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Mighty Marching Bucks
Band Season!**

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This is a **performance-based program** that requires discipline, effort, and commitment. Students will be held to high standards in behavior, attendance, and performance at all times.

EXPECTATIONS

All members are required to:

- Be on time and present for all rehearsals and performances
- Arrive fully prepared with required materials and attire
- Follow all directions immediately
- Demonstrate respect toward staff, peers, and volunteers
- Maintain focus and effort during all rehearsals

Failure to meet these expectations will result in disciplinary action.

Student Requirements

Students must:

- Attend all rehearsals, band camp, and performances
- Be physically and mentally prepared
- Learn all assigned music and drill
- Represent the band appropriately at all times

Parent/Guardian Requirements

Parents/guardians must:

- Ensure students arrive on time and prepared
- Monitor the Band app daily
- Follow all communication guidelines
- Support staff decisions and program policies

BAND CAMP

Attendance is **mandatory**.

- Absences must be communicated in advance
- Unexcused absences will affect placement and performance eligibility
- Missed material must be learned independently

Students who miss band camp will be behind.

PREPARATION

Students who are unprepared may:

- Be removed from rehearsal for safety
- Lose performance opportunities
- Be reassigned within the show
- Be placed on probation

Preparation is required for participation.

Required Daily Items:

- Plain white t-shirt
- Black shorts
- Black socks
- Tennis shoes
- Water bottle (filled)
- Hat (for sun protection)
- Sunscreen
- Bug spray
- Personal hygiene kit (deodorant, etc.)
- Black 3-ring binder (for sheet music)

Preparation Standards

- All items must be brought **daily**
- Students must be dressed appropriately before rehearsal begins
- Water bottles must be filled and accessible at all times
- Music and materials must be organized and ready

Mighty Marching Bucks

Student Code of Conduct & Discipline Policy

Purpose

The Mighty Marching Bucks Marching Band is a performance-based organization that represents Hoke County High School and the community at all times. Participation is a privilege, not a right. All members are expected to demonstrate discipline, accountability, and respect both on and off the field. Failure to meet these expectations will result in progressive disciplinary action, up to and including removal from the program.

Core Expectations

Respect & Conduct

- Show respect to directors, staff, student leadership, peers, and volunteers.
- Follow all instructions given by staff immediately and without argument.
- No bullying, harassment, or intimidation (verbal, physical, or online)
- No disruptive, defiant, or disrespectful behavior

Attendance & Punctuality

Attendance is required for all rehearsals, band camp days, and performances.

Students must:

- Arrive on time.
- Stay for the full duration.
- Communicate absences in advance when possible.

Consequences:

- 3 Unexcused Absences → Probation
- 5 Unexcused Absences → Performance Restriction
- Continued Violations → Removal from the program

Attendance directly impacts performance eligibility.

Performance Standards

Students are expected to:

- Be mentally and physically prepared.
- Know and perform assigned music and drill.
- Maintain proper posture, technique, and focus.

Lack of preparation impacts the entire band and will be addressed accordingly.

Performance Eligibility

To perform, students must:

- Attend rehearsals consistently
- Be prepared (music & drill)
- Follow conduct expectations
- Meet attendance requirements

Failure to meet these expectations may result in removal from performances.

Uniform & Equipment Responsibility

Students must:

- Wear full uniform as instructed.
- Keep uniforms clean and in proper condition.
- Return all issued items.

Students are financially responsible for all issued uniform items. Lost, damaged, or unreturned items will result in replacement fees.

Health, Safety & Nutrition

Students must:

- Stay properly hydrated.
- Eat balanced meals before rehearsals and performances.
- **Avoid:** excessive junk food, energy drinks, and skipping meals
- Poor nutrition can lead to **vomiting, fatigue, dizziness, and injury.**

Travel & Public Representation

Students represent the band at all times:

- Follow all bus and travel rules.
- Remain with assigned group.
- Maintain professional behavior in public.

Communication & Accountability

Students must:

- Regularly check communication platforms (band app/email)
- Take responsibility for schedules and updates.
- “I didn’t know” will not be accepted as an excuse.

Disciplinary Process

Level 1: Verbal Warning

Used for minor infractions such as:

- Talking during instruction
- Being unprepared
- Minor uniform issues

Action:

- Verbal correction
- Reminder of expectations

Level 2: Written Warning / Parent Notification

Used for repeated or moderate infractions:

- Repeated tardiness
- Disruptive behavior
- Failure to follow directions

Action:

- Incident documented
- Parent/guardian notified
- Possible loss of privileges (performance time, leadership roles)

Level 3: Probation

Used for serious or continued violations:

- Continued misconduct after warnings
- Skipping rehearsals
- Disrespect toward staff or peers

Action:

- Student placed on probation (timeframe determined by director)
- Performance participation may be limited
- Required behavior improvement plan

Level 4: Suspension from Band Activities

Used for severe violations:

- Major disruption of rehearsal/performance
- Repeated defiance
- Inappropriate conduct during events

Action:

- Temporary removal from rehearsals and/or performances
- Parent conference required before return

Grounds for Immediate Removal (Zero Tolerance)

The following behaviors may result in **immediate dismissal from the marching band program**:

- Physical fighting or violence
- Bullying, harassment, or threats

- Possession or use of drugs, alcohol, or tobacco/vapes
- Theft or intentional damage to property
- Gross insubordination or refusal to follow staff direction
- Leaving assigned areas without permission during events
- Any behavior that compromises safety or the reputation of the band

Reinstatement Policy

- Students removed from the program may only return at the discretion of the Band Director and school administration
- Reinstatement may require:
 - Parent conference
 - Behavior contract
 - Demonstrated improvement

PARENT CODE OF CONDUCT

The success of the Mighty Marching Bucks depends on a strong partnership between staff, students, and families.

Parents and guardians play a vital role in supporting the program, and all interactions should reflect professionalism, respect, and a commitment to student success.

Parent Expectations

Parents/guardians are expected to:

- Ensure their student arrives on time and prepared for all rehearsals and events
- Monitor the Band app regularly for updates and communication
- Support program expectations and reinforce accountability at home
- Communicate respectfully with staff and volunteers
- Follow all school and band policies

Communication Guidelines

To maintain a structured and professional environment:

- Use the Band app or email for all communication
- Allow 24–48 hours for responses (excluding weekends/holidays)
- Schedule meetings in advance when needed

Concerns should be addressed respectfully and through proper channels.

Event & Rehearsal Expectations

Parents/guardians must:

- Follow all check-in, pickup, and event procedures
- Respect rehearsal space and avoid interrupting instruction
- Support staff in maintaining a focused environment

The following behaviors are not permitted:

- Confronting staff during rehearsals, performances, or events
- Undermining staff decisions or authority
- Disruptive or disrespectful behavior toward staff, students, or other parents
- Attempting to address student discipline issues directly with other students

Volunteer Expectations

Parents who volunteer must:

- Have an approved background check on file
- Follow all assigned roles and responsibilities
- Support staff direction at all times
- Maintain professionalism when interacting with students

Conflict Resolution

If a concern arises:

1. Contact the Band Director through approved communication channels.
2. Allow time for review and response.
3. Schedule a meeting if necessary

Concerns should not be addressed publicly or during active rehearsals/events.

Accountability

Failure to follow the Parent Code of Conduct may result in:

- Removal from volunteer opportunities
- Restricted access to events or rehearsal areas
- Referral to school administration if necessary

The Mighty Marching Bucks is a structured, student-focused program. We ask all parents and guardians to support a positive, respectful, and disciplined environment that allows every student to succeed. When expectations are clear and upheld, the entire program benefits.

COMMUNICATION POLICY

Effective communication is essential to the success of the Mighty Marching Bucks program.

The **Band App is the only official communication platform**

Students and parents must check it **daily**

Students and parents are responsible for checking the app and staying informed.

Scan To Join ->



Contact Rules:

- Use Band app messaging or email only
- Allow 24–48 hours for response
- Do not use text messages or social media unless previously discussed. This allows for continuity of communication.

Contacting The Band Director/ Staff

For questions or concerns, parents/guardians should:

- Contact the Band Director or your coaches via Band App private message
- Allow 24–48 hours for a response (excluding weekends and holidays)

Emergency Communication

In the event of an emergency:

- Contact the school's main office directly at 910-875-2156
- Do NOT rely on the Band app or email for urgent matters.

Not Approved Methods Of Communication

The following are NOT acceptable for official communication:

- Text messages
- Social media messages (Instagram, Facebook, etc.)
- Direct messages outside of the Band app

Messages sent through these platforms may not receive a response.

Communication Expectations

To maintain an organized and respectful environment:

- Communicate professionally at all times.
- Use appropriate channels for all concerns.
- Allow staff time to respond.
- Keep contact information updated in the Band app.

Communication is a shared responsibility. If you are not checking the Band app or using the proper channels, you are choosing to be uninformed.

Stay connected. Stay informed. Stay accountable.

Student Leadership

Student leadership is a critical component of the Mighty Marching Bucks program. Leaders support the vision of the band staff and help maintain discipline, structure, and consistency within the ensemble. Leadership is not about authority—it is about responsibility.

Purpose Of Student Leadership

Student leaders are responsible for:

- Setting the tone for discipline and work ethic
- Reinforcing expectations within their sections
- Supporting communication between staff and students
- Helping maintain an efficient and focused rehearsal environment

Leaders are an extension of the band staff.

Core Leadership Expectations

All student leaders must:

- Lead by example at ALL times.
- Be early, prepared, and focused.
- Follow and reinforce staff instructions exactly as given.
- Communicate clearly and respectfully.
- Maintain a positive, disciplined attitude.
- Hold peers accountable in a respectful manner.
- Remain composed under pressure.

Leadership is earned daily—not given once.

Drum Major

Role:

Primary student leader(s) of the band.

Responsibilities:

- Conduct during rehearsals and performances.
- Lead warm-ups and establish focus.
- Maintain rehearsal flow and efficiency.
- Set the standard for discipline and professionalism.
- Communicate directly with band staff.

Expectation:

The Drum Major sets the tone for the entire program.

Section Leaders

Role:

Leaders of individual sections (brass, woodwinds, percussion, etc.)

Responsibilities:

- Teach and reinforce music and drill.
- Monitor attendance, preparation, and progress.
- Provide correction and feedback.
- Ensure section members understand expectations.

- Communicate concerns to staff.

Expectation:

Section success reflects leadership effectiveness.

Section Captains (If Applicable)**Role:**

Support Section Leaders with organization and accountability.

Responsibilities:

- Assist with instruction and reinforcement.
- Help maintain discipline within the section.
- Support communication and organization.

Expectation:

Provide consistent and reliable support.

Leadership Boundaries

Student leaders are NOT permitted to:

- Discipline students beyond verbal correction.
- Yell, demean, or disrespect peers
- Change or override staff instructions
- Show favoritism

Leadership is influence—not authority.

Accountability For Leaders

Leaders are held to a higher standard.

Failure to meet expectations may result in:

- Verbal warning
- Leadership probation
- Removal from leadership position

Leadership Standard

A leader is:

- Consistent when others are not.
- Focused when others are distracted.
- Accountable when others make excuses.

Band Manager

The Band Manager is a key member of the Mighty Marching Bucks leadership team. This role supports the operational, organizational, and logistical needs of the program to ensure rehearsals and performances run efficiently.

The Band Manager works directly with band staff and student leadership to maintain structure behind the scenes.

Purpose

The purpose of the Band Manager is to:

- Support the daily operations of rehearsals and events.
- Ensure equipment and materials are organized and accessible.

- Assist in maintaining a safe, efficient, and structured environment.

This role allows the band staff and student leaders to focus on instruction and performance.

RESPONSIBILITIES

The Band Manager is responsible for:

- Assisting with setup and breakdown of rehearsals and events
- Managing equipment (instruments, stands, podiums, props, etc.)
- Organizing music, drill charts, and materials
- Supporting attendance tracking and check-ins (if assigned)
- Assisting with uniform distribution and organization
- Communicating important information to staff and leadership
- Maintaining cleanliness and organization of rehearsal areas

DURING REHEARSAL

The Band Manager must:

- Arrive early and assist with setup
- Be attentive to staff needs at all times
- Support efficient transitions between rehearsal segments
- Address equipment or logistical issues immediately
- Maintain organization of rehearsal space

DURING EVENTS & PERFORMANCES

The Band Manager must:

- Assist with loading and unloading equipment
- Help coordinate equipment movement on and off the field
- Support quick transitions and time management
- Ensure all materials are accounted for
- Serve as an organizational point of support behind the scenes

EXPECTATIONS

The Band Manager is expected to:

- Be reliable and consistently prepared
- Communicate clearly and respectfully
- Stay focused and proactive
- Anticipate needs rather than wait for direction
- Maintain professionalism at all times

LEADERSHIP STANDARD

The Band Manager is a critical part of the leadership team.

While not responsible for musical instruction, this role directly impacts the success, efficiency, and professionalism of the program.

ACCOUNTABILITY

Failure to meet expectations may result in:

- Verbal warning
- Leadership probation

- Removal from the Band Manager position

The Band Manager ensures that nothing behind the scenes prevents the Mighty Marching Bucks from performing at their highest level.

SAFETY & WELL-BEING

The safety and well-being of all students is a top priority of the Mighty Marching Bucks program.

Marching band is a physically demanding activity that often takes place in elevated temperatures. Students must take personal responsibility for their health, preparation, and awareness during all rehearsals and performances.

MEDICAL REQUIREMENTS

The following must be on file **before participation**:

- Current/updated physical
- Meal accommodations (if applicable)
- Required medication forms (if applicable)

Requirements:

- All documentation must be submitted and approved in advance
- Students may not participate without a current physical
- Medical needs must be documented—verbal communication is not sufficient

Failure to comply will result in removal from participation until requirements are met.

MEDICATION POLICY

- All medications must be documented and approved per school policy
- Students may not carry or use medication unless authorized
- Staff must be informed of all medical needs prior to participation

HYDRATION

Students must:

- Bring a full water bottle daily
- Drink water throughout rehearsal
- Take all scheduled breaks seriously

Failure to hydrate properly can result in:

- Dizziness
- Headaches
- Fatigue
- Vomiting
- Heat-related illness

NUTRITION

Students must:

- Eat a balanced meal before rehearsal
- Bring appropriate snacks if needed

Avoid:

- Energy drinks

- Excessive sugar
- Heavy or dairy-based foods before activity

Poor nutrition may lead to:

- Nausea or vomiting
- Fatigue
- Decreased performance

REQUIRED DAILY ITEMS

Students must bring:

- Plain white t-shirt
- Black shorts
- Black socks
- Tennis shoes
- Water bottle (filled)
- Hat
- Sunscreen
- Bug spray
- Hygiene kit
- Black 3-ring binder (sheet music)

Students may not rely on others for required items.

WARNING SIGNS (REPORT IMMEDIATELY)

- Dizziness or lightheadedness
- Nausea or vomiting
- Severe headache
- Muscle cramps
- Extreme fatigue

RESPONSE & SAFETY AUTHORITY

- Students must report symptoms immediately
- Staff will assess and determine next steps
- Students may be removed from activity for safety

All safety decisions are final.

INJURY & MEDICAL CONCERNS

- All injuries must be reported immediately
- Students must follow all medical guidance
- Medical conditions must be documented in advance

PREPARATION FOR SAFETY

Students must arrive with:

- Proper attire
- Required materials
- Hydration and nutrition

Failure to prepare may result in removal from participation for safety reasons.

ENVIRONMENTAL CONDITIONS

Rehearsals may be adjusted based on:

- Extreme heat
- Weather conditions
- Safety concerns

All adjustments will be communicated through the Band app.

BAND FEES

Participation in the Mighty Marching Bucks requires a band fee to cover essential costs associated with the marching season.

TOTAL BAND FEES (by section)

\$350 per instrumentalist

\$400 per percussion

\$350 per Sassy

INITIAL BAND FEE (PERFORMANCE WEAR)

The initial portion of the band fee covers all required performance wear.

Included Items:

- Warm-up suit (jacket and pants)
- Practice shorts
- Practice shirt
- Spats
- Band shoes
- Hat

Book bags may be available but at an additional cost.

These items are required for participation and ensure a consistent and professional appearance across the ensemble. Failure to remain current on payments may result in restricted participation in performances and events.

ADDITIONAL COST COVERAGE

Band fees also support:

- Equipment purchases and maintenance.
- Props and field production materials
- Transportation (buses, fuel, drivers)
- Competition and event fees
- Band camp supplies and logistics.

PAYMENT SCHEDULE

- **Deposit:** \$100 due by _____
- **Payment 1:** \$100 due by _____
- **Payment 2:** \$100 due by _____
- **Final Payment:** \$100/50 (final amount based on section) due by _____

All payments must be completed by: _____

PAYMENT METHODS

Accepted payment methods:

- Cash
- Check payable to:
- Online payment

IMPORTANT POLICIES

- Band fees are **required for participation**.
- Fees must be paid according to the schedule unless prior arrangements are approved.
- Students may be restricted from performances if payments are not current

NON-REFUNDABLE POLICY

- The portion of fees covering performance wear is **non-refundable once items have been ordered**.
- Band fees are tied to participation in the program, not individual attendance or continued involvement.

FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE & FUNDRAISING

We understand that band fees can be a financial commitment.

- Fundraising opportunities will be provided.
- Payment plans may be arranged upon request.

Families are encouraged to communicate early regarding financial concerns.

Band fees directly support the success and operation of the Mighty Marching Bucks. Every contribution ensures that students are properly equipped and that the program maintains a high standard of performance and professionalism.

PARENT VOLUNTEER PROGRAM

The success of the Mighty Marching Bucks depends on strong parent and guardian involvement.

Volunteers play a vital role in ensuring rehearsals, events, and performances run smoothly and efficiently.

We encourage all families to support the program by participating in at least one volunteer area during the season.

BACKGROUND CHECK REQUIREMENT (MANDATORY)

All volunteers **MUST** complete a background check through Hoke County Schools prior to participating in any band-related activities.

Requirements:

- Must be completed AND approved BEFORE volunteering
- Applies to ALL volunteer roles
- No interaction with students is permitted without approval

Deadline:

All background checks must be approved by July 31, 2026 (See band staff for background check form or download Hoke County Schools Website:

HOME>Departments>Human Resources>Volunteers>Volunteer Background Check Info)

Important:

- Pending, incomplete, or denied checks are NOT accepted
- No approval = no participation
- No exceptions will be made

HOW TO SIGN UP

Ask about the volunteer sign up form!.

Important:

- Sign-ups will be posted in advance
- Volunteers must register prior to events
- No same-day or walk-in sign-ups permitted

Reminders and updates will be sent through the Band app.

VOLUNTEER AREAS

Fundraising & Revenue.

Responsible for planning and coordinating fundraising activities, including events, campaigns, and revenue-generating initiatives.

Sponsorship and Business Outreach Committee

Responsible for developing relationships with businesses, securing sponsorships, and managing donor recognition.

Events & Student Support

Responsible for organizing, chaperoning, and supporting events, including meals, banquets, and hospitality for performances and competitions.

Volunteer Coordination Committee

Responsible for recruiting, organizing, and scheduling volunteers for Booster Club activities.

Concessions Committee

Responsible for managing concession operations, including inventory, staffing, and financial tracking.

Communications Committee

Responsible for managing communications, including social media, emails, announcements, and promotional materials.

Equipment and Logistics Committee

Responsible for assisting with uniforms, equipment, transportation, coordination, and event organization.

Special Committees

Committees for specific purposes or events. Special committees are temporary.

IMPORTANT NOTES

- Volunteers must sign up in advance—no walk-ins
- Instructions will be provided prior to each event
- Volunteers must check the Band app regularly for updates

A strong volunteer program supports a strong band program. Your involvement helps create a safe, organized, and successful experience for every student in the Mighty Marching Bucks.

STUDENT & PARENT AGREEMENT

By signing below, we acknowledge that we have received, read, and understand the expectations outlined in the Mighty Marching Bucks Welcome Packet. We confirm that we understand all expectations and agree to uphold the standards of the Hoke High School Band Program - Mighty Marching Bucks.

We acknowledge that communication, preparation, and accountability are essential to student success within the program.

This includes, but is not limited to:

- Attendance requirements
- Performance expectations
- Code of conduct
- Anti-bullying policy
- Band fees and financial obligations.
- Volunteer requirements (including background checks)
- Communication expectations (Band app usage)
- Band contract enforcement policies.

STUDENT AGREEMENT

I understand that participation in the Mighty Marching Bucks is a privilege and requires commitment, discipline, and accountability.

I agree to:

- Follow all band rules and expectations.
- Attend all required rehearsals and performances.
- Come prepared with proper attire and materials.
- Demonstrate respect toward staff and peers.
- Always maintain appropriate behavior.

I understand that failure to meet expectations may result in disciplinary action, including removal from performances or the program.

Student Name (Print): _____

Student Signature: _____

Date: _____

PARENT/GUARDIAN AGREEMENT

I understand the expectations of the Mighty Marching Bucks program and agree to support my student in meeting these expectations.

I agree to:

- Ensure my student arrives on time and prepared
- Monitor and use the Band app for communication
- Support program rules and staff decisions
- Complete required background check if volunteering
- Fulfill financial obligations and payment deadlines

I understand that failure to meet expectations may impact my student's participation.

Parent/Guardian Name (Print): _____

Parent/Guardian Signature: _____

Date: _____

EMERGENCY CONTACT INFORMATION

Primary Contact Name: _____

Relationship to Student: _____

Phone Number: _____

Secondary Contact Name: _____

Relationship to Student: _____

Phone Number: _____

MEDICAL INFORMATION (Optional but Recommended)

Known Allergies/Conditions: _____

Additional Notes: _____