



"Creating Artistic Excellence Everyone Wants to Experience"

"Everything I Wish I'd Known as a Band Parent"

Welcome to the Magnolia HS Band! We want you to enjoy this fabulous multi-year experience and that is why we produced this informational packet. Who are "we"? We are everyone who is part of this amazing band. We want you to love being part of our "we" so that next year and in years to come, you can be there for other freshman, and new parents to the district. Whether you believe it takes a village to raise a child or not, it most definitely takes a village to guide a high school band. So welcome, we are very glad you are here!

Even if your child has gone through the intermediate and junior high levels of band, this is a whole different experience. We are a large operation with many moving parts. We strive to move as efficiently and cost effectively as possible. Everything we do is with the purpose of helping our kids have the best possible outcomes for their many hours of work.

This document serves as a supplement to the Magnolia HS Band Handbook and as a general guide and glossary of the band year. Please read our Magnolia HS Band Handbook and sign up to receive band emails and alerts. While this document has a lot of information, it is surely not all-inclusive and is meant to serve as a general reference tool for the entire year.

What's the FIRST thing I should do as a new Band Parent?

There are actually several things you should do first.

1. **BOOKMARK our band's website** = www.magnoliahsband.org
So much information is here at your fingertips! Please refer to it often.
2. **UPDATE your child's HIGH SCHOOL Charms account after June 15th**. (see "Charms" below in the glossary). Log in to your account (www.charmsoffice.com login = magnoliahsband / password = students 7 digit ID# or a password of their choice). This is your number one link to band communication (email). Make sure the email address for you on that account is one you access daily. Critical information is distributed OFTEN via email. Be in the know – don't miss out!
3. **Download the band calendar**. Like most organizations, we live by the calendar. This is your number one tool for staying organized. You can find a calendar link inside Charms OR download it from our band's website (www.magnoliahsband.org).

GENERAL OVERVIEW OF THE BAND YEAR

Early Summer

The new band year really starts with May Days. This is when the 8th graders, who will be freshman in the fall, attend several after school information rehearsals led by our high school band staff and student leaders.

Summer Band

This starts at the end of July (July 26th and runs daily Monday through Friday) and is mandatory for all members. The keys to achieving a successful experience are sleep, sunscreen, nutrition, hydration, and comfortable shoes. Our students work hard for several hours a day, much of which spent marching outside. There is not only a lot of physical training happening, but mental training too as they learn drill and fundamentals. Consider arranging a car-pool if your child does not drive him/herself to practice. (refer to Summer Band).

At the end of Summer Band Camp, the band will perform an exhibition of all they have learned, new student officers for the year are introduced, and there will be a family event to enjoy.

Autumn

Summer Band rolls right into the start of the school year. Performances at weekly football games begin shortly after the start of school. The band will have after school marching practice several days each week. UIL rules stipulate a band may have eight (8) hours of rehearsal outside of school, plus an additional one (1) hour for every performance (i.e. 1 extra hour for a football game performance, 1 extra hour for a marching contest). The band directors ask for flexibility in maintaining these hours if for unforeseen reasons (bad weather for example) times need to be shifted during the week. Please stay on top of your band emails and alerts for the latest information.

October and early November are busy times for the marching season. The show is “tightened up” and we begin the competitive season. As early as the last Saturday in September and every Saturday (approximately) in October sees the band in competition.

Winter

For Band, “Winter” is generally from mid-November to the start of January, which is the time between when marching season ends and concert season takes center stage. The number of after school rehearsals diminishes after our last marching competition. However, the band continues to rehearse once or twice a week in order to play and perform at football games until the Bulldogs are no longer in the playoffs.

For the musicians, concert music is the main focus but things don’t necessarily slow down. Everyone begins to focus his or her efforts on the upcoming Region and Freshman Region band auditions in early/mid December. Region music is released by TMEA in late July (late May for Region Jazz music). Both Region activities will have weekend clinic and concerts. In addition, the band marches in the annual Magnolia Christmas parade and all concert bands/ensembles perform in the annual Christmas/Holiday concert.

The MHS Jazz program is in full swing year round. The jazz ensemble holds auditions in early August and jazz combo(s) are formed from membership in our jazz ensemble. The Region jazz audition takes place in September. The Region music is released in mid-May. The jazz program performs multiple times

throughout the year while also participating in jazz festivals in the spring semester and other local events.

For the Guard and In-door Percussion, “Winter” means mid-November through mid-March as this is when Winter Guard and Winter Percussion takes place. The Guard and Percussion hold auditions fairly soon after marching season ends, as they will begin regular rehearsals for the WGI contest season. The Winter Guard will rehearse 2-3 times a week for up to three (3) hours each or a maximum of 8 hours per week. The Winter Percussion rehearses approximately one to two times per week for less than the allowable 8 hours.

Check your calendar later in the year for a contest schedule. www.magnoliahsband.org

Spring

Spring is a concert delight! Percussion, Guard, and Jazz Band hold their joint concert in May. Each concert band performs at UIL Concert & Sightreading. There is a Pre-UIL concert for all families to attend. Check your calendar.

Spring Concerts cap off the season in mid-May. During concert season, The Wind Symphony and Wind Ensemble have a 2-hour sectional rehearsal once a week after school. These after school rehearsals are required.

The end-of-year Band Banquet is held in May. This is a ticketed event. This event celebrates the end of what we know will be a year full of amazing accomplishments. All are welcome to attend.

And then it’s time for May Day and we start all over from the top...YAY Band!

BAND GLOSSARY

All-State Band – See Region Band and TMEA

Band Fees (Fair Share Fee) – There are mandatory fees collected from every band member (winds / percussion / guard). These fees help pay for a multitude of expenses including, but not limited to, band attire, seasonal staff hires, travel, bus rentals, competition entry fees, summer master classes, and clinicians. ***The current Fair Share Fee is \$300 per member (winds & percussion), \$150 for color guard members, and \$240 for a 2nd or more sibling (20% discount).***

Please note, the fair share fee payment is due by July 17th and must be paid or a marching spot cannot be offered. If needed, a fee payment schedule can be set up with deadlines for each payment. See Mr. Medina for information. In addition, parents can offset these costs by volunteering at the Cynthia Woods Mitchell Pavilion concession stand (contact Mary Calizzi, MHS Band mom and our volunteer coordinator at marycalizzi@yahoo.com)

From time to time, different parts of the band may be invited to perform at something like a showcase, convention or conference (see PASIC, JEN, TMEA), but these additional fees will only be charged to the group involved. In addition, the guard will have their own fees related to equipment and costumes (see Guard Fees). The directors and booster board work year round to not only keep these fees as low as possible by working with vendors, but also by organizing ways to help defray the costs through fundraising and sponsorships.

At an individual level, in addition to having parents work concessions at The Cynthia Woods Mitchell Pavilion (see Concessions), students participate in other fundraising efforts (i.e. BoostBlitz)

Band Hall – This is the main band room on campus. It is where the directors’ office, band lockers, guard room, and booster mailbox are located. It is the home base for the band. Booster meetings are held there.

Band Lot / Grid – This is the area (parking lot) behind the band hall where the marching band practices and is easily found by looking for the band tower. You are welcome to watch practice quietly and without interruption. Please note, we share this space with the MHS Navy JROTC. You may see them out there practicing when we are not using the space. Although this looks like a parking area, in the interest of safety, there is NO parking allowed on the Band Lot/Grid.

Band / Guard Officers – These are student leaders who help run the guard, the band, and the different sections within the band. Auditions held in the spring for the upcoming year.

Band Tower – this is the tall metal structure in the parking lot. The directors use it to view the band from above during marching practice.

Bands of America – Also known as *BOA by Music for All*. BOA is a privately run marching competition with contests held throughout Texas. Our band participates at this level in the fall. While they are both marching competitions, BOA and UIL are completely different competitions. (See UIL). You can read more about BOA at www.musicforall.org.

Banquet – This is a ticketed event organized by the booster club. Ticket information will be sent out as the event gets closer. All are welcome to attend.

Battery – also known as *the Drumline*. These percussionists march. (See also Front Ensemble).

BOA – See Bands of America

Body Warm Up – The Body Warm Up is how band students get ready to work before practice during marching season (musicians only), guard have their own warm up. It is a few minutes of choreography which they do in unison. The routine incorporates several of the fundamentals found in the show.

Booster Board – The booster board is made up of several volunteers elected by the booster club to serve for a pre-determined amount of time to help run the band organization. You will receive emails from the various divisions of the board so please take the time to read these communications and save them for future reference. Do not hesitate to contact a board member with your question. We are happy to help you navigate all that is band and guard.

Booster Club and Meetings – The Magnolia High School Band Booster Club (MHSBBC) is the parent volunteer organization that serves to support the Magnolia High School Band. We highly encourage you to attend the monthly meeting. This is where a majority of questions are answered and a lot of information can be learned in a short amount of time. The meetings are currently the 3rd Monday of the month at 6:00 PM in the band hall, but check your band calendar for details or exceptions. Each month there will be brief updates for the booster board members and Mr. Medina will share band information as well as address any questions.

Calendar – your number one go-to guide for what’s going on and when. The calendar will be updated from time to time. The calendar “lives” on our website (www.magnoliahsband.org), and Charms where it can be downloaded/printed from that site once you log in.

Camps – See Guard Camps and Percussion Camps

Chaperoning – Please consider chaperoning for our band. We need chaperones on buses to and from football games, and contests. We also need chaperones on our other trips. Chaperones pay for their accommodations and meals on overnight trips. All chaperones must complete the volunteer forms found on the MISD website (www.magnoliaisd.org).

Charms – Charms is our band-only, password-protected site that consolidates all internal band information for band parents and students. The Charms website is www.charmsoffice.com. The school code is: magnoliahsband, and your password is your student's seven (7) digit student ID number. If your student's school ID number is not seven (7) digits in length then add the appropriate number of zeros (0) in front of their ID to make six digits (i.e. 0XXXXXX, 00XXXXX or 000XXXX).

Communication – Our band is large and the directors and booster board will have a lot of information to share with you. We all strive to keep this to a minimum to not overwhelm your email inbox (See Email). Please take the time to read all emails. There is also a monthly booster meeting (See Booster Club and Meetings) at which you can ask questions for any band issue. In addition to all these ways to get information, we have our password-protected Charms page, which has several documents, forms, and volunteers listings (See Charms). The band calendar is frequently updated, so please make note of changes sent out or check it for updates. If you are unclear about anything, please contact the appropriate booster board member or director staff. We are happy to help. Don't forget, everything can be found on our Magnolia HS Band website (www.magnoliahsband.org).

Competitions / Contests – The marching band and the individual concert bands all compete at various levels. Please refer to Bands of America, TMEA, and UIL. Please also see Region Band/Region Orchestra. The guard, and percussion, compete as part of the marching band in the fall and have guard, and percussion contests in the winter and spring (See Winter Guard / Percussion and WGI).

Concert Bands/Season – We currently have three (3) concert bands at Magnolia HS; Wind Symphony (the varsity level band) directed by Mr. Medina, Wind Ensemble (the non-varsity level band) directed by Mr. Beavers, and the Symphonic Band (the sub non-varsity band) directed by Mr. Medina, Mr. Beavers & Mr. Jackson. It is the goal of the Magnolia HS Band program to have every concert band prepare for and compete at UIL Concert & Sight-Reading evaluation in April.

Concessions – refers to the program at The Cynthia Woods Mitchell Pavilion (CWMP). During the concerts at the CWMP, MHS band parents staff one of the concession stands and earn credit for their service. The current credit is \$50 per cashier and \$75 for cooks and stand leads.

TABC (Texas Alcohol Beverage Commission) certification is required, but it is offered online at your convenience for a nominal cost. Occasional in-person classes are offered at the CWMP free of charge. The concert events run approximately from April thru August with a few events finishing out the calendar year. **We highly encourage each student's family to volunteer for six events throughout a full/complete season. Six events will cover the student's \$300 fair share fee...YAY Band!**

On a side note, if you attend, or have friends attend, an event at CWMP, please patronize our booth.

Contests – See Competitions/Contests

Corporate Donations/Sponsorship – The MHS band booster club (MHSBBC) is a 501(c)3 non-profit organization that actively seeks corporate donations to offset the expenses of the band program. Donations to our booster program are tax deductible to the fullest extent of the law. Your company may offer matching funds as well as volunteer hour matching. If you or your company would like to donate to the band, please email Mr. Medina at rmedina@magnoliaisd.org.

DCI – Drum Corps International is a non-profit summer drum corps competition circuit. While our MHS band does not compete in any of their events, our students have auditioned for and received marching spots with one of these prestigious drum corps. They generally spend two and half months in the summer training, traveling, performing, and competing. These bands are for bell front brass, percussion and guard only (no woodwinds). Students are generally between 15-21 years of age. To read more about DCI: <http://www.dci.org>

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The Drill – or just Drill. Collective dots make up a set. Collective sets make up the drill (see also Ultimate Drill Book). The drill is the complete competitive show.

Drumline – also known as the Battery or Field Ensemble. These percussionists march (see also The Pit / Front Ensemble).

Drum Majors – Student conductors/leaders for the marching band when they are on the field. Drum Major auditions are held in the spring. Drum Majors must be an incoming sophomore, junior, or senior.

Email – Please make sure you have a working email correctly entered into Charms (see Charms). This needs to be an email you check on a daily basis. You will receive emails for the band, the boosters, and/or various committees. Please read them all as this is our number one way of communicating with our large band family (see Communication).

Etudes – An etude is a short piece of music designed to show skill and fundamentals. TMEA (Texas Music Educators Association) selects three etudes each summer which will be the audition pieces for All-Region Band, All-Region Orchestra, and All-State. For more information and for etude selection in mid-July, please visit www.tmea.org.

Exhibition and Family Carnival – At the end of summer band, there will be an exhibition, either on the marching grid or football field. Students show what they have been working on during summer band. Band staff, student officers and drum majors are introduced. After the exhibition, a family event (i.e. carnival) will take place organized by the students. Tickets for the event will be available for purchase.

Fees – See Band Fees and Guard Fees.

Football and Football Games – One of the main duties of the band is to support our Bulldog sports teams. In addition to pep rallies, the band performs at varsity football games from August through playoffs. The band plays stand tunes, performs the marching show at halftime, and plays for the Magnolia HS Texas Star Dance Team's halftime performance.

Football Game Day Schedule – on game days, students need to report to school with everything needed for the evening (dry fit clothes, water jug, instrument, etc.). Students do not go home at any time between school and football games. A game day detailed schedule is released by Tuesday (Monday if

game is on Thursday). All students are responsible for helping to unload the truck after away games and competitions/contests.

Forms and Documents – There are several forms that the band must have on file. Please make sure you have each of these completed and turned in at the appropriate time. These forms include the physical form, contact form, consent and indemnification form. These forms are emailed as fillable pdf files.

Fundamentals – The marching basics (posture, body carriage, marching technique, step size, etc.) that the directors teach and the students will apply to the marching show (See Body Warm Up).

Fundraising – It is necessary for the band to fundraise to help defray the cost of band fees, competition, travel, seasonal hires, and the overall running of the band. Please support as many of the fundraisers as you can. Our balance sheets are available at every booster meeting for your consideration (See also Band Fees, Corporate Sponsorship/Donations).

The Guard – this group of dancers and flag/equipment spinners are an intricate and vital part of our marching band. During marching season, the guard is always included when we say “Band”. When marching season is over, the guard have their own calendar of Winter Guard-only events.

Guard Attire – During Guard camp in June, members are measured for costumes and mandatory attire/equipment is ordered. The necessary forms are sent to parents outlining the cost breakdown in advance.

Basic attire/equipment may include:

Jazz pants, jazz shoes, gloves, equipment bag, rifle, member shirt

WINTER Guard costume will be ordered and paid for in January.

There is a required dress for both rehearsals and performances that will be communicated to students in advance.

Guard Camps – There are summer camps for the guard. Please check the calendar on Charms for exact dates and plan your summer activities accordingly.

Guard Equipment – Approximate equipment includes flags, rifle, and saber. Guard members must carry their own equipment to events in an equipment bag. Purchases are made in June.

Guard Fees – In addition to the band fair share fee (See Band Fees), the guard pays fees to cover the costs of equipment and costuming. There are two annual costume orders placed – one for marching season and one for winter guard season.

Guard Officers – See Band/Guard Officers.

Handbook – There is an online copy of the band handbook available within Charms and through our band website (www.magnoliahsband.org).

Hydration – See Water Jug

Jazz Ensemble – This ensemble is by audition only and performs America’s original art form – jazz. A traditional seating of 5 saxophones, 4 trumpets, 4 trombones, piano, guitar, bass, drums, and vocal. Outside performances and rehearsals will occur. In addition, jazz combo(s), Dixieland band(s), and New Orleans style brass band(s) are encouraged to form from within the big band setting.

Kroger cards – you are able to link your Kroger card to the general band account. Kroger will donate a portion of sales back into our general band account. Information can be found on our bands website (www.magnoliahsband.org).

Letter Jackets – the requirements to earn a letter jacket in band are listed in the band handbook.

Marching Band – The Marching Band is comprised of everyone in the band and color guard.

Marching Spots – Our drill writer has to work within certain parameters for each section in order for the components of the drill writing to work effectively and musically. During most years there are more students than spots available. In order to determine what each individual student will do in our competition show, several factors come into play. In summer band, varsity spots are generally issued based on attendance, ability, experience, and need. Students who do not earn a varsity spot in the competition show will march in the non-varsity block. All students will march and perform during halftime. Only varsity spots will perform in competitions. Non-varsity spots will transition to other areas of need during a competition. All spots are subject to adjustment based on attendance, attitude, ability, academic eligibility, or injury.

Marching Techs (Seasonal Hires) – They are usually part time teachers hired to help during summer band, marching season, and indoor season.

Meal Deal – Because our students don't go home after school on game day (see Football Game Day Schedule), the Meal Deal offers a pre-game meal plan for you to make sure your child is fed dinner before the game. This is not mandatory but is offered as a convenience for our students (nearly all students participate). Payment for the entire game season is required in advance. There are no individual game or game day purchases. Our Meal Deal chair works hard to keep the food costs as low as possible while offering a decent meal. You are welcome to send food with your child or even bring them a meal during dinner time. Students are not allowed to leave campus during the dinner time. After school, students rehearse, eat dinner, and then load the truck and buses and depart for the game or march to our stadium on home games. Students are not allowed to eat at the game or while in uniform.

Meal Deal Forms – It is mandatory that every student complete the Meal Deal forms. One page is made for pre-game meal selection and one is for allergy and/or dietary restrictions. Even if you are not participating in the pre-game meal plan, there are other times when the district or band provides meals or snacks for the students. We **MUST** know in advance about any allergies or dietary restrictions your student may have.

Medication / Medical – Please also refer to the Band Handbook

Prescription medication: If your child needs to take any prescription medication while traveling with the band, the medication must be signed into the director's office no later than one (1) day prior to the event. The medication must be in the labeled prescription bottle and only the amount needed for travel days should be checked in. A parent/guardian must sign in the medication. Your pharmacy can make you a separate bottle for just the amount needed for the trip if you request it. On our trips, we have a parent volunteer in charge of prescription medications. While the band strives to make things easy for every student who needs medication, we must also act within legal parameters and the policies of the district. All school rules apply when we travel, and **students are not allowed to carry medication**. Please understand the staff works to maintain student privacy when it comes to medications and we do the best we can in the circumstances. If you are an RN and are willing to volunteer for our trips, please contact Mr. Medina (rmedina@magnoliaisd.org).

Merchandise – Magnolia HS band clothing and other souvenir merchandise is available. Watch your email and our bands website along with our bands Facebook pages (MagnoliaHSBand and Magnolia High School Band Boosters) for ordering information. Information can also be found on our website (www.magnoliahsband.org)

Music for All – See Bands of America

Percussion Camp – The percussion section will hold a summer camp for all percussionists prior to the start of full Summer Band (exact dates TBA). Please check the calendar on Charms or our band’s webpage for exact dates and plan your summer activities accordingly.

Physicals – All band members must have an annual sports physical as mandated by MISD policy. The form will be available from both Magnolia HS and the band staff in late April / early May. The entire process be is completed online. Completed forms need to be uploaded prior to the start of summer band in order to participate. It is recommended you make a copy of this form for your records. Magnolia HS will hold a sports physical night on campus for a nominal fee or you can go to your own physician. The band member is responsible for the cost (approximately \$20 on campus).

The Pit (aka Front Ensemble) – These are the percussionists who perform the various keyboard, mallet, electronic, and impact percussion instruments located on the front sideline.

The Pit Crew – This fantastic crew of parent volunteers is responsible for assisting students load and unload our semi-trailer. They oversee getting the large equipment on and off the field. They also help with the building and management of props and other items needed for our competition show, as needed.

Region 9 – Our UIL region (See TMEA and UIL).

Texas Star – This is the precision dance team at Magnolia HS. The band plays their performance music at halftime at all football games.

Region Band, Region Jazz Band, and Region Orchestra – our students audition against other students within our region for these different ensembles. Region Jazz auditions are held in late September, Region Orchestra auditions are held in mid-November, and Region Band auditions are held in early December. Students audition by playing TMEA (Texas Music Educators Association) preselected etudes. If a student places high enough at the Regional level (varies by instrument), he or she advances to Area. If they place high enough at Area they earn inclusion to an All-State organization. The same etudes are prepared for both Region band and orchestra (See also Etudes and TMEA).

School owned instrument fee – Magnolia ISD provides marching brass, percussion, and large/expensive concert instruments to students for a \$100 per year fee. This fee helps offset the cost of summer repair/cleaning. Please note, if a student is assigned or plays more than one instrument (i.e. tuba and sousaphone, only 1 fee is charged).

Section – a group of musicians playing the same instruments.

Section Leader – These are student leaders who help run the sections. An audition is required. Students must be an incoming sophomore or older to hold this office (See Band Officers).

Sectionals – Rehearsal for a section or sections. These are required. During concert season Wind Symphony and Wind Ensemble have a 2-hour full band rehearsal once a week after school. The percussion section may rehearse after school as well in the spring. Sectionals also apply to the Jazz Ensemble.

Sets – A set refers to the collective dots of individual marching show participants. It's the collective picture the band makes at any given time in the show.

The Show – The marching competition show. The band hires a drill writer, a music arranger, and we consult with choreographers and percussion arrangers throughout the season to perfect our production. The show is how we compete at UIL and BOA competitions, in addition to entertaining at halftime performances. It is kindly requested you do NOT post any video of our performances on social media due to copyright law.

Show Shirt – a t-shirt is designed with the name of our contest show. Every member is provided a show shirt when the band fair share fee is paid or if we have sponsor(s) that offset the cost. The shirt is also available for sale to others once our band is outfitted.

The Staff – the MHS Band Directors and hired staff.

Stand Tunes – Music played in the stands, at pep rallies and during the spirit section of halftime (time permitting).

State Year or State – Also known as a UIL Year. This is a year in which we are able to advance to the State marching contest. Currently for 5A bands these are the odd numbered years (2019, 2021, etc.).

Summer Band – **SUMMER BAND IS A REQUIREMENT FOR ALL BAND MEMBERS (winds, percussion, guard).** Summer band starts approximately towards the end of July and runs every day Monday through Friday right up to the start of school. Summer band is the most important time for our marching and contest preparation season. Summer band is hard work but is rewarding and fun. Please refer to the calendar on our website for exact dates and times. Please schedule summer appointments accordingly. A summer newsletter filled with specific information is sent electronically to your students MISD email by mid-June. Please make sure your email is updated and current in Charms (See also Camps).

SUMMER NEWSLETTER – a detailed summer newsletter is emailed to all members in approximately early June. Please check your email, print the newsletter, and refer to it often.

TCGC – Texas Color Guard Circuit. www.texascolorguardcircuit.org. This is the contest circuit for guard once the marching season is over. The guard, and indoor percussion, will compete at the local and regional level in the spring.

TMEA – Texas Music Educators Association. This is the governing body for the concert level music. Magnolia HS is in Region 9, Area F. This is the route to All-State, which is a true honor in the state of Texas. www.tmea.org.

The Trailer - most large high school marching bands have their own 18-wheel truck and trailer and Magnolia High School Band is no exception thanks to the Magnolia HS Band Booster Club and MISD administration. The truck is used to haul instruments, equipment, electronics, props, and all other items to and from the school and various locations. Loading and unloading is a cooperative effort between parent volunteers and the student loading crew. Our trailer has been customized to fit our needs both inside and out. **Sponsorships are available every season.** Contact Mr. Medina if you or your business is interested in advertising your company on our trailer while supporting our band. This is an exceptional way to advertise your company to tens of thousands of potential customers.

ULTIMATE DRILL BOOK – is the program app used here at MHS during marching season. It is a phone app. Each marching band member reports to every marching rehearsal with their phone and utilizes the app during rehearsal. The annual fee is included in the fair share fee.

Uniform Check Out – This is the day all band students come to the Magnolia HS band hall to be fitted for their marching uniform, take their annual band picture (used in the football program), pay for and pick up their band apparel, musical equipment, locker, meal deal, etc.,

Mandatory Purchase Items:

BAND (not guard)

- Marching shoes. The approved shoe is the black DSI VIPER. \$45 approx.
- Marching gloves. We recommend a minimum of three pairs as things can get lost and they will be used for both rehearsals and performances. Gloves are \$5 per pair. Two pair provided when the band fair share fee is paid.
- Dry fit shirt. One is provided when the band fair share fee is paid. Additional shirts are \$12.50.
- Thick black socks. Crew height only. We recommend at least three pair. Not provided by the band

Uniforms – It is important to understand that school issued uniforms are school property and replacement for loss or damage will be the responsibility of the parent(s).

Marching Uniforms: These are school issued and fitted during uniform check out. Marching uniforms stay at school. Students will wash (cold water / low heat) their uniform two-three times during the season.

Concert Uniforms: At the end of concert season, all tuxedos are required to be professional dry cleaned and returned to the school in the dry cleaning bag with the receipt attached. Please make sure your students name is legible on the receipt. Concert dresses may be washed at home on gentle cycle.

Girls are supplied with a black concert dress. They must supply black hose and black shoes.

Boys are supplied with a black tuxedo coat and matching pants. They are responsible for providing a white button down long sleeve shirt, a long black tie, black socks covering their calf, and black shoes.

UIL – The University Interscholastic League. This is the governing body for the state level of music competition.

Marching: Every year the Magnolia HS band competes at UIL marching competition in October. Every other year we are able to advance to the Area level and State level of competition. On that day, the band will compete in the preliminary round and if they score high enough will compete in the finals round.

Concert: Our concert bands also perform in the UIL Concert and Sightreading evaluation in the spring. This is a 2-part process. They will perform three selections on the concert stage and then perform a sightreading piece in a given amount of time. A piece they have never seen before. In the concert UIL, bands play for a score, not a ranking. That is to say, they are performing against an established standard of excellence which is evaluated by a panel of judges.

UIL Year – Also known as a State year. Currently these are the odd numbered years.

Video – It is kindly requested you do NOT post any video of our MHS bands online due to copyright law.

Volunteering – Yes, yes, and yes! We have many fun and wonderful opportunities for you to help our band. Please keep an eye out for an email or Facebook post. Our band is a well-run organization because of your willingness to help! There is sure to be something that fits your time and talent and we would love to have you as part of our band family of volunteers.

Water Jug, Hydration – Everyone in the marching band is required to have an insulated water jug (1/2 gallon minimum) and brought to every practice and competition performance. Make sure your name is clearly visible. The band is given several water breaks throughout practice and it is critical your student stay hydrated throughout practice.

Hydration: Replacing fluids with water and a sports drink helps students maintain hydration as well as electrolyte levels. Signs of dehydration can include dry sticky mouth, thirst, hunger, sleepiness, decreased urine output, dry skin, headache, constipation, and dizziness.

Winter Guard – For the Guard only, “Winter” means mid-November through mid-March, this is when Winter Guard takes place. These are guard only contests. The guard will hold auditions at the end of marching season and then begin rehearsals. Costumes will be measured and purchased by January. The winter guard rehearses 2-3 times per week for a maximum of 8 hours of total rehearsal time. All members are required to enroll on the color guard class that meets 7th period. There are additional costs involved for this activity.

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