

TIGER MARCHING BAND

Urbana High School: Urbana, IL

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<http://www.tigermarchingband.com>

-SYLLABUS-

-MISSION STATEMENT-

The intent of the Tiger Marching Band is to create a safe, positive, encouraging, and exciting place to create music in a way completely different from the concert experience. Students will march and perform their show throughout the state for audiences of dozens to tens of thousands. Members of the Tiger Marching Band represent their program, school, and community through demonstrations of talent and dedication with a team of their peers.

-EXPENSES-

The school provides a formal uniform for each member of TMB. Fittings will be done during band camp. Students are asked to pay for the items listed below. In special circumstances, arrangements can be made to help students with financial need. Please contact Ms. Peterik for additional information.

Marching Band Shoes	\$30.00 (Orders Taken During Band Camp)
Band Polo	\$30.00 (Orders Taken During Band Camp)
<i>(Also used for Basketball Pep Band)</i>	
TMB Show Shirt	\$15.00 (Orders Taken During Band Camp)
50 page Spiral Bound Index Cards	Purchase on Your Own (Staples, Office Depot, etc)
Water Bottle	Provided on Your Own
Sunscreen	Provided on Your Own
Ear Plugs (recommended)	Provided on Your Own or there are some available in the band office

-GRADING POLICY-

All grades will be based on the following criteria:

- 1) Performances - 25%
- 2) Daily Contribution - 30%
- 3) Playing and Written Tests - 25%
- 4) Ensemble Member Professional Responsibility - 20%

-GRADING POLICY EXPLAINED-

1. Music and Routine Memorization Tests (Playing and Written Tests)
 - a. All students are accountable for the complete memorization of music (for winds, drum line, front ensemble, and drum majors) or routine (for color guard).
 - i. All parts of 2019 Marching Band Show: Brainstorm
 - ii. On Urbana
 - iii. Eye of the Tiger
 - iv. Star Spangled Banner
 - b. The dates for the music memorization tests are as follows:
 - i. Wednesday, August 28 – Movement 1 and Eye of the Tiger
 - ii. Wednesday, September 4 – Movement 2 and On Urbana
 - iii. Wednesday, September 11 – Movement 3 and Star Spangled Banner
2. Attendance
 - a. Students are required to be at every rehearsal and performance of the Tiger Marching Band unless an absence is requested and approved via our attendance policy.
 - b. Rehearsals will fall under the Daily Contribution category
 - c. Performances will fall under the Performances category
 - d. Work will **not** qualify as an excused absence
3. Rehearsal Etiquette (Daily Contribution)
 - a. While marching band is geared to be a fun and engaging activity, it is of the absolute highest importance that we create a productive atmosphere. In order to accomplish our goal of performing with excellence in competition, each student is expected to act with focus, accountability, and drive. This means that students are in their spot on the field or in rehearsal as instructed and move with intent from one instruction to another. Students are also expected to follow commands and instructions from staff, drum majors, and any other leadership personnel. Talking, playing, and moving out of turn creates a loss of focus for the offending student as well as those around them. Daily rehearsal scores are given for each student and **any infraction of rehearsal etiquette will be addressed by staff and points will be removed from the student based on the frequency and severity of the infraction.**
 - b. Students are expected to have the needed materials each day for rehearsal. This includes, but is not limited to instruments/equipment, music, coordinate sheet, dot book, pencil, and proper footwear.
4. Completion of a Dot Book (Ensemble Member Professional Responsibility)
 - a. Each student is expected to obtain a 50-sheet spiral bound index card book (which can often be bought in packs of three at office stores). Each page should contain the student's coordinate on the field for a given set, the measures in the music it pertains to, as well as notes the student needs in order to be successful on that set. For example, if the director says that a particular form needs to guide left or right or adds an element of General Effect then the student should include that on that page. **You should have your dot book at rehearsal every day and will be checked as part of your daily contribution grade.**

-COURSE REQUIREMENTS-

Students enrolled in Tiger Marching Band are required to be simultaneously enrolled in one of the following school music ensembles: Symphonic Band, Wind Symphony, Symphonic Orchestra, Chamber Orchestra, Urbana Singers, Concert Choir and/or Honors Choir. The only exception to this is for members of the color guard whose participation is determined by audition. Drum line and front ensemble members are also required to be a part of a music ensemble unless otherwise noted by the director.

-P.E. WAIVER-

Students who choose to participate in the Tiger Marching Band are granted a P.E. class waiver during the 1st semester of the school year. Students will return to P.E. for the 2nd semester.

-ATTENDANCE POLICY-

Attendance is taken at the beginning of class, rehearsals, and performances. Your attendance record directly impacts your grade and the success of the band. If you are unable to come to rehearsal or a performance due to illness or extreme emergency, it is your responsibility to communicate with the director via an absence request form (found online) and to complete any missed work. Absences from a rehearsal or performance outside of the school day that are not cleared by the director at least two weeks prior to the event will be considered unexcused.

All absence requests will be reviewed by a director and you will receive an email as to whether the absence is excused or not excused. Excused absences include: conflicts with other school-sanctioned activities, illness, death in the family, family emergencies, etc. Anything outside of these excuses will be approved on a case by case basis. Work absences will **not** be approved.

An absence or excessive tardiness may cause a student to be withheld from a performance. If a student is withheld, they are still expected to attend the event and participate in every aspect of the event, except the actual performance. An unexcused absence from a rehearsal may result in a failing grade for that rehearsal. An unexcused absence from a performance may result in a failing grade for the performance.

Excused absences can be made up by attending jury night on Monday, October 28, 2019 at 6:30 pm.

-INJURIES AND ILLNESS-

For the safety of all of our students and for the progress of the group to remain consistent, if a student has removed themselves from rehearsal due to injury or illness, they will receive a **zero** for the day. If students would like the grade to be a **zero no count**, then a doctor's note must be provided. Long term injuries or illnesses may cause students to be withheld from a performance. If a student is withheld, they are still expected to attend the event and participate in every aspect of the event, except the actual performance, unless told otherwise.

-HOW TO STAY UP TO DATE WITH TIGER MARCHING BAND-

Please fully explore the tigmarchingband.com website in order to familiarize yourself with the calendar, music and drill retrieval, absence requests, and other important details. You can also sign up for our "Remind" phone app to receive important text message updates throughout the season. Seniors should sign up for the Remind group "@tmb2020" and all other students should sign up for the Remind group "@urbanatmb". Avoid unnecessary grade reductions by following the website and the rules stated in this syllabus.

TMB Dates – Fall 2019

July/August

- Tuesday, July 2nd – 4th of July Parade Rehearsal 4:00-6:00 pm
- Wednesday, July 3rd – 4th of July Parade Rehearsal 6:00-8:00 pm
- Wednesday, July 4th – Parade, Time TBA
- Monday, July 29th – Friday, August 2nd – Band Camp Week #1
 - The first day on Monday, July 29th will be section leaders and drum majors from 8:00-10:00 am and then new students, section leaders and drum majors from 10:00 am-12:00 pm. All members of the TMB will come for the afternoon session from 1:30-5:30 pm. All other days, everyone will come for the whole day. Lunch will be 12:00-1:30 each day.
- Monday, August 5th – Friday, August 9th – Band Camp Week #2 – 9:00-5:30 pm
- Monday, August 12th – TMB Rehearsal 6:30-8:30 pm
- Monday, August 19th – Performance for USD #116 Opening Day (Tentative)
- Monday, August 19th – TMB Rehearsal 6:30-8:30 pm
- Wednesday, August 21st – UHS First Day Performance (Tentative)
- Saturday, August 24th – Sweetcorn Festival Performance
- Monday, August 26th - TMB Rehearsal 6:30-8:30 pm

September

- Monday, September 2nd – Labor Day Parade
- Tuesday, September 3rd - TMB Rehearsal 6:30-8:30 pm
- Monday, September 9th - TMB Rehearsal 6:30-8:30 pm
- Friday, September 13th - First Home Football Game
- Saturday, September 14th – Monticello Competition
- Monday, September 16th - TMB Rehearsal 6:30-8:30 pm
- Friday, September 20th - Home Football Game – TMB2B
- Monday, September 23rd – TMB Rehearsal 6:30-8:30 pm
- Saturday, September 28th - Danville Competition
- Monday, September 30th - TMB Rehearsal 6:30-8:30 pm

October

- Saturday, October 5th - Eastern Illinois University Competition
- Monday, October 7th – TMB Rehearsal 6:30-8:30 pm
- Friday, October 11th - Homecoming Football Game
- Tuesday, October 15th – TMB Rehearsal 6:30-8:30 pm
- Friday, October 18th – Home Football Game – Senior Night
- Saturday, October 19th - Effingham Competition
- Monday, October 21st - TMB Rehearsal 6:30-8:30 pm
- Friday, October 25th – TMB Rehearsal 2:27-5:00 pm
- Saturday, October 26th – El Paso Gridley Marching Band Competition

December

- Saturday, December 7th – TMB Pep Band
- Tuesday, December 10th – TMB Pep Band **added since original calendar came out
- Friday, December 13th - TMB Pep Band
- Saturday, December 20th – TMB Pep Band

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Syllabus Acknowledgement Form

I, _____ (Student Name) have read and understand the policies and procedures outlined in the Tiger Marching Band Syllabus that was emailed out and can be found at <http://www.tigermarchingband.com>

_____ (Student Initial) I have signed up for the Remind text message list by texting @urbanatmb or @tmb2020 (for seniors) to 81010, using the Remind App, or using <http://www.remind.com>

_____ (Student Initial) I have marked the dates on my calendar and filled out absence request forms for known conflicts.

_____ (Student Initial) I have a plan to obtain the required materials listed in the Syllabus.

Student Signature

Date

Parent Signature

Date

*This form is due back by Wednesday, August 29, 2019.