

Madison County Bands Contract

This document will outline the rules, regulations, procedures, and expectations with regards to Madison County Bands, Madison Middle School Band(s), Madison High School Band(s), The Madison Marching Patriot Band, and all other affiliate bands. By submitting a sign-up request form to be a part of the Madison Marching Patriot Band, the student(s), alongside their parent(s)/guardian(s), are accepting and acknowledging all aspects of this document and all actions that will result of agreeing to this form. By signing up for an academic music course through Madison County Schools, the student(s) and their parent(s)/guardian(s)/families, they are also agreeing to any and all aspects of this contract.

The Madison Marching Patriots

Membership Fees

In order to provide services for the students of The Madison Marching Patriots, funds are required to operate. The amount of the membership band fees are subject to change from year to year based on changing economic climates, increased activity of the band organization, and the number of total student participants. All fees are required to be paid in full by the week of band camp, which is typically held at the end of July and/or beginning of August. You may check the calendar associated with Madison County Bands for more information. All payments with a with a check should be made out to Band Boosters or paid with cash. You can provide payment before Band Camp as well.

If a student(s) and/or their family/guardian(s) have financial difficulties, then the student and their family/guardian(s) are required to discuss the matter with the band director(s), either high school or middle school. Suitable arrangements can possibly be made and will vary from situation to situation. In the occurrence that the student does not pay their fees and they, alongside their family, have not discussed arrangements, actions will be taken. Students will be subjected to a shadow position for all shows/performances during the season until the fee is paid, a hold will be placed on the student's school account resulting in all debts required to be paid in order to receive their diploma, and/or the possibility of being removed entirely from the Madison Marching Patriot Band organization.

You may read the list below that provide an idea as to how funds are used. There is not an exact amount or percentage as costs vary from season to season.

Funds List: Membership shirts, food for students and those involved in assisting the band during band related events and activities, driver(s) and bus(s)/3rd party driver(s) and vehicle(s) fees for transportation, entry fee for band competitions, supplies related to marching band related activities, the purchase of items to be sold or used for fundraising purposes, purchase, acquisition, or repair of band equipment and/or instruments, storage of band funds for large future

purchases/investments, hiring of instrumental technicians/outside teachers, band banquet materials and supplies, physical awards, honor band audition fees, partial or whole hotel and/or overnight costs, and partial or whole reward/fun trip costs

Current Band Fees: \$50.00

Requirements

Students are required to have and be wearing a certain criteria of clothing in order to participate in performances. Of these, some may be onetime costs or yearly change over costs. Of these requirements, specific marching band shoes are a requirement and must be purchased for the student(s) through the band program. Fees for shoes can change as costs for companies and shipping changes. Payment is to be given to the director(s) with either a check made out to Band Boosters or cash. Failure to appear at a performance without all the necessary requirements will result in the student's removal from the performance for that day or until they gain their requirements. The right of declaring 'necessary' requirements/materials is held by the band director(s).

List of Requirements

- Marching Shoes
- Tall black socks (crew or dress)
- Member shirt and/or show shirt (will vary based on the type of performance)
- Shorts or black athletic leggings/compression pants (must be black to blend in with the uniform. Jeans or other legwear are Not acceptable and the student will be removed from the given performance)
- Instrument(s) and/or Guard Equipment with all required materials (ex. Neck straps, reeds, mouthpieces, valve oil, drum sticks, flags etc.)
- All Music related to the Marching Season and its performances
- Spending money if applicable (this will be used for students who want additional food from concession stands or to purchase souvenirs)

Madison County Bands Concert, Ensemble, and Jazz Bands

Requirements

Students are required to have and be wearing a certain criteria of clothing in order to participate in performances. Of these, some may be onetime costs or yearly change over costs. All clothing options are established to maintain a professional image of the Madison County Bands, as well as prepare students for a professional future environment. Directors reserve the right to change attire conditions for each performance, as well as refuse to let a student or students perform based on inadequate requirements.

List of Requirements

- Black concert attire (black dress pants, skirts, dresses, and/or leggings with a black or white long sleeve button down shirts, black or white cardigans, and director approved attire that was asked by students and/or their parent(s)/guardian(s)) (Jeans and other forms of pants not listed are unacceptable unless otherwise approved by the director(s))
- Tall black socks (crew or dress if applicable)
- Black dress shoes (cannot be sneaker or boots unless specially specified by the director(s))
- Instrument(s) with all required materials (ex. Neck straps, reeds, mouthpieces, valve oil, drumsticks etc.)
- All Music related to the Concert Season and its related performances
- Spending money if applicable (this will be used for students who want additional food from concession stands or to purchase souvenirs)

All Madison County Bands

Causes for Removal

A student or students may be removed from the Madison County Bands and their affiliates at the director's discretion if a student is seen or perceived in violation of the rules and regulations of the Madison County Bands. Students removed are meant to provide the safety of the other students and maintaining a healthy environment for learning. A student's removal can be discussed with the director or directors by the student's parent(s)/guardian(s) if they choose. If a reasonable agreement can be met, the student can be reinstated into the organization bar that they maintain guidelines, rules and regulations, and any action plan that had been developed by the director(s) in tandem with the parent(s)/guardian(s). A list of examples for student(s) removal is provided below, but is not limited to the list. A student(s) removal is ultimately at the discretion of the director(s). All school handbook and guidelines instituted by Madison County North Carolina are all applicable as well.

List of Causes

- Use of illegal substances (both state and federal)
- Consumption of alcohol
- Use of cigarettes, electronic cigarettes, vapes/vaping devices, smoking paraphernalia, marijuana, and any and all tobacco, CBD, and/or cannabis based products
- Inappropriate conduct based on the Madison County Student Handbook
- Sexual activity
- Breaking of a law and/or being prosecuted during the time of being an active Madison County Bands member
- Purposeful destruction of school and/or Madison County Bands property and IP/image
- Insubordination
- Failure to appear for rehearsal(s) and/or performances to a severe degree (determined by the director(s))
- Intentional or premeditated physical and/or emotional harm to another student/student(s) (of any school system)
- Physical, emotional, and/or verbal confrontation with school staff and Madison County Bands associates

Medical Release

All curtain medical related information regarding the wellbeing of the student or students must be provided to the Madison County Bands and their affiliates to insure the best chance of safety for the student(s). If any prescriptions are needed to be taken by students, all parties must comply with the rules and regulations instituted by Madison County School System, as well as the school student handbook. Madison County Bands and their affiliations are not responsible for any

injury, physical, mental, or spiritual harm, illness, and/or negative bodily issues that result during the time and/or supervision of Madison County Bands and their affiliates. This applies to band events, performances, rehearsals, travel related to Madison County Bands and their affiliates, parades, fundraisers, and band related gatherings.

Parent(s)/Guardian(s) should stipulate whether or not they wish for their student(s) to have their medical information confidential to Band Boosters. Some medications or medical assistance maybe handled by known a Band Booster or Band Boosters and be given a designated job for handling student's medical needs. If a student or their parent(s)/guardian(s) wish for a specific individual to handle the student's needs, the parent(s)/guardian(s) must confirm and discuss this with the director(s).

If a student(s) will miss a rehearsal or performance due to medical issue, student(s) and/or parent(s)/guardian(s) must inform the director(s) prior to the rehearsal or performance. This includes physical or mental health concerns/issues. Medical issues does not exempt a student from repercussions related to missing any Madison County Band and their affiliates events/rehearsals/performances. However, information related to the medical issue will be taken into account with regards to the implementation of repercussions or the dismissal of any/all repercussions that is ultimately decided by the director(s).

Media Release

All students and their related family at any band event/function give permission to take, receive, post, and/or allow the distribution of images, videos, and other assorted media at any time. These images, videos, and/or other assorted media can be used for and on websites, social media, databases, physical items, images and/or references related to Madison County Bands and its affiliates/associates that are approved by Madison County Bands. The names, images, and depictions of all students, families, guardian(s), and associates of the Madison County Bands can be used for any media, promotional material, and social media during their time and indefinitely after their time involved with Madison County Bands.

Travel Release

There will be times during the academic school year in which students may travel for band related events, auditions, and performances. Travel conditions can include but not limited to school system buses, third party transportation, and parent(s)/guardian(s) of students or other known band student families. In the case of a student traveling with another student's parent(s)/guardian(s), all parties and families must have preestablished a trustworthy agreement to care and safety, as well giving permission to travel. All school sponsored or related travel will be permitted throughout the entirety of the academic school year. In the case of an emergency during a Madison County Bands or School related trip, parents/guardians will be able to travel to and pick up their student only after the teacher(s)/director(s) have signed the student out in the care of the parent(s)/guardian(s).

All information regarding student travel outside of normality and previously established plans are required to be given to the teacher(s)/director(s).

Grades and Scoring

The director(s) reserves the right to link any and all performances associated with Madison County Bands, Madison Middle School, Madison High School, Madison Early College, and The Madison Marching Patriots with the academic progress, grading, and scoring related to music courses in Madison County and their affiliate schools. This can include but not limited to: giving/distributing grades based on a student's attendance to performances, physically performing at a performance/scheduled event for any and all Madison County Bands and their affiliates, as well as the quality of their performance. Refusal or negligence to attend a performance and perform to the best of their ability can reflect poorly on the student's overall grade and can be a cause for an immediate failure in the course.

Release Acknowledgements

By signing the Madison County Bands Contract form, the student and their parent(s)/guardian(s) are acknowledging and agreeing to all conditions, rules, requirements, and regulations set in this document. By signing this document, all students and parents are also agreeing to accepting all rules and regulations related to auditioning through and affiliated with Madison County Bands, as well as any outside performances not held through Madison County Bands and its affiliates. Below, a student signature and parent/guardian signature are required.

Student Signature: _____

Date: _____

Guardian Signature: _____

Date: _____