

# Sparta High School Marching Band Contract

To be a part of the 2018 Sparta High School Marching Band students must do the following:

1. Be officially enrolled in the class
2. Turn in this marching band contract with all signatures

**Students who fail to turn in the contract by Tuesday, May 1<sup>st</sup> will be removed from the Fall Band class list and will need to find an alternative class to take. This is done to ensure our numbers in advance of the end of the school year for music and drill writing purposes. Additionally, this helps the Band Boosters plan for our activity fee and scholarship needs.**

## Why the contract?

Our marching season runs on a specific budget determined by the number of students enrolled in band. Our budget is approved based off an estimated number of students and amended based on the number of commitment forms turned in. Our music and drill is customized by professionals to our students, and each student is given a spot on the field that ONLY they can fill. The absence of a student in the show unfairly affects EVERY student performer. This contract ensures that the student and parents will give a good faith effort ensure attendance throughout the season. **Read the conditions of the contract and only sign if both the child and parents agree to the terms.** Do not sign this contract if you feel unable to keep this commitment.

1. Upon official enrollment, there will be no drops allowed after May 1<sup>st</sup>.
2. Once May 1<sup>st</sup> arrives I understand that band will be required through the 1<sup>st</sup> semester. If a drop is requested, it will be denied until the completion of the first semester of band is completed.
3. We understand that Band Camp, running July 30<sup>th</sup> – August 4<sup>th</sup> is a requirement for ALL marching band students for the entire duration of camp except in the case of a family or personal medical emergency.
4. We understand that the dates listed on the reverse of this page, and any other necessary rehearsals, are only excused by emergency situations. No rehearsals will be added to this schedule without a minimum one-week notice. Similar notice will be given for a pre-planned absence (vacation, wedding, etc...) All communication regarding pre-planned absences will be communicated via email to [jim.walsh@spartaschools.org](mailto:jim.walsh@spartaschools.org)

**I have read and understand the statements above, and I am committed to Fall Band for the entire semester. I also understand that there will be an activity fee of \$225 and that I am responsible for paying the entire fee as follows (can also be made in one lump sum up front):**

**\$50 May 1<sup>st</sup>                      \$50 June 1<sup>st</sup>                      \$50 July 1<sup>st</sup>                      \$75 August 1<sup>st</sup>**

**All payments can be mailed to Sparta Music Boosters, P.O. Box 223, Sparta, MI 49345**

**A late fee of \$25 will be added to any unpaid balance as of October 1<sup>st</sup>. Late fees will be accepted until October 31<sup>st</sup> at which point any unpaid balance will be resolved in small claims court. Unpaid fees from previous seasons will affect your eligibility to perform with the ensemble unless payment plan is set up and adhered to monthly.**

Parent/Guardian signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

Student Name Printed \_\_\_\_\_ Instrument \_\_\_\_\_

**Everybody:**

Tuesday, April 10<sup>th</sup> 7pm – Parent meeting in HS Auditorium  
 Tuesday, June 12<sup>th</sup> 6-9pm  
 Tuesday, June 19<sup>th</sup> 6-9pm  
 Tuesday, June 26<sup>th</sup> 6-9pm  
 Tuesday, July 10<sup>th</sup> 9am-4pm  
 Tuesday, July 17<sup>th</sup> 9am-4pm  
 Saturday, July 21<sup>st</sup> Town & Country Days Parade 11:00am-1:00pm  
 Thursday, July 26<sup>th</sup> 9am-4pm  
 Friday, July 27<sup>th</sup> – 9am-4pm (Uniform Fittings)  
 July 30 – August 4 8am-6pm - Band Camp (Saturday is only until 11:00am)  
 Tuesday, August 7<sup>th</sup> 9am-4pm (PICTURES)  
 Tuesday, August 14<sup>th</sup> 9am-4pm  
 Tuesday, August 21<sup>st</sup> 9am-4pm  
 Thursday, August 23<sup>rd</sup> HOME FOOTBALL GAME  
 MONDAY NIGHTS 6-9pm August 27- October 29 (excluding Labor Day)  
 Friday, September 14<sup>th</sup> HOME FOOTBALL GAME  
 Saturday, September 15<sup>th</sup> – MCBA Field Day (All Day)  
 Saturday, September 22<sup>nd</sup> – Rockford Scholastic Competition (All Day)  
 Friday, September 28<sup>nd</sup> HOMECOMING PARADE & GAME  
 Friday, October 5<sup>th</sup> HOME FOOTBALL GAME  
 Friday, October 12<sup>th</sup> HOME FOOTBALL GAME  
 Saturday, October 13<sup>th</sup> – Belding Invitational (All Day)  
 Saturday, October 20<sup>th</sup> – Jenison Invitational (All Day)  
 Saturday, October 27<sup>th</sup> – Rockford Invitational (All Day)  
 Tuesday, October 30<sup>th</sup> – Marching Band Spectacular Concert 7:00pm  
 Saturday, November 3<sup>rd</sup> – State Finals @ Ford Field (All Day)

**Guard (in addition to full band dates above):**

April 9 (M) 6-8:30pm  
 April 16 (M) 6-8:30pm  
 April 23 (M) 6-8:30pm  
 April 30 (M) 6-8:30pm  
 May 8 (T) 6-8:30pm  
 May 15 (T) 6-8:30pm  
 May 22 (T) 6-8:30pm  
 May 29 (T) 6-8:30pm  
 June 4 (M) 6-8:30pm  
 June 11 (M) 6-9pm  
 June 18 (M) 6-9pm  
 June 25 (M) 6-9pm  
 July 2 (M) 6-9pm  
 July 9 (M) 6-9pm  
 July 16 (M) 6-9pm  
 July 23-26 (M-Th) 6-9pm  
 Tuesdays August 7- October 23 6-9pm

**Percussion (in addition to full band dates above):**

April 10 (T) 6-8:30pm  
 April 17 (T) 6-8:30pm  
 April 24 (T) 6-8:30pm  
 May 1 (T) 6-8:30pm  
 May 8 (T) 6-8:30pm  
 May 15 (T) 6-8:30pm  
 May 22 (T) 6-8:30pm  
 May 29 (T) 6-8:30pm  
 June 5 (T) 6-8:30pm  
 Tuesdays August 7- October 23 6-9pm

