



Grimsley High School
Marching Band Handbook

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General Information

Band Camp: Band camp is required of all band members in grades 9-12 who wish to participate in the fall marching band program.

Marching Band: The marching band is required of all band members in grades 9-12. Exemptions may be requested for marching band, but students must have a valid request. Students must be enrolled in band class to participate. The band performs at pregame and half-time during each home football game and marches in at least two area parades.

Please review the calendar that was given out to note the after-school rehearsal dates.

All rehearsals, football games, competitions, or other performances are mandatory for all band members.

Future Marching Band Camps

2025

Drumline Camp: July 28-August 1, 2025

Full Camp: August 4-8, 2025

Between Band Camp and the First Day of School Rehearsals

August 12 (T), 14 (Th), 18 (M), and 21 (Th), 2025

***M - Monday, T - Tuesday, Th - Thursday**

2026

Drumline Camp: August 3-7, 2026

Full Camp: August 10-14, 2026

Between Band Camp and the First Day of School Rehearsals

August 17 (M) and 20 (Th), 2026

2027

Drumline Camp: August 2-6, 2027

Full Camp: August 9-13, 2027

Between Band Camp and the First Day of School Rehearsals

August 16 (M) and 19 (Th), 2027

Proficient Performer

To perform in a concert, game, etc., each student is expected to be a “Proficient Performer”. Each individual student is graded for their performance at rehearsals and/or other performance opportunities. A student must maintain a specific performance rating to be allowed to perform. Students will be notified at the beginning of the performance week if they are “at risk” of not performing. The proficient performer policy can also be implemented based on attendance.

Attendance Policy

1. ALL scheduled rehearsals, sectionals, and performances are mandatory.
2. If you need to be absent, plan accordingly and talk with the director prior to being absent.
3. In an effort to make students more responsible, students should report absences to the director in person outside of rehearsal time.
4. Absences will be handled on an individual basis. At the discretion of the director, consequences can be implemented at any time.
5. Students that miss the Thursday rehearsal prior to a football game are subject to not being allowed to perform on the field during a game. This would be based on the material taught, other attendance issues, and implementation of the proficient performer.
6. Excessive absences and tardies will prohibit a student from performing with the ensemble and may result in dismissal from the marching band, drumline and any other performance ensemble.

Discipline Policy

In order to maintain an orderly educational environment, the following discipline policy will be implemented.

RULES

1. Be an ambassador by following the Grimsley Band Core Values.
2. No cell phones allowed during rehearsal.
3. No food, drink, or gum in the bandroom (Water is allowed).
4. NO PROFANITY.
5. Respect other band members and their property.
6. All Grimsley High School, Guilford County, and the student Code of Conduct rules apply during any band function.

CONSEQUENCES

Consequences are handled on an individual basis. Parent contact will be made and the student may be given consequences ranging from detention/time served to suspension from band activities.

Continuous misbehavior will result in the student not being allowed to participate in band functions for the remainder of the semester.

If caught using illegal substances, (alcohol, cigarettes, etc.), immediate suspension from the band will be implemented, parent’s will be contacted, and the student is subject to suspension from Grimsley High School.

If a student deliberately causes an outrageous rehearsal disruption, the student will immediately be sent out of rehearsal and a parent contacted.

Rehearsal Materials and Requirements

Instruments

Each member should have their instrument daily. *Note: If a student's instrument needs repair, please keep the mouthpiece and accessories out so that the loaner instrument may be used while their instrument is in the repair shop.

Flip Folders and Lyres

Each band member will need to purchase a lyre and will be provided an eClip for their smartphone to use with the Flip Folder App. If a student doesn't have a phone or their battery dies, we can provide them with a paper copy and flip folder. The band will use both for stand music, uniformity and consistency throughout.

The eClip is school owned property and is being used by the student. If a student maliciously breaks or loses the eClip, they will be responsible for replacement (cost is \$25). These are inventoried and will be assigned to each student.

Memorization

ALL HALF-TIME and Pre-GAME MUSIC MUST BE MEMORIZED, NO EXCEPTIONS! Pep band music is optional memorization since flip folders and lyres are allowed.

The following is a list of the music that you must memorize for the marching season:

1. Star Spangled Banner
2. Grimsley Fight Song
3. Grimsley Alma Mater
4. Halftime Show Music
5. Holiday Parade Music

Drill Charts

Students will be assigned a marching "Dot." This is their placement on the field. The charts will be uploaded to the flip folder app and paper copies of the dot charts can also be obtained.

School Owned Instruments

1. If you need or have a school owned instrument, check with the Director. If the instrument is available, you will be allowed to use it.
2. You will then be responsible for the instrument. If any damage occurs to the instrument, other than ordinary wear and tear, you will have to pay for the repairs.
3. We have been able to purchase nice instruments, they need to last a long time, do NOT vandalize or abuse them in any way.

Travel

An itinerary will be provided for each band trip. Arrive early to make sure all equipment is ready and nothing is left behind. You must ride the bus to any school or band related event.

If a student's means of travel home from a band event is other than the activity bus back to the school, a parent/guardian or someone on the approved list submitted during camp, must sign the student out at the conclusion of the event.

The person that you are riding home with must come to Mr. Ray (or his designee) and check you out prior to leaving with them. If you leave without checking out, you will be required to ride the bus at all times.

A valid ID may be requested by Mr. Ray (or his designee) to ensure that the person signing out the student is on the approved list.

Equipment Moving

At the end of any band related activity, you will be responsible for making sure that your equipment is stored in the appropriate place, whether this is your instrument, uniform, or other materials. All of this must be stored properly at the conclusion of each function.

Uniforms

1. Regulations for Grimsley Band Uniform
 - Make sure that you always look nice and professional while in uniform.
 - You must remain in the uniform the entire time we are wearing them. Hats may be removed when the drum majors give the signal, but coats and bibs must always be worn.
 - You must wear the "Grimsley Band" T-shirt underneath the uniform.
 - No Drooping Suspenders! Suspenders must be on the shoulders at all times while in uniform.
 - The shoes that match the uniform are black Dinkles. All shoes must be cleaned before every outing.
 - Uniforms will be checked out and checked in at the beginning and end of every band function. NO UNIFORMS CAN GO HOME!
2. SOCKS! - The correct color of socks must be worn with both the summer uniform (white socks) and winter uniform (black socks). The student leadership team and I determined the following would happen if the inappropriate color of socks are worn:
 - 1st offense - Student will be given socks and warned.
 - 2nd offense - Student will be given socks and will have to sit out pregame.
 - 3rd offense - Student will be given socks and will have to sit out half a game.
 - 4th offense - Student will have to sit out a full game.
3. At the conclusion of each function in which the winter uniform is used, students must hang their uniform up correctly and have it inspected by a band booster member or a student staff member before hanging it on the rack to leave.

Grooming

1. Only hats and beanies with the Grimsley High School logo on the front can be worn.
2. No jewelry on the hands and arms may be worn while in uniform. Only small earrings are appropriate in uniform.

Football Game Procedures

The following are the policies that will need to be followed at football games.

1. Students will be allowed to go to the bathroom/concessions during the 3rd quarter of the ballgame and to the bathroom in cases of emergency.
2. Students may not leave the band area without permission from the director or drum majors.
3. No friends, parents, or band alumni will be allowed in the band area during the football game. Anyone who is not a band member will be asked to leave the band area immediately.
4. Parent chaperones should stay along the edge of the band and not cross from one side to the other while the band is in the stands.
5. Students must remain inside the football stadium fence. Anyone caught outside the fence will be suspended for the following game.
6. Each band member should hold their instrument during the game. Instruments do not get broken when properly held or taken care of.

Pick-Up Time

At the conclusion of rehearsals and performances, students will be given a time to be picked up. Please make sure that your child has a ride at the appropriate time given. The time for pick-up on after-school rehearsal dates will be 6:40 pm. Rehearsal will end at 6:30 p.m. and students should be ready for pick-up at 6:40 p.m.

Football Games generally end around 10:00 or 10:15 pm. Students will be ready for pick-up approximately 30 minutes following the end of a game.

Videos/Internet

You are not allowed to post any video of our performances or rehearsals on YouTube, Facebook, Twitter, or any other community site. This is a violation of copyright and it also protects the members of our organization. Videos may be taken for your own personal use, but you may not post or share these videos without written permission.

Texting and Phones

Students should only use text in cases of emergency or if a quick question about an upcoming event is needed. Inappropriate content will be turned into the office for disciplinary action.

It is my request that if you need to call me, have a question or concern, or need to speak to me rather than using e-mail; I request that you do so between the hours of 8:00 am and 5:00 pm.

***The 2024-25 Band Handbook is not meant to be inclusive of all rules and regulations for the Grimsley High School Band. Other regulations may be added, or adjustments may be made as deemed necessary by the band director.**

All Guilford County Schools and Grimsley High School rules apply at all times.

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