



Bands

Madison Central Band Terminology

BOA: Bands of America

Bands of American, a division of Music For All, are marching band regional and national competitions held at various locations around the country in the fall. The Madison Central Band will compete in Columbus this fall.

<https://marching.musicforall.org/>

Booster Account

An account funded by booster fundraiser activities and member contributions. The money in this account is used by the band directors and boosters to pay expenses of the band program not funded by the school district.

Madison Central Band Boosters, Band Parents

The Madison Central Band Boosters is open to all parents/guardians of band members (instrumentalists and guard) and membership is automatic when your student joins band. The Band Boosters helps the band program by raising funds and providing volunteer labor. The Band Boosters has officers who are elected as well as committee chairs. The elected officers and immediate past president (ex officio) will comprise the Executive Council, with the band directors serving as advisors. The Band Boosters holds monthly meetings August-May on the second Monday at 7:00pm.

By-Laws

The Band Boosters, Inc. has by-laws to govern its conduct. By-laws are available on the MCHS Bands website.

Chaperone

The Band Boosters helps the directors by supplying chaperones when needed (primarily for off campus events). Chaperone volunteers, if selected, agree to abide by all the rules of the Volunteer Confidentiality Training and all instructions and expectations of the directors. All chaperones must complete a background check, forms, and volunteer confidentiality training through Madison County Schools.

Charms

Charms is an information system that the band uses for email and text communication and that maintains student information. Charms allows you to make contributions online and allows you to track the status of your student's information at any time. You may access your student's account through Charms at

www.charmsoffice.com.

Contribution Requirement, Band Fees

While the Madison County Board of Education gives the Band substantial funding, the amount provided is nowhere near what the band needs to compete on a championship level. Therefore, it is necessary to encourage

a contribution for participating in the MCHS Marching Band. Students are not denied membership in the MCHS Marching Band due to an inability to pay.

Fundraising

Fundraising plays a vital role in building and maintaining a successful band program. Fundraisers provide staff, equipment, uniforms, drill writing, and musical arrangements. Continuous fundraisers for MCHS Marching Band include sponsorships, Kroger card donations, and Amazon Smile contributions. The band holds the annual cheese, sausage, and cookie dough sale; fruit and nut sale; and Tournament of Bands. MCHS Marching Band also provides concessions and catering staffing at ECU athletic events, the Kentucky Oaks, and the Kentucky Derby.

KMEA: Kentucky Music Educators Association

Each year the Kentucky Music Educators Association hosts KMEA State Championships. These contests are held at sites based on bids submitted to the KMEA board. The Madison Central Band traditionally competes in the 5A State Marching Band Championship at the end of October or beginning of November.

Pit Crew

The process and team who have volunteered to assist the band with physical tasks such as loading the semi-trailer, constructing and repairing equipment, and getting on and off the performance field.

Purple Lot

Purple Lot is the official practice area behind the Phillips Building and Daniel Boone Elementary, across Second Street from Madison Central. The majority of band rehearsals are held on Purple Lot. Drivers may access Purple Lot from N. Third Street near Georgia St. or from the entrance to Daniel Boone Elementary.

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The Madison Central Marching Band is a state of the art competitive marching band. It explores the latest trends in competitive marching band. MCHS Marching Band is an extra-curricular offering for band students at Madison Central and students from its feeder middle schools (by director approval only). The MCHS Marching Band includes all members who perform together, woodwinds, brass, percussion, color guard, and drum majors.

MCS: Madison County Schools

Section Parents

Section parents work together to support section activities such as ordering section shirts, parties during band camp and for state, and providing goodie bags for section members. Section Parents also fill volunteer positions during fundraisers as assigned per section. Sections are based on instruments or groups (i.e. flutes, trumpets, pit, color guard, etc.)

Show Shirts

Shirts depicting the show theme of the band each fall. Band members receive a short sleeve show shirt as part of their band contributions. These shirts are often used as the uniform for football games and the homecoming parade. Additional short sleeve shirts, long sleeve shirts, and hoodies are offered for purchase.

Sportsmanship

The tradition of the Madison Central Marching Band is to applaud and support all marching bands at all football games, parades, competitions, and festivals. Please take the lead. Stand up, clap, cheer, and show your appreciation for band members of all schools. This also applies to social media. We support all bands and display only positive, supportive posts and comments about our band as well as other bands.

TOB: Tournament of Bands

Annual band competition hosted and executed by Madison Central Marching Band each October that features bands from across the state. This is a large fundraiser of the MCHS Band Program. MCHS Marching Band does not compete, however they do perform in exhibition following the last band and just prior to finals awards. Parents are encouraged to volunteer for this event as there is a wide variety of duties that are essential to make this event a success.

Transportation and Travel

Transportation is provided for all band members to and from every marching band performance and competition. All students are expected to travel to and from band performances and competitions with the band and are assigned a bus to ride to and from every event during that season. Family members are not allowed to use MCS transportation unless acting as an official chaperone or in an official band booster capacity. Band parents traveling in personal vehicles with the band should not insert their vehicles between the school buses but may follow.

Volunteer Confidentiality Training

In order to volunteer in a capacity that supervises students, volunteers must complete Volunteer Confidentiality Training conducted by Madison County Schools. Each year MCS offers several training opportunities across the county. Volunteers previously trained must complete the paperwork sent from MCS to remain on the Volunteer list.