

MARCHING BAND FAQ

What is Marching Band?

- Marching Band is an activity that combines music and movement to create performances that are both entertaining and educational. The Mighty Marching Chargers is recognized as one of the largest, most popular, and beloved student activities in the CHS community.

Who can participate in Marching Band?

- Any student signed up for a band class at CHS is eligible to participate. Students not enrolled in a band class have the opportunity to participate as a member of the Color Guard only.

Is Marching Band all year?

- No. Marching Band begins a few weeks before school starts with our summer camps. The season usually ends in early November, typically around the end of the 1st quarter.

When does Marching Band start?

- The first day of marching band is different for certain instruments/sections. Below are the tentative summer start dates for each group
 - ✓ Color Guard – Kick-Off Camp in June (end of current school year), Summer Camp – Sat, 8/1
 - ✓ Percussion – Kick-Off Camp in June (end of current school year), Summer Camp – Mon, 8/3
 - ✓ All other 9th graders/New Marchers – June 8-10 (new marcher training), Summer Camp – Mon, 8/3
 - ✓ All other Returning Marchers – Monday, August 3
- Following your first day of summer camp, Marching Band camp continues Mon-Fri until August 21st.
- These camp dates serve as the backbone of our season and our students' success. It is important for families to coordinate summer travel and vacation plans outside of these dates. Please contact us directly with any questions about this.

Where does the Marching Band perform?

- We typically perform at all Varsity home football games, two away games, and 4-5 marching band competitions each season. Varsity football games usually occur on Friday nights and our competition performances begin in late September and occur on Saturdays.

Does Marching Band practice during the school day?

- No, once school begins the marching band practices after school 3 days a week. Below are the regular practice days for each section of the band. These are required practices:
 - ✓ Percussion and Color Guard – Monday, Wednesday, Thursday
 - ✓ Woodwinds and Brass – Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday

What are the benefits of doing marching band? (Student testimonials!)

- "It's fun and provides a strong sense of community. Everyone is able to find a place they belong/group to connect with in marching band."
- Yajurvi Pidugu 11th grade (joined band during High School)
- "It provides a way for students to forge bonds with each other as they learn to collaborate with a large group of teammates to give successful performances."
- Vivian Bui, 9th grade (attended Rocky Run MS)
- "Marching Band helped me get more experience playing my instrument, improve my skills, and build my confidence as a performer!"
- Kara Calmbacher, 11th grade (attended Rocky Run MS)
- "You learn skills through marching band that you can transfer and apply to real world situations."
- Giulianna Amasol, 11th grade (out-of-state transfer)

How do I join marching band?

- Sign up for ADVANCED BAND (WITH Marching Band) when picking classes for next school year. This will tell us that you plan to do marching band.
- If interested in Color Guard, participate in tryouts (May 2026) to be considered for the team.