

MHS Bands Fall 2024

1. **All freshmen** are required to compete with the marching band for one year.
 - a. **All band students** are ENCOURAGED to participate with the marching band.
 - b. **ALL enrolled band students** are REQUIRED to participate at all Football games, parades, and concerts during the marching band season.
 - i. Students choosing to not compete with the marching band will play in the stands at all games, march with the band in parades, and perform at concerts.
 - c. In order to earn your MAC High Activity Letter, students must be enrolled in two full years of band **and** participate for two years with the marching band. (end of Sophomore year). Non-competing students will receive their activity letter at the conclusion of their Senior year after 4 years of band enrollment.

2. Students choosing to participate with the marching band:
 - a. This is an intricate, artistic, athletic, and competitive art form.
 - b. **YOU** have selected to participate; you have selected to commit yourself for the **duration of the season**. You are the most important person on the field! There is NO 'QUITTING', no missing rehearsals without prior knowledge, all performances are required, learning your music is essential; being a positive, energetic, excited, and fun human being is a must.
 - c. If you are having a bad day, you're exhausted, hungry, frustrated, anxious, depressed, it is raining, 8:30 PM and Mr. Barton yells "one more time!!" Look around... you aren't alone. There are at least 50 other students who understand exactly how you feel. They are glad you are there, they care about you as family; and when the day is finally over, they will give you a hug, a high 5, pat on the back, words of encouragement... and then probably tell you to go grab the yard markers and help clean up.. Welcome to band!
 - d. September stinks: October RULES! And then it is over.
 - e. **There is a \$350 fee for marching band this year which includes the hotel at Grants Pass.** If this is a hardship, please contact Mr. Barton. No student will be denied due to finances.

The marching band competition schedule this fall will look something like this:

Band Camp August 5th - 9th, 9:00 am - 11:30 am, 1 pm - 4pm, 6 pm - 8:30 pm
Mornings on Baker Field, Afternoons inside the school, Evenings in the stadium if possible, otherwise on Baker Field.

Fall marching rehearsals: Every Tuesday and Thursday 6 pm - 8:30 pm
August 10th - October 31st, on Baker Field, and Saturdays 9-12 in the stadium or on the half field.

Performances (tentative)

Saturday, September 28th Tournament of Bands Competition (TBD)

Saturday, October 12th Grants Pass Pride of the Northwest Competition (overnight)

Saturday, October 19th - Northwest Youth Fall Music Games at Kelso High School

Saturday, November 2nd - NWAPA A-AA Championships Presented by Liberty

Marching Arts Challenge at Hillsboro Stadium

Wortman Stadium Parent performance and football games dates TBD

Other performances include middle school and elementary schools during the day.

- All performances are required.
- I will NOT accept “work” as a viable excuse for missing rehearsals or performances.
- Parents: DO NOT USE THE BAND AS PUNISHMENT FOR MISBEHAVIOR AT HOME OR BAD GRADES
- This is NOT a carrot on a stick, this is a competitive activity that everyone depends on everyone else. I'm a parent, I understand.
- **Fees need to be paid - if you need assistance YOU MUST CONTACT Mr. Barton!!!** Let's chat.
- Students in multiple activities: a performance or competition in any activity is more important than a rehearsal or practice in any other activity. If you are coming to rehearsal from another activity, you will be given time to rest and eat first. PLEASE be smart in bringing food and liquid between activities. Make sure both coaches (band director) know the schedules and possible conflicts that exist at the BEGINNING of the season.
- Parents: If your student is struggling in any way, please contact me so that we can assist them through their difficulties.
- **The student will always be more important than the activity!** We must hold students to a high standard with specific expectations and it isn't always easy.

Stand Tall, Head High, Feet Firm, Eyes Wide, No Fear Inside, We are: MAC Pride!!
MHS School Event/Activity Student Agreement Code of Conduct

Students must agree to abide by the Standards of Student Conduct outlined in the Students Rights and Responsibilities Handbook. These include, but are not limited to, the following:

1. Students understand they are a representative of our community and our school and will conduct themselves appropriately.
2. Students understand they are responsible to contribute to a positive educational climate, to actively participate in the activities, to use considerate behavior, and to protect their own rights and those of other people.
3. Students shall comply with school rules and submit to the authority of teachers and school officials.
4. Students shall conduct themselves in such a manner as to not disrupt the school activity, deprive students of the right to learn, or is forbidden.
5. A student shall not willfully disobey or openly defy a teacher's authority or persistently fail to comply with rules.
6. A student shall not use or display profane or obscene language or gestures.
7. A student shall not knowingly possess, handle, or transmit any object that can reasonably be considered a weapon.
8. A student shall not knowingly possess, use, transmit, or be under the influence of any drugs other than those authorized for the student by prescription from a licensed physician.
9. The student shall not use tobacco in any form on school premises or while attending a school-sponsored activity. The use and/or possession of tobacco by a student under the age of 18 is illegal.
10. Students will be courteous and respectful of hosts, speakers, and other participants.
11. Students will be respectful of buildings, facilities, and grounds and will not enter areas or use any equipment without permission.

Students may be subject to one or more of the following disciplinary actions:

1. Parent/Guardian Notification
2. Referral (may result in one or more of the following)
 - a. Loss of privilege of participating in additional school events/trips
 - b. Suspension (In-School and/or Out-of-School)
 - c. Expulsion
 - d. Or other actions determined by school administration

Event/Activity Permission Form—Parent/Guardian, Medical, Student Agreement McMinnville High School

Student (please print) _____ **Grade:** _____ **ID #:** _____

Event: _____ **Date of Event:** _____

Time of Event: _____ **Staff Advisor or Chaperone:** _____

Parent/Guardian Information

Names: _____ Home Phone: _____ Work Phone #'s: _____

Address (City/State/Zip): _____ Emergency Phone: _____

Emergency Contact Name: _____ Phone: _____

Medical Information (complete for every participant)

Insurance Name: _____ Policy/Group/Plan Number: _____

Physician's Name: _____ Physician's Phone: _____

Medications: Complete this section only for a student who requires medication to be administered.

*When students attend field trips it is not always possible for a trained staff member to go with the student to administer medication. Therefore, it is our intent that a parent/guardian accompanies the student and administers the medication or allows the child to administer his or her own medication. **Please complete the appropriate section only if it applies to your child.***

I, the parent/guardian of the above named student, will attend the field trip to administer medication(s).

YES NO, I designate _____ to administer the medication.

I, _____, the student, will administer my own medication(s)

Parent/Guardian Signature

Date

Student Signature

Date

Parent/Guardian Permission

I give permission for the above-named student to go on and participate in this school event/trip. I am aware that the school district will provide transportation for this event/trip that may include the use of school buses, vans, or privately owned vehicles and I hereby authorize my student's use of such transportation. I further authorize the school district and its employees or agents to allow any doctor, medical facility, or paramedical unit to provide any necessary emergency medical care in the event of injury and/or illness to my student while participating in this event/trip. I understand that the school district does not provide medical insurance for my student and that it is my responsibility to pay for all expenses incurred as a result of any injury or illness to my student while participating in this event/trip.

I will not hold the school district, school board members, or school district employees or agents responsible for any accident, injuries, or damages or other losses to my student which may result from his/her participation in this school event/trip. Students must use this transportation both to and from the event/trip. **(In special cases only, the parent/guardian may sign an addendum giving his/her student permission to drive a personal vehicle.)**

The parent/guardian may be asked to arrange for transportation of their child for misbehavior or rule violation by his or her child while participating in an event.

Parent/Guardian: _____ **Date:** _____

Furthermore, I have read and acknowledge the information presented in this form and the attached Student Agreement. I agree to abide by McMinnville High School's policies and requirements. **(See Back)**

Student Name Printed

Student Signature

Date

Return completed form to _____ on or before _____

Please sign that you have read and understood this document:

Parent/Guardian: _____ Date: _____

Student Name Printed Student Signature Date

Please return this and the permission slip to Mr. Barton. The fee can be paid on the website (macband.net) or in the lockbox in Mr. Barton's office. Also, please make sure your student has registered on the website under the student tab.

