

Knoch Marching Band Handbook



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Marching Band & Marching Band Booster Directory

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Knoch School District Mission Statement

The Knoch School District is a student-centered, future-focused community that inspires lifelong learners.

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GENERAL INFORMATION

Alma Mater

The band traditionally sings the Alma Mater when returning from an away event. The words are provided below.

Hail Alma Mater!

We thy praise are singing. Love, honor, gratitude,

From our hearts are ringing. We hail the gold and blue.

To our school we'll e'er be true. Knoch High School - Thee we love.

Skill, knowledge, wisdom in the fullest measure. You have instilled in us. As a lasting treasure.

To better life we've grown.

By your precepts you have shown that truth shall make us free.

Hail Alma Mater!

When these days we finish, Fond Mem'ries we'll recall. Our love won't diminish.

Echoes our sweet refrain. Thanking you for all our gain. Knowledge, the key to pow'r.

-Lucinda Krumpe '62

Electronic Communication

The Marching Band Director, Advisors, and Boosters will primarily communicate with students and parents/guardians via the Band App. Students may request to join the page "Knoch

Marching Band”, and parents/guardians may request to join “Knoch Marching Band Boosters”. The Band App groups will be updated annually and links for the current season will be distributed each year via email. All requests to join the Band App group will be approved by the Marching Band Director or Advisors. The details to join that platform are listed below.

1. Download the Band App on a mobile device, or visit <https://band.us/home>
2. Create an account using a personal email (note that this needs to be a personal email address and **not** a Knoch email address)
3. Request to join the appropriate page using the provided link.

***If you have any trouble accessing the Band App or its groups, please reach out to the
Marching Band Director.***

In addition to the Band App, the Boosters will send out frequent emails with information on fundraisers, upcoming events, and any other important information that is relevant to the whole band. Auxiliary Advisors will send out emails as needed with auxiliary-specific updates. Please regularly check both the Band App and email for important updates and information.

Chain of Command

The marching band uses a chain of command to establish order throughout the ensemble. Students must respect all adults and student leaders. The order is as follows:

1. Marching Band Director
2. Assistant Band Director
3. Advisors/Instructors/Staff
4. Drum Majors
5. Band Captain(s) / Auxiliary Captain(s)

- a. Note that Auxiliary captains include all auxiliary leadership positions (i.e., quartermaster, captain, feature twirler, etc.).

Ensemble Vision

The marching band's vision shall be as follows:

1. To develop a basic understanding and proficiency in music performance among its members.
2. To conduct ourselves always, both on and off the field, in a mature, respectful, and proud manner. This will reflect positively on our band, school, and community.
3. To put forth our best effort at each and every rehearsal and performance so that the school district and community will view our band as a source of music, spirit, pride, and excellence.
4. To generate enthusiasm among the student body and community at all events.
5. To support the school and community with our performance and attendance at various events.
6. To develop and strengthen relationships through real-life experiences which require sportsmanship, teamwork, cooperation, dedication, enthusiasm, musical excellence, focus, structure, discipline, and pride in ourselves, and all that we can achieve.

MEMBERSHIP

Membership Eligibility (Following District Policy)

To be eligible to participate in any extracurricular/co-curricular activity:

1. Students in grades 8 through 12 may sign up through Skyward to participate in marching band.
 - a. Band students in 7th grade may request to join by emailing the Marching Band Director. The Marching Band Director will reach out to teachers and other staff for references. Eligibility is completely at the discretion of the Marching Band Director.
 - b. Auxiliary students in 7th grade may request to join by emailing the respective Advisor. The Advisor will reach out to teachers and other staff for references. Eligibility is completely at the discretion of the respective Advisor.
 - c. Students in 7th grade may also be invited to apply by the Marching Band Director or Advisors.
2. At the end of the school year, the student's final credits for the last grading period shall be used to determine eligibility for the upcoming year.
3. Students must maintain a passing grade in all subjects during the time of participation, reviewed weekly based on the student's cumulative work from the beginning of the first nine weeks grading period and continuing to the end of the athletic season. If, by any Friday, a student does not meet the standard, they will be ineligible from all practices and performances the following week (Sunday through Saturday).
4. The student must not have attained the age of 19 years prior to July 1.
5. Students must reside in the Knoch School District. Students who reside in the Knoch School District but are either home-schooled or attend a cyber school or cyber charter are also eligible to participate in high school athletics.
6. A student who has been absent from school for a total of 20 or more school days during a semester is ineligible to participate until the student has been in attendance for a total of 45 school days following the 20 absences.
7. A student who has been suspended will not be eligible to practice or attend any event.
8. A student may be declared temporarily ineligible as a result of unexcused absences, discipline concerns, failure to be adequately prepared, and failure to meet set uniform

requirements. These decisions are made at the discretion of the Marching Band Director in consultation with the Advisors and Knoch School District, as needed.

Student Leadership Positions

As a school affiliated extracurricular activity, there are multiple opportunities for students to be involved in leadership positions. The number of positions may vary from year to year and selection to a leadership position does not guarantee selection to a leadership position in following years.

Drum Major(s)

Upcoming juniors and seniors with at least two prior years of experience may request to be considered for the drum major position(s) for the following season. Candidates for drum major will participate in an interview and present their conducting/leadership abilities to staff, who will select drum majors by a vote. If selected as a drum major, the student may be required to attend a drum major training camp or other leadership training.

Band Captains

Students with at least two prior years of experience in marching band, may request to be considered for a band captain position for the following season. Band captains will be selected by a vote among staff members.

Auxiliary Captains

Auxiliary captains will be selected during their respective audition process. Specific requirements for auxiliary leadership positions are provided in the appropriate appendices.

MARCHING BAND EVENTS

The regular marching band season runs from **June 1st through May 31st** of the following year. A description of typical annual events and schedule is included in the following sections. A tentative calendar of events is included in the appendices for planning purposes.

Mini Camp and Band Camp

Mini camp will always occur during the last week of July. Attendance is mandatory for all members (band and auxiliary) and will run Monday through Thursday from 6:00pm to 9:00pm. Band camp will always occur during the first two weeks of August and runs Monday through Friday from 8:00am to 3:00pm. Students cannot miss these rehearsals because this is the time when the ensemble learns the entire show and marching fundamentals.

For students that are exhibitors at the Butler Farm Show, band camp absences will be treated as excused provided that the student notify the Marching Band Director **at least two weeks in advance** of the Butler Farm Show. It is highly encouraged that these students attend band camp as much as possible during the Butler Farm Show and/or communicate with captain(s) to catch up on what the student missed during practice that day.

Practice

After school practices during the school year are typically every Monday from 3:00pm - 5:00pm & Wednesday from 3:00pm - 6:00pm during football season. Following Butler Band Fest,

practices will be reduced to once a week, continuing every Wednesday from 3:00pm - 6:00pm during football season.

As necessary, the Band Director may schedule additional practices. These additional practices will be announced and communicated in advance, as well as any changes that may occur during the regular schedule.

Football Games

The marching band's responsibility at all football games is to support the football team with music and cheers with school spirit and pride.

1. Music and routines will be memorized. If the required music and/or routines are not mastered by a member, the Marching Band Director and/or Advisor(s) reserve the right to remove the member from any performances until the music and/or routine(s) are mastered.
2. Band students will stand as they perform music in the stands, though they may sit when music is not being played.
3. Music will be performed when and only when directed by a drum major, Marching Band Advisor, or Advisor.
4. All marching band members will remain in the stands during the game, except to perform on the field at halftime and use the restroom.
5. Students may only visit the restroom during the third quarter, and only six students may visit the restroom per accompanying chaperone.
6. While at a football game or performance, students will be with a staff member or chaperone at all times.
7. Non-members are not permitted to sit with the band at performances.
8. Electronic devices may not be used during events and performances but may be kept in a bag on the bus or a bag inside Knoch High School for safekeeping.

- a. Staff reserves the right to take a student's device if seen at an inappropriate time - devices will be returned at the end of the event/rehearsal.

Parades and Other Performances

The marching band performs at various parades and performances throughout the year including, but not limited to:

- Saxonburg Fireman's Parade (third or fourth Thursday of June)
- Kennywood's Band Nights Parade (August)
- Pie Festival (August)
- Knoch High School Homecoming Parade (Thursday immediately before homecoming)
- Butler Band Festival (Wednesday evening in late September or early October)
- Butler Veteran's Day Parade (November 11th)
- Saxonburg Light Up Night Parade (Friday immediately following Thanksgiving)
- Saxonburg Memorial Day Parade (Monday of Memorial Day Weekend)

Due to the timing of the Saxonburg Fireman's Parade, incoming first year members and graduating seniors are not required to participate in the parade. Members who participate in this parade will perform the previous season's parade music, cadence, and routines.

ATTENDANCE

Attendance for all events and rehearsals is mandatory for every marching band member. Regulations align with the Knoch School District's policy. There is strong and positive evidence that there is a close relationship between regular attendance and effective student achievement. Anyone missing a rehearsal or performance without the prior approval of the Marching Band Director will receive appropriate demerits and dress in full uniform, but they will not be allowed to perform at a football game, parade, or festival. As this policy pertains to a band trip, discipline measures (not limited to performances) will be at the discretion of the staff.

Attendance Regulations

The regular marching band season is from JUNE 1ST THROUGH MAY 31ST of the following year. All marching band members must abide by the following regulations:

1. Regularly attend all scheduled rehearsals and events (including parades throughout the year).
 - a. The band calendar is posted in several places including the Band App and the Knoch Band website.
 - b. Early season camps, mini camps, and band camps are listed on the Band App and website. Students who miss a full week of band camp will be subject to removal from the program or will be placed in a section of the Marching Band Director's choice (ex. prop mover, band manager, alternate, or honorette)
 - c. The band rehearses every Monday and Wednesday from 3:00pm to 6:00pm once the school year starts.
2. If a student will be reporting late, leaving early, or otherwise absent from any scheduled rehearsal or event they must email the Marching Band Director and turn in a signed absentee form at least one week before the scheduled absence. Failure to submit the proper form a week in advance will result in demerits. These forms can be found in the Band App, website, and at the end of this constitution.

- a. If it is impossible to attend a rehearsal or event due to unforeseen circumstances (i.e, an immediate illness or injury, emergency, etc.) the student or a parent/guardian should notify the Marching Band Director or Advisor(s) as soon as possible. An absentee form must be turned in the rehearsal immediately following the missed rehearsal or event.
- b. Students will receive demerits for all unexcused absences. See the Merit/Demerit System section for further details.
- c. Students are required to stay for the duration of the event or practice (i.e., students must stay for the full duration of a football game). Note that this does not include splitting of time with another Knoch School activity or event that has been previously communicated to the Marching Band Director **at least one week in advance**. Students will be subject to demerits if leaving early, arriving late, or if splitting of time is not previously communicated. See the Merit/Demerit System section for further details.

Unexcused Absences

Unexcused Absences are those absences that have not received prior approval and are not due to a legitimate, documented reason such as illness, family emergency, or other extenuating circumstance. Unexcused absences include the following and will not be accepted under any circumstance:

1. Forgot there was an event/rehearsal/parade.
2. Work - DO NOT schedule work on the days the band has an event or practice.
3. Driver's exams - *unless* scheduled by Knoch School District as part of the curriculum.
4. Non-emergency medical appointments - DO NOT schedule appointments for an event or rehearsal day

Excused Absences

Excused Absences are those absences that have received prior approval (i.e., submission of an absentee form to the Marching Band Director at least one week prior to the scheduled absence), are due to unforeseen circumstances, or are otherwise excused in accordance with Knoch School

District policies. In the event of an immediate unforeseen circumstance, the student or a parent/guardian should notify the Marching Band Director or Advisor(s) as soon as possible. An absentee form must be turned in the rehearsal immediately following the missed rehearsal or event. Examples of excused absences include:

1. Death in the immediate family
2. Quarantine
3. Family emergency
4. Urgent reasons - impassable roads, fire, flood, etc.
5. Immediate illness or injury of the student
 - a. Needs a parent/guardian or doctor's note
6. College visits
 - a. It is strongly encouraged that college visits be scheduled to avoid missing rehearsals or events

In addition to the above excused absences, absences that occur during band camp for students that are exhibitors at the Butler Farm Show will be treated as excused provided that the student notify the Marching Band Director **at least two weeks in advance** of the Butler Farm Show. It is highly encouraged that these students attend band camp as much as possible during the Butler Farm Show and/or communicate with captain(s) to catch up on what the student missed during practice that day.

Every attempt is made to inform every member of dates in advance, but on occasion conflicts do arise. If a conflict arises, such as a vacation or wedding, students have the opportunity to receive fewer demerits if they submit an absentee form signed by their parents/guardians 2 weeks prior

to the absence AND speak directly with the Band Director. As long as this criteria is met, these conflicts will be accepted as an excused absence, and the corresponding demerits will be applied for each day missed. If not, it will be considered an unexcused absence, and the corresponding demerits will be applied for each day missed.

Tardiness/Early Dismissal

Students are expected to arrive 10 to 15 minutes before the set report time in order to be ready to start rehearsal at the written time. The Marching Band Director and Advisors will always work to release rehearsals/events at the specified end time. Students may not show up late or leave early unless due to an emergency or a pre-approved excused absence that occurred at least one week in advance. Demerits will be applied to students with unexcused tardies or early dismissals.

Sports/Other Extra-Curricular Knoch School Activities

If a student is involved in a sport or other extra-curricular activity at Knoch that overlaps with scheduled marching band activities, the student may split their time between activities. The student must attend at least half the rehearsal time with the marching band and communicate the intent to split time to the Marching Band Director at least one week in advance of the split time. Any deficit in attendance below half the rehearsal time will be considered an unexcused absence. Failure to notify the Marching Band Director at least a week in advance will result in a demerit.

If the student is unable to split time between sports/activities, for example for a scheduled game or technical dress rehearsal, the student must communicate what event they will be missing to the

Marching Band Director at least one week in advance of the missed practice or event. Failure to notify the Marching Band Director at least a week in advance will result in a demerit.

MERIT/DEMERIT SYSTEM

The marching band uses a merit/demerit system in order to hold all students accountable.

1. Only staff members can issue merits and demerits.
2. All merits and demerits will be reported to the Marching Band Director, who will keep accurate accounts of each student's disciplinary standing in conjunction with the other staff members.
3. Merits can be earned if the Marching Band Director or Advisors see a student going out of their way to help others or the program.
4. Chaperones, parents, and students can recommend a student receive a merit if they observe a student going out of their way to help others or if a student positively impacts the program. Recommendations for a merit can be communicated to the Marching Band Director or Advisors at any time.
5. Merits will be announced in a large group setting (i.e., whole band, auxiliary group, etc.). The publicity of the announcement is meant to highlight the individual student's contributions to the program, encourage other students to engage in similar positive behaviors, and exemplify leadership qualities.
6. Demerits are the negative consequence of student absence or poor behavior. Merits can work to counteract demerits if necessary.

Consequences of a Demerit

1. If a student receives a cumulation of 3 demerits, a form will be sent home with the student for parent/guardian review and signature. The signed form must be returned to the Marching Band Advisor as acknowledgement of the student's demerits.
2. If the student receives a cumulation of 5 demerits, they will be suspended from all performances for two weeks. The student is still required to attend all rehearsals and performances, but they will not be allowed to perform.
3. If a student receives a cumulation of 7 demerits, they will be dismissed from the marching band and cannot return for the rest of the season. Their eligibility for the next season will be determined by the Marching Band Director.

List of Demerits

The Marching Band Director and Advisors have developed a pre-established list of demerits and their standard values. Demerits can be reduced at the Marching Band Director or Advisor's discretion if the issue can be corrected immediately. Note that demerits are not limited to those listed in the following table.

Infraction	Number of Demerits
Practices & Meetings	
Up to 5 minutes late	½
5 minutes or more late/early dismissal	1
Excused Absence (w/ form turned in)	½
Excused Absence (w/o form turned in)	1
Unexcused Absence (w/ form turned in)	2 + possible performance suspension
Unexcused Absence (w/o form turned in)	3 + possible performance suspension
Missing Equipment	1 ½
Improper Attire (clothing, hair, shoes, etc.)	1
Performances	
Up to 5 minutes late	½
5 minutes or more late/early dismissal	2
Excused Absence (w/ form turned in)	1
Excused Absence (w/o form turned in)	1 ½
Unexcused Absence (w/ form turned in)	2 ½
Unexcused Absence (w/o form turned in)	3 ½
Missing Equipment	3 + ineligible to perform
Missing, Damaged, Unclean Uniform	3 + ineligible to perform
Inappropriate Appearance (hair, makeup undergarments, etc.)	3 + possible ineligible to perform
All the Time	
Unsportsmanlike Conduct	3 + performance suspension/ineligible to perform
Inappropriate Social Media Conduct	3 + performance suspension/ineligible to perform
Disrespect to Staff, Parents, etc.	4 + performance suspension/ineligible to perform
Hazing, Bullying/Cyber Bullying	4 + performance suspension/ineligible to perform
Inappropriate Conduct	3
Disruptive Behavior	1
Profanity	2
Using Electronic Devices	1

Chewing Gum	$\frac{1}{2}$
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RULES AND REGULATIONS

Food, gum, and beverages besides water are not permitted during any performance, rehearsal, or event unless otherwise instructed by the Marching Band Director.

Discipline Policy

Members are to conduct themselves, at all times, in a manner that will reflect positively on themselves, the band, the school, and the community.

1. All rules in the Knoch School District's Handbook apply during all marching band events.
2. Discipline of members remains at the discretion of the staff.
3. Any disciplinary action taken by Advisors or the Assistant Band Director is to be viewed as if it were from the Marching Band Director.
4. Staff members reserve the right to address specific concerns not mentioned in the constitution in an appropriate manner.
5. Parents/guardians will be notified of any disciplinary action by phone or in writing if time permits.
6. Students may be pulled aside if all staff deem it necessary

Dress Code Policy

The Knoch School District's dress code applies at all marching band rehearsals, performances, and events. Marching band is a physical activity that occurs outdoors in a variety of weather conditions; therefore, it is expected that students wear clothing that allows them to meet the physical demands of the activity, be prepared for weather conditions, and maintain compliance with Knoch School District's dress code to the maximum extent possible. Appropriate athletic

clothing and athletic shoes are expected at all marching band rehearsals. Flip-flops, crocs, and sandals are not allowed.

The Knoch School District policy on dress code states the following:

1. Students will not be permitted to present themselves in such a way that is disruptive to the educational process or constitutes a health hazard.
2. Tops must have at least a 1.5-inch strap of fabric over the shoulder and should **not** expose the midriff, lower back, sides of the body, undergarments, or have a low-cut neckline.
3. Pants/Shorts must conform to the waistline and be of an appropriate length, not exposing undergarments or the buttocks.
4. Dresses/skirts must be of fingertip length with hand and arm fully extended.
5. Students are not permitted to wear pajamas or slippers.
6. Chains or jewelry that could be used as a weapon or that could damage furniture are prohibited.
7. Sunglasses are not permitted without a medical note - students may wear them for outside rehearsals only if weather is appropriate
8. Students should wear shoes that do not present a safety risk or cause a disruption to the educational environment.
9. Clothing may not display letters, symbols, or images that display or contain sexual innuendos, profanity, gore, or other obscene words or images; that depict, promote, or incite violence or acts of violence; or which promote, encourage, or solicit the use of alcohol, drugs, or tobacco.
10. Students have the responsibility to keep their bodies, clothes, and hair clean. School officials may impose limitations on student participation in their regular instructional program where there is evidence that the lack of cleanliness constitutes a health hazard.

The Marching Band Director and Advisors understand that some aspects of the Knoch School District dress code are challenging to meet during band camp and summer practices; therefore,

the staff asks students to implement their best judgement in selecting appropriate athletic attire. If the staff informs you that you are violating dress code, **do not** wear that again.

Bullying/Cyber Bullying

All forms of bullying and cyberbullying by district students are prohibited and will not be tolerated.

Bullying shall mean unwelcome verbal, written or physical conduct including, but not limited to, slurs, jokes, hazing, or other verbal, graphic or physical conduct relating to an individual's race, color, religion, ancestry, gender, national origin, age, handicap/disability, sexual preference or personage directed at a student by another student that has the intent of or effect of:

1. Physically, emotionally or mentally harming a student.
2. Damaging, extorting, or taking a student's personal property.
3. Placing a student in reasonable fear of physical, emotional, or mental harm.
4. Placing a student in reasonable fear of damage to or loss of personal property.
5. Creating an intimidating or hostile environment that substantially interferes with a student's educational opportunities.

Cyber Bullying includes but is not limited to, the following misuses of technology: harassing, teasing, intimidating, threatening, or terrorizing another student, teacher, or employee of the District by sending or posting inappropriate or derogatory email messages, instant messages, text messages, digital pictures or images, or web site postings (including blogs). All forms of cyber bullying are unacceptable and, to the extent that such actions are disruptive of the educational process of the District, offenders shall be the subject of appropriate discipline.

Hazing

Hazing is defined as any activity that recklessly or intentionally endangers the mental health, physical health, or safety of a student for the purpose of initiation or membership in or affiliation with any organization. The Knoch School District constantly stresses respect and understanding of each other and a sensitivity and appreciation of each person's worth and individuality. This is done and expected without exception, regardless of race, age, gender, or religious or political views. Any hazing activity, whether by an individual or a group, shall be presumed to be a forced activity, even if a student willingly participates. Hazing as a form of initiation is strictly prohibited. Violators will be subject to the school discipline policies and may also be removed from the team.

Alcohol/Drug Policy

The marching band will follow the direct policy presented by the Knoch School District. The Board prohibits the use, possession, or distribution of any drug or alcohol during school hours, on school property, and at any school-sponsored activity. This policy is in effect only during the school year, which includes all school calendar days. It is also in effect during the summer weeks whenever fall activities officially begin prior to the school year. Exceptions: National Honor Society members for whom this policy is in effect ALL calendar days (365). Participation in athletics, activities, and clubs may also be affected by violations occurring both on and off campus on all calendar days (365). If students are caught using, possessing, or distributing drugs, they will be reported immediately to the district and removed from the team.

Displays of Affection Policy

Excessive displays of affection (kissing, embracing, etc.) are prohibited in schools and at school rehearsals/events. Violators will be referred to the school administration for appropriate action and demerits will be applied.

Band Travel Policies

1. All students must have a complete medical form and a copy of their current medical insurance card on file with the band in order to travel.
2. The band travels together by bus to all away football games, festivals, and events, with the exception of a few local events. If on some special occasion, a student must make special travel arrangements, a request form must be submitted at least 1 week in advance. Travel release forms are on the band website, app, and bottom of this contract for your reference. Requests may be denied by the director or advisors, especially if received less than a week in advance.
3. Students may not stand while the bus is in motion.
4. Students may not eat, drink, chew gum, or apply make-up while the bus is in motion.
5. When multiple buses must be used for a trip, students will be split by grade level in order to follow district policies.
6. Upon entering a visiting town, students must keep unwanted noise and cheering to a minimum so the driver can focus on any spoken directions on parking.
7. Students must remain on the bus until told otherwise by a staff member or chaperone.
8. Students must close all windows when exiting a bus.

UNIFORMS AND EQUIPMENT

Uniform and equipment requirements that apply to all members include:

1. Each member is assigned a uniform at the beginning of the season, at which point the member becomes responsible for keeping that uniform clean, neat, and performance-ready at all times.
2. Each member will purchase his or her own personal items, such as shoes, socks, gloves, t-shirts, tights, and other items as it is deemed necessary. The cost of personal items may be reimbursed using individual student point account balances during the marching band season (see Financials section for more details).
3. Each member must obtain and bring an index card notebook to use for camp and all rehearsals. The index card notebook will be used to carry drill sheets, which are the responsibility of each member to have on them at all times. The notebook/drill sheets can be carried in whatever way that allows each member to fully execute drill, choreography, and playing their instrument such as with a lanyard, fanny pack, crossbody, etc.
4. While traveling, all students must have a garment bag for their uniform.
5. All bags, cases, equipment, and instruments must have a name tag or label with proper identification.
6. All members must remain in full uniform, including hat and plume, throughout every event, unless otherwise instructed by the director.
7. Nail polish and jewelry are not permitted while in uniform with the exception of uniform accessories pre-approved by the Marching Band Director or Advisors. This includes rings, watches, bracelets, earrings, nose rings, eyebrow rings, and any other piercing on any visible part of the body while in uniform.
8. Each member must ensure that all uniform parts, instruments, and equipment are returned to their appropriate area after every rehearsal, performance, or event.
9. All facilities used by the marching band must be clean and free of personal belongings, including the storage facilities.
10. Students are not permitted to enter the uniform storage room unsupervised.

11. Destruction or vandalism to the band room or any band equipment may result in removal from the band, fines, and/or further disciplinary action from the school district.

Band Member Equipment and Uniforms

A description of uniform and equipment requirements specific for band members is provided below.

1. Shoes must always be clean and polished.
2. Gloves must be clean and white.
3. Gloves should be taken home to dry after wet performances.
4. Students must wear their band t-shirt or band long-sleeve shirt underneath their jacket.
5. Jeans must not be worn under the marching pants.
6. Saxophone players must use an all-black neck strap.
7. Make-up must be light.
8. All band students must have their hair pulled up and into the hat.

Auxiliary Member Equipment and Uniforms

Uniform and equipment requirements for auxiliary members are identified in the auxiliary's respective appendix.

FINANCIAL CONSIDERATIONS

Fundraising

Fundraising is an essential way for students to earn money to support their band careers. The Knoch Boosters offer many different fundraising opportunities for families to participate in. To keep up to date with everything, join the Booster Band App page and the email chain from Knoch Marching Band Boosters.

Student Points Accounts

Every active marching band member will have the opportunity to start a points account. These accounts hold money for the individual student when they fundraise for the marching band. A portion of most fundraisers will go directly to a student's points account. Money in these accounts can be used for the following only:

1. Band trips
2. Necessary pre-approved equipment or uniform parts

Marching Band Absentee Notification Form

This is a notification that _____ (student full name) will be absent on _____ (date) from _____ (event/location).

I certify, as the parent/guardian, that I am aware of this absence, and my student understands they will receive a demerit if the absence is unexcused per the marching band handbook.

The reason for this absence is: _____

If late/leaving early, the time of expected arrival/departure will be:

Late Arrival: _____ **OR** Early Departure Time: _____

*This form must personally be handed to the director one week before the absence, unless due to an emergency. If there is an emergency, this form is still required to be turned in immediately upon the student's return to school.

Parent/Guardian Name: _____ (print)

Parent/Guardian Signature: _____

Date of Signature: _____

Student Name: _____ (print)

Student Signature: _____

Date of Signature: _____

Knoch Marching Band Travel Release Form

This is to certify that _____ (student name) has my permission, as their parent/guardian, to NOT ride on district transportation to and/or from the Marching Band event on _____ (date).

I certify that I am personally transporting the above-named student and understand that the advisors or chaperones may ask for a driver's ID before releasing the student.

Please circle/highlight one or both options below:

I am transporting my student to the event AND/OR I am picking my student up from the event

**Students cannot be late or leave early from an event unless due to an emergency labeled in the marching band handbook.

Parent/Guardian Name: _____ (print)

Parent/Guardian Signature: _____

Date of Signature: _____

Student Name: _____ (print)

Student Signature: _____

Date of Signature: _____

Knoch High Marching Band Acknowledgment Form

Please remove, sign, and return this page to the director no later than July 31st, 2025. This handbook is to be kept in a safe place for your reference.

I _____ (parent/guardian), have read the Knoch Marching Band Handbook, understand the guidelines and regulations, have discussed all written expectations with my student _____ (student), and agree to see to it that they will uphold their responsibility and will follow the guidelines set forth in this handbook. I understand that by signing this contract, I fully agree to all written requirements.

Parent/Guardian Name: _____ (print)

Parent/Guardian Signature: _____

Date Signed: _____

Student Name: _____ (print)

Student Signature: _____

Date Signed: _____