

Sparta High School Marching Band Contract



To be a part of the 2021 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 Friday, April 30th could be removed from the Fall Band class list and may 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 on 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 to 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 April 30th.
2. Once April 30th arrives, I understand that band will be required through the 1st 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 29-30 and August 2-4 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

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 \$250 and that I am responsible for paying the entire fee as follows (can also be made in one lump sum):

\$50 May 1st \$75 July 1st \$50 August 1st \$75 September 1st

All payments can be mailed to Sparta Music Boosters, P.O. Box 223, Sparta, MI 49345 or dropped off in the drop box outside the high school band room

A late fee of \$25 will be added to any unpaid balance as of October 1st. Late fees will be accepted until October 31st 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/Section _____

MARCHING BAND SCHEDULE

Everybody:

Thursday, April 22nd 7pm - [PARENT MEETING on Google Meet](#)

Tuesday, June 8th 6-9pm

Monday, June 14th 6-9pm

Tuesday, June 15th 6-9pm

Thursday, June 17th 6-9pm

Monday, June 21st 6-9pm

Tuesday, June 29th 6-9pm

Tuesday, July 6th 6-9pm

Tuesday, July 13th 6-9pm

Saturday, July 17th Town & Country Days Parade 11:00am-1:00pm

Tuesday, July 20th - 9am-4pm Rehearsal/Uniform Fittings

Tuesday, July 27th - 9am-4pm Rehearsal/Uniform Fittings

July 29-30 9am-9pm BAND CAMP

August 2-4 8am-6pm - BAND CAMP (Family dinner 8/4 - 5:30pm, Performance 6:45pm)

Thursday, August 12th 6pm-9pm

Thursday, August 19th 6pm-9pm

Thursday, August 26th HOME FOOTBALL GAME

MONDAY NIGHTS 6-9pm August 9th - November 1st (excluding Labor Day)

Friday, September 10th HOME FOOTBALL GAME

Friday, September 17th HOME FOOTBALL GAME

Saturday, September 18th – Sparta Invitational (All Day)

Friday, September 24th - HOMECOMING PARADE & GAME

Friday, October 1st HOME FOOTBALL GAME

Saturday, October 2nd - Kent City Invitational (All Day)

Saturday, October 9th – Belding Invitational (All Day)

Wednesday, October 13th - MSBOA District Marching Festival @ Sparta HS (2:30-9:00pm)

Saturday, October 23rd – Jenison Invitational (All Day)

Saturday, October 30th – West Shore Invitational @ Sparta HS (All Day)

Thursday, November 4th – Marching Band Spectacular Concert 6:30pm

Friday, November 5th - Rehearsal/Travel day to Detroit (All Day)

Saturday, November 6th – State Finals @ Ford Field (Morning/Early afternoon)

Percussion & Color Guard Rehearsals in addition to above dates:

April 13 (T) 6-8:30pm

April 20 (T) 6-8:30pm

April 27 (T) 6-8:30pm

May 4 (T) 6-8:30pm

May 11 (T) 6-8:30pm

May 18 (T) 6-8:30pm

May 25 (T) 6-8:30pm

June 1 (T) 6-8:30pm

Tuesdays August 24- November 2 6-9pm

Percussion/Guard camp may also be added if schedule is altered due to COVID-19