring their own money to purchase merchandise or concessions at the show.

More specific details will be provided at a further date, including details about payment. If there are enough students for the group discount (20 or more), then tickets will be purchased in bulk through the band boosters. If there are less than that, then individual tickets may be purchased at the gate, or another means yet to be determined.

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I give my child permission to attend the DCI Drum Corps field trip on August 3, 2024 and take responsibility for payment of ticket(s).

Student Name \_\_\_\_\_

Parent/Guardian Name \_\_\_\_\_

Parent/Guardian Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_