

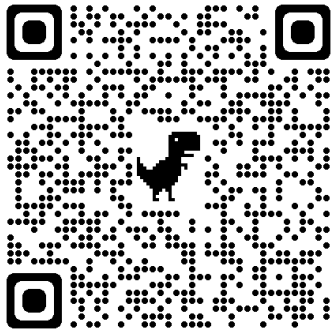
2024 - 2025

**WHITEWATER HIGH SCHOOL
MARCHING BAND**



**HANDBOOK
GENERAL POLICIES
CONTRACT
and
PAYMENT SCHEDULE**

Instrumentalists, Color Guard Members, and Drum Majors



REQUIRED Student/Parent Information Form

Please scan the QR Code and complete the student and parent information form.
(or use this link <https://forms.gle/5GSmdan8e4jwgmaHA>)

General Policies

Eligibility

To be an instrumental member of the marching band, students are required to be enrolled in a year long concert band class at WHS. Students are required to be in good academic standing to be eligible to be part of Whitewater High School Marching Band. A regular grade check will be done for every student to ensure eligibility. Students in danger of losing eligibility may be suspended from performance privileges until all grade requirements have been met. Students must have a completed physical and completed parent forms in [PRIVIT](#) with WHS prior to rehearsing with the Marching Band. Participation in the Whitewater High School Band Program is up to the discretion of the Band Directors and/or school administration.

Suspensions

A school suspension of a student may result in the loss of some, if not all, privileges of participation in the Whitewater High School Marching Band and will be left up to the discretion of the Band Directors and/or school administration.

Behavior

All Student Members of Whitewater High School Marching Band must exhibit a good, respectful and positive attitude toward themselves, their fellow High School Marching Band members, staff, and supporting parents. Absolutely no insubordination will be tolerated. Poor attitude and behavior will not be tolerated. As the Whitewater High School Band Program is an approved function of the Fayette County Board of Education, all students shall conduct themselves in accordance with the policies of Whitewater High School and the Fayette County Board of Education. The Band Directors will deal with minor instances of inappropriate behavior. Certain major violations of policies will result in the student(s) in question being sent home as soon as possible at their parents' expense in addition to other repercussions up to dismissal from the program. These violations include, but are not limited to, the following:

- Possession and/or use of unauthorized medication, drugs, alcohol, tobacco, or any other substance in violation of Fayette County Board of Education policies
- Any student out of his/her room after curfew (on trips)
- Any student not following appropriate guidelines set forth by the FCBOE code of ethics
- Unauthorized departure by an individual from a group setting
- Deliberate destruction, vandalism, or theft of property
- Bullying

Refunds/Fines

If any Student Member of the Whitewater High School Marching Band is **dismissed** for any of the reasons described or **quits the program**, and still has an outstanding balance on their account, **that amount will still be due and must be paid**. If no payment is made, the proper arrangements will be made with the school administration.

Rehearsal Policies

Attendance

It is the expectation that members attend **ALL** scheduled rehearsals, arriving and departing as stated in the calendar. Absence from a rehearsal during the week prior to a performance may result in the loss of performance privileges for that upcoming show. Please remember the “Thursday Night Rule.” **Only emergency and illness situations will be excused. If the student is at school, they must be at rehearsal. WORK IS NOT AN EXCUSED ABSENCE.** Every team member is important to the success of the program. Missing rehearsals will cause the student to miss staging and choreography being taught and will affect the ensemble performance. If you miss rehearsal, you may be written out of the part of the show covered during that rehearsal. Because of the group’s limited rehearsal schedule and the important role every member plays in the program, **we ask that you please schedule doctor, dental, orthodontist, and any other appointments for dates and times other than our rehearsals as they are not valid excuses for missing rehearsal.**

Dress Code

Students are expected to wear “exercise-type” clothes. Dress for all rehearsals are: **white shirt, athletic shorts or pants, socks, and athletic shoes.** More information will be given at a later date. Please have your hair pulled back and off your face. Please consult the directors before any drastic hair changes. Necklaces, bracelets, anklets, and hoop or dangling earrings should not be worn during rehearsal or performances for safety reasons. Instrumentalists, your hair needs to be able to fit in a shako/performance hat.

Friends, Etc.

During rehearsal times, the Whitewater High School Marching Band will follow a **closed rehearsal rule**; (meaning) please inform your friends that rehearsals are closed to all but the staff and High School Marching Band members. While at rehearsal, members will refrain from “hanging out” with friends outside the marching band, etc.

Personal Belongings

Cell phones must be on silent or vibrate. Students should leave cell phones and all other valuables in a safe place during rehearsals. The program is not responsible for the loss or theft of these items but will make every effort to ensure the items are secure during rehearsals/trips. Do not let cell phones become a distraction during rehearsal.

Food and Drink/Medication

Students who require medication or other health aids should have those items with them during rehearsal (inhalers, etc). **Students should not consume soda, coffee and/or energy drinks during or before rehearsal.** Students should bring a water jug of at least a half gallon to rehearsal.

Performance Policies

Attendance

MEMBERS ARE REQUIRED TO ATTEND ALL SCHEDULED COMPETITIONS AND PERFORMANCES, arriving and departing at the times and location stated on the calendar. Students are required to stay through the end of the competitions unless other arrangements have been made with the directors **prior** to the performance day. Absence from a performance may result in the loss of performance privileges for the following performance and loss of letter for that season. **If two performances are missed, the member will be dismissed from the program and must follow the guidelines discussed under “Refunds/Fines.”** Everyone must be in the show to put on our best performance.

Saturday practices are very important. These rehearsals are very important because you will learn drill, choreography, dance, and equipment techniques. The Whitewater High School Marching Band is a visual and musical activity that requires muscle memory and mental memory. **We do not have a “class” like the concert bands; this is why we must have the rehearsals outside of school. The pre-season rehearsals are perhaps the most important times of our season together.**

Dress Code

Students’ attire will vary for each show depending on the day’s schedule, performance venue, etc. Students are responsible for bringing their uniform, undergarments, and their own hair and make-up supplies for every show. Individuals who come without one or more of these items may lose performance privileges at that show unless they can procure these items prior to performance time. Necklaces, bracelets, anklets, hoop or dangling earrings, or other jewelry should not be worn during performances for safety reasons.

Fundraisers and Dues

Participation

The first category of fundraising involves band parents. Such fundraising activities include the operation of the concession stands at WHS stadium during football season. The WHS Band Boosters require each marching band family to volunteer at least one shift during each football season.

The second category of fundraising involves the participation of band members. This may include (but is not limited to) the sale of items, event tickets, etc. All such sales must be approved by the school district administration through a permit process. It is to be clearly understood that participation in any sales activities is voluntary - yet highly encouraged.

Member’s Individual Accounts

Individual accounts will be tracked using the CutTime program – all students/parents will have a CutTime link sent via text upon entering the WHS Band Program. Parents are responsible for monitoring their balances. Balances can be carried forward each year a student is involved in the Marching Band. Money left over after graduation will be donated to the general fund or may be transferred to a younger sibling still in band or joining band the season following graduation. CutTime balances are not refundable at any time.

Use of Fundraising Credits

Fundraising credits in your student’s individual CutTime account may be used to offset annual **Marching Band Dues or Trips ONLY**. CutTime balances **may not be used to pay for personal use charges** such as meals, shoes, gloves, t-shirts, all-state, solo & ensemble, senior cords and stoles, etc. CutTime balances are not refundable at any time.

In an effort to keep Marching Band Dues lower, some fundraisers will benefit the organization as a whole, while others will be credited to the student’s CutTime account and can be applied to dues and trips, which will, in turn, benefit the organization as a whole. How the funds will be applied will be communicated at the beginning of each fundraiser.

Please take full advantage of fundraisers; they can only benefit you!

2024-2025 Whitewater High School Marching Band Contract Information

As a member of the Whitewater High School Marching Band program, I realize that the expectations, responsibilities, and roles expected of me are above and beyond those of most high school students. I further realize that, in being part of a team, *the team comes first*. I must put aside my individual concerns and do what is best for *the team*. Following is a list of behaviors that will be expected from a Whitewater High School Marching Band member. This list is not all-inclusive, and other things may be considered, with the backbone of all decisions being- *What is best for the team?*

I will be a positive force on and off the performance/practice field.

- Encourage teammates to do their best on and off the field.
- Be a positive role model in school.
- I will represent myself and my team positively and professionally.
- If I am not in a part of the show, I will accept this and not let it affect my performance and attitude.
- If I am an instrumentalist, I will be enrolled in a WHS Concert Band class for the entire 2024-2025 school year.

I will attend all rehearsals.

Attendance is **mandatory** for **ALL** rehearsals. We will make an exception for emergency situations only. Every member plays a vital role in the overall production of the show. Without one member, it hurts the whole group. Also, it can be very hard to catch up if you miss a day of new drill and choreography. Having to stop and show you what you missed can delay rehearsal causing the other members to lose valuable rehearsal time. **You get the show/rehearsal schedule well in advance. Do your best to plan around the Whitewater High School Marching Band schedule. A detailed attendance policy and calendar will be issued during the summer. If you miss FOUR or more rehearsals, you will be removed from the Whitewater High School Marching Band program. You will be required to pay all outstanding fees.**

I will participate in all shows/competitions.

All competitions are absolutely mandatory. The competitions do not release until 10 pm -11 pm (depending on the location and length of the show. All Saturdays from September through early November must be cleared for these competitions unless noted as "OFF" on the calendar. **THESE ARE ALL-DAY EVENTS!!**

I will participate in the two Tennessee BOA Trips.

The two BOA trips to Tennessee are mandatory competitions. The first trip is to the Bands of America Regional at University of Tennessee Chattanooga. This is a one day trip on **October 5, 2024**. Travel to Chattanooga will be on school buses. The second trip is to the Bands of America Regional at East Tennessee State University on **October 18-20, 2024**. Travel to ETSU will be by charter buses. The band will stay in a hotel. On October 20, the band will arrive back at WHS in the evening. The cost of both trips is included in the membership dues.

I understand that the dues for the Whitewater High School Marching Band are **\$975** per member. These dues cover some of the Whitewater High School Marching Band expenses. They also help cover instructors' fees, music fees, uniforms, equipment & equipment upkeep costs, the BOA trips to Tennessee etc. Also, band camp costs of instruction are included. Students will receive two shirts (a show shirt and a dry-fit shirt). Pre Order meals are also included in the dues. These membership dues are to be paid in full or across 6 monthly payments. This fee does NOT include marching band shoes, gloves, warm-ups, bags, etc. There is a separate fee for these items.

Please do not let the costs overwhelm you or discourage you from allowing your child to be a part of this program. (SEE PAYMENT SCHEDULE IN PACKET)

If you owe fees from previous marching band and/or winterguard seasons, please send in payment for these past due fees.

Whitewater High School Marching Band

2024-2025 Payment Dates

Date	Payment Due
May 3rd	\$175.00
June 1st	\$160.00
July 1st	\$160.00
August 1st	\$160.00
September 1st	\$160.00
October 1st	\$160.00

ALL WHITEWATER HIGH SCHOOL MARCHING BAND FEE CHECKS ARE TO BE MADE OUT TO:

Whitewater High School Band Boosters

**Whitewater High School
100 Wildcat Way
Fayetteville, GA 30215**

You can pay your fees by mailing to WHS, dropping payment in the locked payment box in the band room, or by paying online through CutTime (service charge applies to CutTime payments).

CutTime and Social Media

The WHS Band Program utilizes CutTime to communicate via text message, organize student and parent information, publish a living calendar of events, and keep records of fees, fundraisers, payments, etc.

To stay informed about the WHS Band Program, be sure to check your email regularly, view the calendar and student account on CutTime, and keep up to date with our social media accounts.

whitewaterbands.weebly.com/calendar

Facebook: @WhitewaterHighSchoolBands

Instagram: WhitewaterHighSchoolBand

Whitewater High School 2024-2025 High School Marching Band Contract

I agree to cooperate with school faculty, my instructors, chaperones, and teammates at all times. I realize I am a representative of Whitewater High School and will conduct myself in a respectful manner at all times. I/we understand all subjects discussed within the handbook and contract. I/We understand the consequences in the event that if my attendance, conduct, and/or grades are not as they should be, I may be removed from the program. I/We understand that if I am an instrumentalist, I am required to be enrolled in a concert band class at Whitewater High School.

By signing this contract we (my parent/guardian and I) are ready to make the commitment necessary to be a member of the Whitewater High School Marching Band for the 2024-2025 school year.

_____ I/we have received the payment amounts and due dates document enclosed in the member handbook, totaling \$975.
(INITIAL)

_____ I understand that if a rehearsal is missed, I may not be in that part of the show learned that day. I also understand (INITIAL) that if a Saturday drill/choreography rehearsal is missed for any reason, I WILL POSSIBLY NOT be in that part of the show learned that day.

_____ I understand that the competition show has a set number of drill positions. I understand that there is a possibility that (INITIAL) I may have a shared drill position for all or part of the competition show. Factors that lead to shared drill positions could include but are not limited to attendance, progression of skills, performances, joining marching band late, etc.

_____ I/we give WHS Bands permission to photograph and video my student(s) (for show videos, website, social (INITIAL) media, competition programs, etc.).

PROMISE OF INDEMNIFICATION

In consideration of permitting my child to accompany the Whitewater High School Marching Band on trips to and from competitions, games, band camp, and other performances, I hereby agree to indemnify and hold harmless the Whitewater High School Band, Whitewater High School, Fayette County Schools, its teachers, employees, and trip sponsors against any claim for damages, compensation or otherwise on the part of said minor(s) or his heirs, executors, or administrators and to reimburse or make good any loss or damages or costs that the Whitewater Band, Whitewater High School, Fayette County Schools, its teachers, employees, and trip sponsors may have to pay if any litigation arises on behalf of any claims made by said minor(s) or anyone on his behalf as a result of injuries sustained by my child(ren) on the said trip.

I, _____ (student name), understand and will abide by the rules and policies governing the Whitewater High School Marching Band Program. I also understand and agree that I am subject to the consequences stated above if I violate any of these regulations. The student may be removed or suspended from the WHS Band. I also agree with the PROMISE OF INDEMNIFICATION.

I, _____ (parent/guardian name), understand and have made certain my child understands the rules and policies governing the Whitewater High School Marching Band Program. I agree that my child is subject to these regulations and I accept the usual parental responsibilities if my child violates any of these regulations. I also agree with the PROMISE OF INDEMNIFICATION.

In signing the contract, you agree that as a member, you are committed to the organization and all of its financial commitments. You are also signing that you are aware of the payment due dates, rehearsal dates, and all competitions. All fees paid to Whitewater HS Band, should the member not fulfill the contract or quit, **will not be refunded and the remaining fees are still due to the Whitewater High School Band. Also, you understand that instrumentalists are required to be enrolled in a band class for the entire 2024-2025 school year.**

Please sign and return this contract page and the deposit by Friday, May 3, 2024.

Parent/Guardian Signature: _____ Date: _____

Student Signature: _____ Date: _____

Band Directors Signatures: _____, _____

*** Upon acceptance into the program, the student is officially a member of the Whitewater High School Marching Band Program and all fees, agreements of said fees, and any other before mentioned commitments are due to Whitewater High School Band. This contract is only valid upon acceptance and with a signature from the Band Director.**



Krystin Hall
Principal

WHITEWATER HIGH SCHOOL
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Jason Barnes
Kelly Hoofnagle
Jay Manning
Christina Rufenacht
Assistant Principals

Dear Parent:

A field trip to All WHS Band Trips has been planned for 2024-2025 (date) by your child's teacher, Reynolds/Swindle. Field trips are educational in nature, and are approved by the Fayette County Board of Education. Participation is voluntary. If you choose for your child not to participate, his/her grades will not be affected, and a regular instructional day will be scheduled.

The field trip is available to all students. A donation of \$ N/A will cover the cost of all expenses. If you are not able or for any reasons do not choose to donate, your child will not be penalized. However, if sufficient funds are not collected, the trip will be canceled. In the event that your child is unable to attend due to sickness, or behavioral (discipline) issues, and funds have been prepaid, these funds cannot be refunded.

If you have any questions concerning this field trip, please contact your child's teacher.

Sincerely,
Krystin Hall
Principal

I give permission for my child _____ to attend the above field trip. I understand that any field trip scheduled for my child could be canceled by the Fayette County Board of Education due to a variety of reasons. These reasons could include but are not limited to: inclement weather, state or national emergencies, or exorbitant fuel costs. I understand that only the monies refunded to the school system would be refunded to me.

I agree not to hold the Fayette County Board of Education responsible should the field trip have to be canceled and funds not refunded.

Signature of Parent

**FAYETTE COUNTY SCHOOL SYSTEM
FIELD TRIP RELEASE FORM**

(PLEASE PRINT)

Name _____ Male ____ Female ____
 LAST FIRST MIDDLE

Names of Parent(s)/Guardian _____

Telephone (Work): _____ (Cell): _____ (Home): _____ (Other): _____

CONSENT AND RELEASE:

I hereby consent on behalf of the student named above to participate in school sponsored trips. I understand that transportation may or may not be provided by the Fayette County School System. In the event transportation is not provided by the Fayette County School System, transportation will be the student(s) and parents/guardians responsibility. If any emergency medical procedure or treatments are required by the student during the trip, I consent to the trip's supervisor taking, arranging for, or consenting to the procedures or treatment in his or her discretion. I further release and waive and further agree to indemnify and hold harmless and reimburse the Fayette County School System, the Board of Education, its successors and assigns, its members, agents, employees, and representatives thereof, as well as the trip supervisor from and against any claim which I, any other person, firm, corporation, or entity may have or claim to have, known or unknown, directly or indirectly, from any losses, damages or injuries arising out of, during, or in connection with the student's participation in the activity, any trip associated with the activity, or the rendering or emergency medical procedures or treatment, if any.

Signature of Parent(s) or Guardian(s)

Date

**FAYETTE COUNTY SCHOOL SYSTEM
REQUIRED HEALTH INFORMATION
FOR OVERNIGHT FIELD TRIP**

School Whitewater High School Date of Trip Oct. 5 and Oct. 18-20, 2024
Destination BOA Regionals @ UTC and ETSU Student _____
Date of Birth _____

It is mandatory to have current health and insurance information on file.

Please complete the following:

1. Name of Insurance Carrier _____ Policy Number _____
(A photocopy of the health insurance card is attached).

2. Physician's Name _____ Phone Number _____

3. **Emergency numbers:**

a. Mother/Guardian (home) _____ (work) _____ (cell) _____

b. Father/Guardian (home) _____ (work) _____ (cell) _____

c. Other contacts Name _____ Relationship _____ (cell) _____

4. **Allergies:** Please specify yes or no to each item

a. Food Yes No Type: _____

b. Medication/Drugs Yes No Type: _____

c. Insect Stings Yes No

d. Other _____ Yes No

Symptoms of reactions _____

5. Please check any of the following **OTC Medications** that can be administered by school personnel to your child in case of illness during the trip per package directions.

___ Advil ___ Benadryl ___ Cough Drops ___ Imodium

___ Pepto-Bismol ___ Tums ___ Tylenol ___ Other

6. Please check one of the options below if your child requires **Prescription Medications** to be administered during the trip. **All prescription medications MUST be provided in their original containers and placed in a plastic bag labeled with your child's name.**

___ My child has a current School Medication Authorization form and medication in the school clinic which may be used during the trip (including emergency medications).

___ A completed and physician signed School Medication Authorization is attached (available on the www.fcboe.org website, School Health Services section).

I give my permission for the teachers of the Fayette County School System to administer the medications listed above (I have furnished) and seek medical treatment if needed for my child during the overnight field trip.

Restrictions/Health Concerns _____

Parent/Guardian Signature _____ Date _____