

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 <i>(Also used for Basketball Pep Band)</i>	\$30.00 (Orders Taken During Band Camp)
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 2022 Marching Band Show: Aqua
 - ii. On Urbana
 - b. The dates for the music memorization tests are as follows:
 - i. Wednesday, August 24 – On Urbana
 - ii. Wednesday, August 31 – Movement 3
 - iii. Wednesday, September 7 – Movement 2
 - iiii. Wednesday, September 14 – Movement 1
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 sheets, 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 it will be checked at random 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. You will only receive an email if your absence will not be 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 31st, 2022 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 tigermarchingband.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. Parents and students should sign up for the Remind group as listed by their class on the website. Lastly, emails are often sent out to the whole marching band with important information about each event on the calendar. Avoid unnecessary grade reductions by following the information sent out and the rules stated in this syllabus.

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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 the appropriate code 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 Friday, August 26, 2022.