

Marching Band



2021

Welcome to the Metamora Marching Band Family

My name is Zachary Hilligoss and I am the Director of the Metamora Marching Band at Metamora Township High School. I am thrilled to know that your student is going to be a part of one of the most exciting organizations at MTHS. The Metamora Marching Band is an ensemble that promotes not only great music for all audiences, but also excellence in music performance/education, team building, character development, and school/community pride, all while having fun.

Attached is a broad view of what will be expected of each Marching Band member. **Please read thoroughly as a family.** Please sign and return the Marching Band Contract by May 14, 2021, and make the \$25 commitment payment, which is non-refundable, by May 31, 2021. The contract and payment are essential to secure a position in the Marching Band. This will ensure we have the best quality show. If you can not make the \$25 commitment payment on the date due, contact me as soon as possible at zhilligoss@mths.us, we will work something out. Please note, all financial discussions are confidential. Commitment payments should be a check made payable to the MTHS Band Boosters.

No questions are silly. Please contact me if you have any questions at all, especially if this is your first time having a student in the Marching Band. I look forward to meeting you, and to what will be a phenomenal marching band season.

Sincerely,
Zachary Hilligoss
Director of the Metamora Marching Band
Associate Director of Bands/Instrumental Music
zhilligoss@mths.us

P.S. - Please feel free to mail any and all forms to:

Mr. Zachary Hilligoss
Metamora Township High School
101 West Madison
Metamora, IL 61548

Marching Band Guidelines

*Practice and hard work is a standard in Marching Band.
Students who are willing to make the commitment will find Marching Band
challenging and rewarding in every facet of their life.*

The Marching Band is a voluntary ensemble, it involves a musical element as well as an athletic component. The Marching Band also incorporates out of school commitments. These commitments include a summer schedule, Tuesday & Thursday night rehearsals in the fall, Winds Sectionals, all home football games, football playoff games, and marching band competitions.

All band parents must volunteer or somehow be involved in the Metamora Marching Band Invitational on October 9th. The invitational is a large event, hosting up to 35 different marching bands from around the state. It is the largest fundraiser for our program.

Marching Band Attendance - Absences put unnecessary pressure on other students and the entire staff. If a student misses any rehearsals during the week, it is the job of the student to work on what they have missed. It also leaves a chance for the student to not perform the weekend following their absence. The staff maintains the ability to pull any student from any performance at any time.

Excused Absences: Sports conflicts (events only), extreme student illness, family illness, death in the family, or an excused absence from school. All excused absences must be accompanied by an email from a parent to the Marching Band directors 24 hours prior to the rehearsal or performance.

*In the event of a sudden illness, **parents** are to contact the Marching Band director by email (zhilligoss@mths.us)

Unexcused: Work conflicts, attending concerts, hair appointments, unexcused absence from school (Tuesday & Thursday nights).

Marching Band Ineligibility - Participation in Marching Band is governed under the IHSA Eligibility Rules.

- 1st ineligibility for a performance
 - Students will not be permitted to participate in rehearsals or performances for one week.
- 2nd ineligibility for a performance
 - Students will be removed from the Marching Band.

NOTE: An ineligible student will not be allowed to perform but still must attend performances.

Required Practices and Performances for the Marching Band: All Marching Band students are expected to attend all rehearsals and performances listed on the calendar. This includes but not limited to:

- Summer events and practices
 - Old Settlers Parade
 - Summer practices
 - Band Camps

Family vacations and other summer activities (other than work) are expected and considered excused. Please limit summer rehearsal absences as much as possible, we are a team sport and cannot function at a high level without the entire team present.

- Football games
 - The Marching Band performs at all home regular season and playoff games.
 - The Marching Band stays for the entire home football game.
 - The Marching Band performs at the state football finals, if applicable.
- Competitions
 - 4-6 competitions including the Metamora Marching Band Invitational.

Sports, Other Activities, and the Marching Band: The MTHS Marching Band is proud of the number of students that march and participate in other sports and activities. If there is a conflict, we will work closely with sponsors, coaches, and the athlete to eliminate or minimize any schedule conflicts.

Other Required Materials for Marching Band:

- Black socks for percussion, woodwinds, & brass
- Pair of nice khaki shorts or pants.
- 3 Ring Binder with Plastic Sheets.
- Two pencils at all times.

*****Financial Assistance for Marching Band*****

The Marching Band director will work with families who will need extra time to pay the costs or need financial assistance. Fundraising opportunities will be offered to help pay the costs. See the director if you need assistance (your request will be held in confidence).

2021 Marching Band Student and Parents:

Please carefully read the Marching Band guidelines. This outlines your responsibilities to the Marching Band.

Your \$25 commitment payment, due May 31, 2021, should be a check made payable to MTHS Band Boosters and mailed to MTHS Bands, 101 West Madison, Metamora, IL 61548.

2021 Marching Band Costs and Payment Schedule

Marching Band Fee		\$150
BOA Grand National Championships	(Optional)	\$150
Balance due October 1st*		

*Approval still needed from BOE.

Additional costs:

Required for Winds and Percussion:

Marching shoes	\$35
Marching Sticks (Percussion)	Prices Vary
Instrumental Accessories (Winds)	Prices Vary

Required for Guard:

Fingerless Guard Gloves	\$15
Ever Jazz Dance Shoes	\$30
Practice Flag (Silk and/or Pole)	\$33
Uniform Fee	\$25

Payment Schedule:

May 31, 2021	\$25
June 31, 2021	\$50
July 31, 2021	\$50
August 31, 2021	\$25
October 1, 2021: BOA Grand Nationals	\$150
*Optional	

Remember: **DO NOT LET MONEY BE THE REASON YOUR CHILD DOES NOT PARTICIPATE IN MARCHING BAND.** If financial assistance is needed, please contact Mr. Hilligoss at zhilligoss@mths.us. All financial concerns will be confidential.

Please put your student's name on the memo of any check written. Make checks payable to the MTHS Band Boosters and mail to:

MTHS Bands
101 West Madison, PO Box 109
Metamora, IL 61548

Marching Band

2021 Fall Schedule

➤ September 6th	Toluca Labor day Parade
➤ September 10th	Football?
September 11th	Washington Competition
➤ September 17th	Football?
September 25th	Competition
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➤ October 1	Football? (Homecoming?)
➤ October 8th	Football?
October 9th	Metamora Competition
★ October 20th	MTHS Band Concert
➤ October 15th	Football?
October 16th	Competition?
➤ October 22nd	Football?
October 23rd	Competition
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November 13th-14th	BOA Grand National Championships Field Trip? *Pending BOE Approval

2021
Metamora Township High School Marching Band
Parent/Student Contract

Please provide the following information:

Student's name: _____

Grade for 2020-2021: Freshman Sophomore Junior Senior

Student's email: _____

Instrument(s): _____

Home address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Student's T-shirt size (Adult sizes only): Please circle: S M L XL XXL XXXL

Parent/Guardian name: _____

Parent/Guardian email: _____

Parent/Guardian Phone number: _____

I will be participating in the Metamora Township High School Marching Band for the 2021 season. I understand participation in the Marching Band is voluntary. By signing this statement, I have firmly committed myself to the attached 2021 rehearsal and performance schedules. I also understand that by signing this form, I am responsible for paying the total cost of the marching band fee.

I have carefully read the Marching Band Guidelines and understand my responsibilities to the organization.

Student's Signature: _____

Parent/Guardian Signature: _____

*All Contracts are due by Friday, May 14, 2021

Please Turn Over →

Parent/Guardian Information

(Required for all marching participant's parents/guardians)

Parent Name: _____ Phone Number: _____

Name of Student(s): _____

Home Address: _____ City: _____

Zip Code: _____ P.O.Box: _____

Parent Primary E-mail: _____

Parent Secondary E-Mail: _____

How many events are you willing to volunteer your time to assist the students? _____

Are you willing to volunteer for spontaneous events for the students if we give you at least a week's notice?

Yes

No

May we contact you about volunteer opportunities?

Yes

No

What is the best way to get in contact with you regarding volunteer opportunities?

Text

Call

E-mail

Medical Signature

I give the Metamora Band's Staff Nurse the right to administer over the counter medication to my student when needed.

Name: _____ Date: _____

Signature: _____

I give permission to the Metamora Band students, staff, and chaperones to video and audio record my student at any time during the season to use for educational purposes, as well as to promote the program through social media.

Name: _____ Date: _____

Signature: _____

Possible Volunteer Opportunities:

1. Baked goods for competitions
2. Pit Crew (assist the front ensemble on and off the field on performance days)
3. Building Crew (assist in the building of props for the show)
4. Assist with DCI and MBI
5. Assist with fundraisers in multiple ways, depending on the fundraiser

More will come with the season, we just can't think of anymore at this time.

2021 Marching Band Order form

Student's First and Last name: _____

If you have any items from last year, please check to see if they still fit and if they do, you are not required to purchase new items.

Required for Brass, Woodwinds, and all Percussion:

Viper Marching Shoes: \$35

Shoe Size: _____ Male or Female (circle one)

Required for Color Guard Members:

Finger Free Glove (tan): \$16

Quantity: _____ Size (circle one): XS S M L XL

Ever Jazz Dance Shoes (tan, whole sizes and normal widths only): \$30

Shoe Size: _____ Male or Female (circle one)

Practice Flag (you are required to purchase a new silk each year):

Silk: _____ \$20 6' Aluminum Silver Pole: _____ \$13

Extra Show Shirts (Unisex Sizes): \$15 for S, M, L, and XL
\$17 for XS, 2XL, and 3XL

Size: _____ Quantity: _____ Amount: _____

Size: _____ Quantity: _____ Amount: _____

Size: _____ Quantity: _____ Amount: _____

Size: _____ Quantity: _____ Amount: _____

Grand Total: _____

Please Turn Over →

Please indicate payment method:

Cash

Check (made out to MTHS Band Boosters)

Check Number: _____

Please write the marcher's name on the Memo line

Charms Account

In order to ensure marchers have their items before band camp, all orders are due no later than June 25th, 2021.

Order forms can be turned into:

- Clifford the Big Red Box inside the band room
- mailed to: MTHS Bands
101 W. Madison Street
Metamora, IL 61548
- given directly to Mr. Hilligoss or Mrs. Jarosz.

Please contact Mr. Hilligoss at zhilligoss@mths.us with any questions or concerns about orders.