

**2021-2022**  
**Northumberland High**  
**School Marching Band**  
**Handbook**

### About the Band...

The Northumberland High School Marching Band is under the direction of Madeline Lee and Molly Frazier. An important part of our Northumberland community, this ensemble performs at football games, local parades, and other events throughout the season. Building traditions and maintaining high standards is a major piece of what we do. In order to make this happen, we have provided a handbook full of information, rules, and procedures to help every member of the band succeed and enjoy their time in the program.

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### Rules and Expectations

Listed below are the rules that ALL MEMBERS of the Northumberland High School Marching Band must follow. Certain rules, such as attendance, are elaborated on in later sections of the handbook.

- Members must always be respectful to faculty members and fellow students.
- Members must always show up to rehearsals, games, and performances on time. (Remember, “early” is “on time,” “on time” is “late,” and “late” is inexcusable.)
- Members are responsible for always having their music and other materials for rehearsal.
- Members are responsible for having their instruments and equipment in working order.
- Members must communicate with faculty members via email or the remind app in a manner that is both respectful and appropriate.
- Members are expected to conduct themselves in a professional manner that represents the school in a positive light at all times.

**Members that do not adhere to these rules and expectations will be removed from the marching band at the discretion of Miss Lee and Mrs. Frazier. Members who have been removed will be ineligible to participate in the marching band in the future.**

## **Band Camp**

### **Dates:**

**Week 1:** August 2nd- August 6th (8:00am-3:00pm)

**Week 2:** August 9th- August 13th (3:30pm-5:30pm)

**Parent Meeting:** August 2nd, 8:00am-9:00am

**Band Camp Preview Show:** August 13th, 6:30pm

### **Sports Physical:**

In order to participate in the Northumberland High School Marching Band, all members must have a physical dated after May 1st, 2021. Members that have not submitted this to our Athletic Director, Teresa Rock (trock@nucps.net), may not attend any marching band rehearsals or events.

### **Required Items:**

All members must bring the following items to all rehearsals:

- Water Bottle (you must have your **own** water bottle)
- Sneakers
- Sunscreen
- Hat (mandatory) and Sunglasses (optional)
- Lunch and snacks (please avoid soda and other sugary drinks)

**\*Students MUST eat breakfast before coming to morning rehearsals!\***

### **Fees:**

There are no mandatory fees associated with participating in the NHS marching band. However, members are strongly encouraged to purchase the marching band show shirt for \$10.00. If members are looking to purchase a personal pair of marching shoes, they may do so for \$35.00. All checks should be made payable to "Northumberland High School" with "shirt" or "shoes" on the memo line. Members may pay both fees on one check.

### **Merchandise:**

Marching Band merchandise will be available for purchase this year! Stay tuned for details!

### **Attendance:**

#### **Rehearsals: Tuesday and Thursday, 3:30pm-5:30pm**

All marching band members must be present at both Tuesday and Thursday rehearsals, from 3:30pm to 5:30pm. If a member misses either rehearsal, that member will not be permitted to participate in that week's football game or parade.

#### **Other Athletics:**

We have several marching band members who also participate in other athletic activities. If you fall into this category, please notify Miss Lee or Mrs. Frazier so we can create a schedule plan with you. Members who participate in another athletic activity must be present at both Tuesday and Thursday rehearsals, from at least 3:30pm to 4:30pm. (Please note that these members will be splitting their time between marching band and the other sport that they play.) In the event of an away game conflict, students must notify Miss Lee or Mrs. Frazier that they will be missing rehearsal by Monday of that week. If a member is participating in a home game, they are still expected to attend rehearsal from 3:30pm-4:30pm.

#### **Activity Bus:**

Members who need to take the activity bus after school must be present at both Tuesday and Thursday rehearsals, from 3:30pm to 4:30pm. These students will be dismissed from rehearsal in a timely manner in order to make the afternoon activity bus.

#### **Unexcused Absences:**

All absences will be considered unexcused unless there is an emergency, death in the family, serious illness, etc., or a member is attending an away game for another athletic activity and has already received permission from Miss Lee or Mrs. Frazier to miss rehearsal. Appointments will be considered unexcused, so please do not schedule any appointments for Tuesdays or Thursdays after school.

**\*Frequent unexcused absences will result in removal from the marching band.\***

## Football Games

### Call Time:

- Students may not stay after school before football games. You must go home.
- All students must arrive at the band room no later than 5:30pm.
- Students are responsible for eating dinner before they arrive.

### Game Time:

- All students must sit with the band throughout the entirety of the game.
- Students will not be permitted to eat at any time during the game.
- Water will be provided for students.

### Dismissal:

- All students must stay for the entirety of the game.
- Students will return to the band room to clean up and put away uniforms and equipment.
- Students will be dismissed as a group by Miss Lee once all items have been put away and the band room is clean.
- Students leaving before dismissal may face removal from the marching band.
- Parents must be at the school to pick up their child by 9:45pm.

## Parades

### Call Time:

- All students must arrive at the band room by the given call time (dependent on the event.)
- Students are responsible for eating before they arrive.

### Buses:

- All students will help fill and empty buses.
- No students are dismissed until buses are empty and CLEAN

### Dismissal:

- All students must stay for the entirety of the parade.
- Students will return to the band room to clean up and put away uniforms and equipment.
- Students will be dismissed as a group by Miss Lee once all items have been put away and the band room is clean.
- Students leaving before dismissal may face removal from the marching band.
- Students will text their rides when we leave the parade venue and then when we are 30 minutes from arriving at school.
- Parents will pick up within 30 minutes of us arriving back at school

## 2021 Northumberland High School Marching Band Commitment Form

I \_\_\_\_\_, agree to abide by the rules and regulations set forth by the Northumberland High School Marching Band Handbook. I also understand and will adhere to the attendance policy, ensuring that I am in attendance at every rehearsal, football game, and parade. I acknowledge that breaking any of these rules will result in removal from the Northumberland High School Marching Band, and further participation will be prohibited.

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(Student Name- Printed)

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(Student Signature)

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(Parent Signature)

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(Date)