

Streetsboro High School
Instrumental Music Department

2018 Marching Rockets Handbook



Individual Effort

The Marching Rockets are a musical ensemble that functions similarly to a team, and as with all teams, require individual effort to succeed. Every member of the Marching Rockets is vital to our success. Dedication to practice is necessary, because when one member does not come to a performance prepared, the entire ensemble hurts. You, as an individual, are the most important part of the Marching Rockets.

Pride and Uniformity

We are proud to represent the entire Streetsboro City School District. We must always act with pride, integrity, and respect to all. Every time we gather as a band we are performing in some way. Your uniform embodies the spirit of the band, and will be kept in perfect condition. You must have all uniform items to participate in performances and will be graded on appearance.

Punctuality

If you're early then you're on time, and if you're on time then you're late. It's a nice catch-phrase, but you should take it to heart. Start times for all events (rehearsals, performances, etc) are not the time you need to be arriving. Arrive early enough before start times to be prepared. Late arrivals must be communicated to your leaders. All rehearsals begin promptly at the indicated time, so arrive at least 10 minutes prior. All performance and rehearsals are mandatory. Rare conflicts need to be communicated well in advance. Perfect attendance and punctuality are the norm.

Perfection is Our Goal, and Excellence is our Expectation

We spend a great amount of time planning, preparing, and practicing for our performances. Teamwork, dedication, leadership, and passion are what make us excellent, and these qualities must endure throughout the entire season. Always set the example for those around you, care for the people in your charge, dedicate yourself to this band, and help bring out the best qualities of those around you.

STUDENT LEADERSHIP ROLES AND THE CHAIN OF COMMAND

Student leaders embody the core values of the Marching Rockets, and are selected because they hold themselves to a high standard of musicianship, drill, integrity, and followership.

Drum Major/Assistant Drum Major:

A drum major is expected to epitomize the core values of all our student leaders in the Marching Rockets. The primary purpose of this position is to serve as a student liaison between students and directors. This is demonstrated by serving as field assistants for the ensemble during rehearsals and performance. They are expected to conduct the Marching Rockets and assist in teaching marching fundamentals and drill. The drum major is also responsible for their preparation of twirling and knowing the full score to all music and drill charts.

Section Leaders:

The section leaders are responsible for their instrument group and for leading their sections in the memorization of music and drill charts. Section leaders are models for their section's marching *and* playing. If a section leader feels additional rehearsal time is necessary, they are expected to coordinate sectionals outside of scheduled rehearsals. They should also check that music is being marked properly. Section leaders will also report their section's attendance to the drum majors.

Squad Leaders:

The squad leader is the first person responsible for the learning of music and drill. They are responsible for ensuring that their squad is prepared in every way for performances. Squad leaders will be in charge of a small group of members. Squad leaders will teach their squads the drill charts and will work closely with their squad members. Squad leaders are responsible for the memorization of their squad's music and enforcing marching fundamentals. They will also report their squad's attendance to the section leader.

EXPECTATIONS

Be the example through your attitude at all times. Negativity is easily spread and not easily cured.

The only way to be a true leader is to be a true follower. When someone asks you to do something, it is not appropriate to question them so long as what is asked of you is safe and moral. This saves valuable rehearsal time and allows for flexibility.

Behave appropriately in and out of rehearsals. Absolutely NO TALKING while being addressed during rehearsals. Rehearsals will be held with a high level of professionalism and high expectations of student behavior.

All music must be memorized for performances. Those who do not memorize music will march with flip folders and lose performance points as a FIRST WARNING. Subsequent discipline includes loss of 3rd quarter privileges, removal from performances, and required individual practice time. Memorization 'check-offs' will take place on scheduled days, with music played solo,

Wear proper rehearsal attire. Closed toed shoes, follow school dress code, clothes from inclimate weather.

Wear the uniform properly: Clean, fitting, and stored properly. Please see uniform care instructions.

Gripes go up. Do not complain to those under your charge or you will erode the morale of the band and lose their respect as a leader.

Treat other members with respect and patience. We all learn differently and struggle in different areas. It is everyone's responsibility to develop each other as musicians and leaders through encouragement and dedication to each other.

Train new members to be your replacement.

There will be times for fun and times for work, do not confuse the two.

Leave rehearsal and performance areas better than you found them. Daily cleanups will be enforced to keep our facilities in good shape and maintain a sense of responsibility.

DAILY REQUIRED REHEARSAL ITEMS

- Instrument
- Music and drill charts
- Flip-folder and lyre
- Sunscreen
- Water bottle
- Hat and/or sunglasses
- Appropriate clothes and shoes for marching
- Rain coat

Flip folders, lyres, band shirts, and shorts will be purchased by boosters and delivered to the school. Students must pay to receive theirs. See attached envelope for prices and order forms

UNIFORM ITEMS

- Hat and Plume (*school owned*)
- Trousers and Jacket (*school owned*)
- Rain coat (*school owned*)
- Chords (*seniors only*)
- Marching Shoes
- Black Socks
- White Gloves
- White Band Shirt
- Drawstring bag (All Freshman receive one free!)

“Summer Uniform” Items

- White Band Shirt
- Khaki Shorts
- Closed Toe Tennis Shoes

TENTATIVE SCHEDULE

6/9,16,23,30	Car Washes (<i>students expected to attend at least one!</i>)
6/20, 22, 25	SHS "Drumline Mini-Camp" @ SHS (11:00am to 2:00pm)
7/30	Leadership Camp (8:00-12:00)
7/31	Leaders and New Joins Pre-Camp (8:00-12:00)
8/1-8/3	Full Band Pre-Camp (8:00-12:00)
8/3	Uniform fittings (12:00)
8/4	Tag Day (Mandatory)
8/6-8/10	Band Camp @ SHS (8:00 am - 5:00 PM)
8/13-8/16	Post-Camp Morning Rehearsals (8:00-12:00)
8/17	Cedar Point Trip
8/19	Ice Cream Social (morning/early afternoon)
9/8	Solon Band Bash
9/29	Mayfield Band Bash
TBD	Final Marching Rockets Performance

Football Game Schedule: Every Friday from 8/24/18-10/26/18

08/24	@ Kenston High School Stadium	7:00 PM	Report Time: TBA
08/31	Home vs Orange	7:00 PM	Report Time: TBA
09/7	@ Chagrin Falls Harris Stadium	7:00 PM	Report Time: TBA
09/14	@ Springfield High School Stadium	7:00 PM	Report Time: TBA
09/21	Home vs Woodridge	7:00 PM	Report Time: TBA
09/28	@ Field High School Stadium	7:00 PM	Report Time: TBA
10/05	Home vs Coventry: Homecoming	7:00 PM	Report Time: TBA
10/12	@ Norton High School Stadium	7:00 PM	Report Time: TBA
10/19	Home vs. Ravenna: Senior Night	7:00 PM	Report Time: TBA
10/26	@ Cloverleaf High School Stadium	7:00 PM	Report Time: TBA

After school rehearsals every Wednesday until 4:00 PM, other after school rehearsals will be communicated in advance as needed.

Conflicts?

We believe that students should be given the opportunity to participate in multiple extra-curricular activities. As such, we will always work with other sports, teams, and clubs to make sure you can be an active member in any other extracurricular activities. OUR performances are mandatory attendance, and any conflicts need to be communicated ahead of time. Students with leadership positions in the Marching Rockets will be expected to make our rehearsals a priority in their schedule.

Discipline

In past years, students have been disciplined by being assigned laps to run after rehearsal. This is no longer going to be a punishment, but that does not mean that discipline will not exist. Students who break the student code of conduct or the expectations listed in the marching handbook will be dealt with on an individual basis and given disciplinary action that will be related to their infraction. Discipline can include loss of 3rd quarter, benched for halftime performances, required practice time, and school administration referrals.

SHS Marching Rockets Uniform Agreement

This is an agreement between the band member at Streetsboro High School, Streetsboro City Schools, and the Streetsboro Band Boosters.

I understand that uniforms are the property of Streetsboro City School District and that the following standard uniform is provided for my use during band performances: Hat, ploom, jacket, overalls, raincoat, garment bag, and drawstring bag. This uniform assigned is numbered and is not to be used by any other students, and may only be taken home with permission from one of the directors.

All band members must purchase and keep shoes and gloves as specified by the band directors. Band uniforms must be carried in the garment bag provided. The uniform pants have snaps available at the hem. Please set snaps so the hem is 1.5 – 2.5 inches above the floor. If the hem is at dress pant length, the material will drag when marching and become shredded.

I agree to safeguard the uniform issued to me, and to avoid behavior that would stain or damage the uniform. I agree to reimburse Streetsboro City Schools for uniform items lost or damaged through my negligence.

I agree to correctly store the uniform after each performance as instructed by the directors and shown on the uniform storage instructions. I understand that I will be removed from the performance if not passing inspection. I will DRY clean the uniform per director instruction if needed outside of the two cleaning services provided by the school district. I agree to return the uniform free of rips, stains or other damage.

If I do not properly store the uniform after each use I understand I will be given one warning and then be fined \$5 for each uniform piece improperly stored. This \$5 will go towards uniform repairs and cleaning.

I understand that appropriate dress for underneath marching band uniform is school appropriate sport shorts (nylon or cotton), band t-shirt, and black long socks .

Costs for replacement are as follows:

Jacket	\$230
Garment Bag	\$19
Trousers	\$120
Raincoat	\$88
Hat	\$60
Ploom	\$20
Hat Box	\$18
Beret (Tubas only)	\$8
Gloves	\$2
Chords (seniors only)	\$17
Drawstring bag	\$15

I have read the above Uniform Agreement

Student _____

Uniform Storage Instructions

Hat's, Trousers and Jackets are all numbered. The numbers on each piece of your uniform should match the information on the outside of your garment bag.

If they do not match, please notify a director immediately.

1. Check the numbers on your trousers, jacket, and hat every time before storing to make sure you have the uniform that was assigned to you and did not pick up someone else's accidentally.
2. Uniform trousers and jackets should be neatly hung on a hanger. If you do not know how your uniform is to be hung, please see your section leader or director for a demonstration.
3. Uniform trousers and jacket should be placed into your assigned garment bag.
4. Gloves, Bandana's, Extra Black Socks (recommended) and drawstring bag should be stored in the zipper compartment of your garment bag
5. Uniform garment bags should be inspected by one of your section leaders before returning your garment bag to the hanging rack. Your section leader will verify the right numbered uniform is in the right garment bag and is hanging on the hanger correctly.
6. Hats should be properly placed in your assigned hat box. All hat boxes should be returned to the uniform storage closet.
7. Shoe Boxes should be labeled with your name and shoes should be properly placed inside the box, and put in the uniform storage closet. You are also permitted to take shoes home, **HOWEVER**, it is your responsibility to remember to bring your shoes every week. You will not be permitted to march without the proper footwear.
8. Under no circumstance, should any piece of a uniform be stored in a cubby, or left in the band room. This includes your shoes. Any parts of a uniform found in the band room, will need to be retrieved by seeing the directors. Improper storage will result in disciplinary action as follows:
 - First Offense- Verbal/Written Warning
 - Second Offense- \$5.00 (per item)
 - Each Additional Offense- \$5.00 fine (per item), and possible removal from 3rd quarter or performances