

TIGER MARCHING BAND

Urbana High School: Urbana, IL

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<http://www.tigermarchingband.com>

-INFORMATION-

-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 needs. 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

-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, drumline, front ensemble, and drum majors) or routine (for colorguard).
 - i. All parts of 2018 Marching Band Show: A Pirate's Adventure
 - ii. On Urbana
 - iii. Eye of the Tiger
 - iv. Star Spangled Banner
 - v. American Finale
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.**
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. Drumline 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 TMB 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 the student's 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 one week prior to the event will be considered unexcused. 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. To be excused from a rehearsal or performance, students must submit an absence request at least one week prior to the date in question. Conflicts with school activities will be addressed with an absence request form that can be found at tigermarchingband.com. Excused absences can be made up by attending jury night on Tuesday, October 23rd at 6:30 pm.

-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 intermittently receive text message updates throughout the season. Avoid unnecessary grade reductions by following the website and the rules stated in this syllabus.

TMB Dates – Fall 2018

July/August

- Monday, July 2nd – 4th of July Parade Rehearsal 4:00-6:00 pm
- Tuesday, July 3rd – 4th of July Parade Rehearsal 6:00-8:00 pm
- Wednesday, July 4th – Parade, Time TBA
- Monday, July 30th – Friday, August 3rd – Band Camp Week #1
- Band camp is broken down into 3 sessions a day- 9:00 am-12:00 pm, 1:30-4:30 pm, and 6:00-8:00 pm. During this first week, not everyone will have to come to all the sessions the first few days. More details to follow in the summer mailer.
- Monday, August 6th – Friday, August 10th – Band Camp Week #2
- Monday, August 13th – TMB Rehearsal 6:30-8:30 pm
- Thursday, August 16th – Performance for USD #116 Opening Day (Tentative)
- Monday, August 20th – UHS First Day Performance (Tentative)
- Monday, August 20th – TMB Rehearsal 6:30-8:30 pm
- Friday, August 24th – First Home Football Game
- Saturday, August 25th – Sweetcorn Festival Performance
- Monday, August 27th - TMB Rehearsal 6:30-8:30 pm
- Friday, August 31st - Home Football Game

September

- Monday, September 3rd – Labor Day Parade
- Tuesday, September 4th - TMB Rehearsal 6:30-8:30 pm
- Saturday, September 8th – Drum Line Event at Japan House
- Monday, September 10th - TMB Rehearsal 6:30-8:30 pm
- Monday, September 17th - TMB Rehearsal 6:30-8:30 pm
- Friday, September 21st – TMB Rehearsal 3:30-5:00 pm
- Saturday, September 22nd – Monticello Marching Band Competition
- Home Football Game – Memorial Stadium, 4:00 pm
- Monday, September 24th - TMB Rehearsal 6:30-8:30 pm – TMB2B Night
- Friday, September 28th – Homecoming Pep Rally, Parade, and Football Game

October

- Monday, October 1st - TMB Rehearsal 6:30-8:30 pm
- Friday, October 5th – TMB Rehearsal 2:27-5:00 pm (Regular class plus after school until 5:00 pm)
- Saturday, October 6th – Limestone Marching Band Competition
- Tuesday, October 9th - TMB Rehearsal 6:30-8:30 pm
- Monday, October 15th - TMB Rehearsal 6:30-8:30 pm
- Friday, October 19th – Home Football Game – Senior Night
- Saturday, October 20th – El Paso Gridley Marching Band Competition

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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 can be
found at <http://www.tigermarchingband.com> .

_____ (Student Initial) I have signed up for the Remind text
message list by texting @urbanatmb 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)