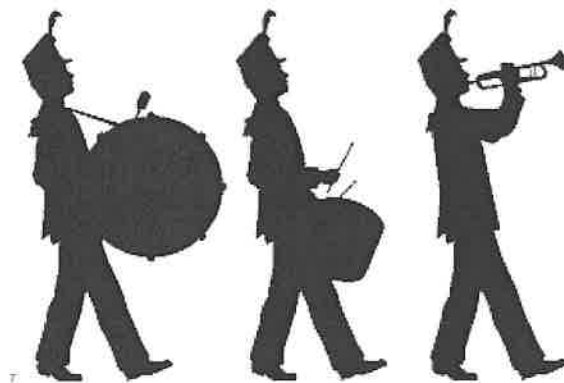


Edgewood High School

Marching Band Handbook



Edgewood Marching Cougars Staff

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Edgewood Band Boosters edgewoodbands@gmail.com

Marching Band Information 2021

Marching band is open to students in grades 9-12. This year's show theme will be announced by June 1st, 2021. There will be no informational meeting this year. At this point and time, we are planning a regular season. OMEA has scheduled contest dates and locations, but has not provided any information or guidelines concerning spectators. We will keep you updated on this as things transpire. We also plan on performing at football games. More to come.

Students should see Mr. Arnold to pick up a marching band packet with schedules and expectations for the season. Packets will be available the week of Monday May 3rd in the band room. These items will also be posted electronically on our website for your convenience, www.edgewoodbands.com

All woodwind, brass, and percussionists should be signed up for Marching Band class during the school day! If your child is attending post secondary or Butler Tech please send Mr. Arnold an email to let him know ASAP!

Action items that will need your attention:

1. Final Forms: All required paperwork via final forms online! **You must fill out all of all Final Forms and pay the Edgewood Band Booster deposit to be guaranteed a spot in the show! All Final forms and the \$50 deposit must be completed by June 1st!!!**

***Please make sure you read all the information in the handbook and sign off that you agree to the terms and conditions in final forms.

2. Band Fees:

Edgewood Marching Band Fee Structure:

Please read all the information carefully and let me know if you have any questions:

Cost of Participation for Everyone:

1. Edgewood Band Booster Fees \$275. A non-refundable deposit (\$50) due by June 1st. (Please note: this fee is paid directly to the Edgewood Band Boosters and is separate from the activity fee.) The remaining balance of the band fee (\$225) will be due on JULY 1st. Any student who is not current will lose their spot in the show. These fees will enable your band student to use a uniform, hat, & gauntlets for the season, as well as a portion of the guard uniform. It will enable the entire group to receive gloves, utilize performance equipment (props, flags, etc).

2. Edgewood City Schools Activity Fee: Edgewood City Schools reinstated activity fees this past summer. The cost is \$50, in addition to band fees. This fee is separate from the Band Booster Fees and is paid directly to the school. This fee is due before the first game on August 20th. (There is an option on final forms to pay this fee electronically.)

Activity Fee (\$50) paid to "Edgewood City Schools."

Payments may be made in the following ways:

1. For all Edgewood Band Booster Fees: Bring a check to Mr. Arnold, please make checks payable to "Edgewood Band Boosters." Over the summer you may mail a check to the Edgewood Band Boosters PO Box 231, Trenton Ohio 45067.

Booster fees may also be paid electronically: We strongly encourage everyone to pay electronically if at all possible. We are able to accept credit/debit card payments via PayPal at: <https://www.paypal.me/EdgewoodBoosters>

2. ***Edgewood City School Activity fees are paid directly to the school. These can be paid electronically on Final forms, or you can go to the board office to make a payment. Students may also bring a check to Mr. Arnold.

****Additional Items NOT covered in the band/activity
fee****

**These additional items are paid directly to the "Edgewood
Band Boosters"**

1. **For Band Members.** Cost for marching shoes is \$35. (This money will be collected at band camp.) ***All payments should be made payable to "Edgewood Band Boosters."*** We will deal with shoes during camp.
2. **Guard members** must purchase their own uniform, and shoes. The cost for guard uniforms will be \$80. ***This \$80 fee will be due by May 15th.*** so that we can secure the order. If uniforms become less than the required amount, the difference will be applied to the member's band fees. **Since the uniforms are custom made, the uniform fee is non-refundable.**
Guard shoes cost \$35 (shoe money is collected before the end of band camp). ***All payments should be made payable to "Edgewood Band Boosters."***
Again, these costs are **in addition** to the band and activity fees.
3. **Percussionists** are required to provide their own sticks and mallets. Cost is \$15-25 per set of sticks. See Mr. Fields for more information.

Your timely attention to all fees and final forms is greatly appreciated and ensures a smooth start to the season. Please contact Mr. Arnold if you have any questions, or concerns.

Sincerely,

Jon Arnold
Director of Bands
Edgewood City Schools
"Inspiring Minds Together"
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Edgewood Marching Band Action Item Checklist:

1. _____ \$80 Guard Uniform fee due May 15th (guard members only).
2. _____ \$50 Edgewood Band Booster Deposit Due June 1st.
3. _____ Final Forms completed by June 1st. (*Please make sure you read all the information in the handbook and sign off that you agree to the terms and conditions in final forms as well.*)
4. _____ \$225 remaining fee due to boosters by July 1
5. _____ \$50 Activity Fee paid to Edgewood City Schools by first football game 8/20.
6. _____ \$35 Shoe fee paid during band camp. More information to follow.
7. _____ Stick fee for percussionists. Mr. Fields will let you know the cost at a later time.

Thanks for your time and attention to taking care of these items.

2021 Summer Camp Schedule:

July 19-23 Pre-Camps

Percussion Camp 9-4 Monday-Friday

July 20,22 (T,TH) Woodwind and Brass Music sectional 9-noon.

July 21,23 (W, F) New Members camp 9-Noon.

July 26-30 Camp Week #1 Everyone 9-3

August 2-6 Camp Week #2 Everyone. 9-3

Pack a lunch for the all day camps.

*All camps will take place at Edgewood High School

****Guard will have additional summer rehearsals. Please refer to the guard schedule for more details and information.

Thanks,

Mr. Arnold

EHS Colorguard Summer Schedule 2021

Practices will be every Tuesday and Thursday from 10:00am-12:00pm (10am-1:00pm for weapons). We will be using the bus parking lot at EHS for all practices, weather permitting. Here is a list of all summer practice dates:

- June 22
- June 24
- June 29
- July 1
- July 6
- July 8
- July 13
- July 15
- July 20
- July 22

There will be no practices during the weeks of June 7-11 and June 14-18. Mrs. Huffman will be on her honeymoon those two weeks

Camp Dates

Week #1: July 26-30 from 9:00am-4:00pm (full band)

Week #2: August 2-6 from 9:00am-4:00pm (full band)

Potential Contest Dates Fall 2021

Sept 25 Hamilton

Oct 2 Location TBA

Oct 23 Shawnee (11am) and/or Turpin (5pm.)

Oct 31 or Nov 7th. OMEA State Finals, Dayton Welcome Stadium

*****Please leave entire days for contests open. These are tentative dates and subject to revision and change. Spectator information has not yet been released at this time. We will communicate when it becomes available.

Edgewood (Trenton) High School

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Russ Fussnecker

Principal
Doug Geygan

Athletic Director
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Varsity Football (Boys)

Fall 2021-2022

<u>Day</u>	<u>Date</u>	<u>Opponent</u>	<u>Place</u>	<u>Time</u>
Friday	Aug. 20	Milford High School	Kumler Field - Edgewood	7:00PM
Friday	Aug. 27	@ Hamilton High School	Hamilton High School	7:00PM
Friday	Sep. 03	@ Franklin Senior High School	Franklin Senior High School	7:00PM
Friday	Sep. 10	Bishop Fenwick HS	Kumler Field - Edgewood	7:00PM
Friday	Sep. 17	Chaminade Julienne HS	Kumler Field - Edgewood	7:00PM
Friday	Sep. 24	@ Mount Healthy High School	Mount Healthy High School	7:00PM
Friday	Oct. 01	@ Northwest High School	Northwest High School	7:00PM
Friday	Oct. 08	Talawanda High School (<i>Homecoming</i>)	Kumler Field - Edgewood	7:00PM
Friday	Oct. 15	Ross High School	Kumler Field - Edgewood	7:00PM
Friday	Oct. 22	@ William Henry Harrison High Sch	William Henry Harrison High Sch	7:00PM
Friday	Oct. 29	OPEN (<i>PlayOffs</i>)	Edgewood (Trenton) High School	TBA

MARCHING BAND EXPECTATIONS

Attendance Expectations: All rehearsals and performances are mandatory. Attendance will be taken at all rehearsals and performances.

1. Written excuses signed by a parent or guardian are required before or immediately following an absence. Students need to present a note from their parents or guardian to be excused for illness or family emergencies. (email Mr. Arnold - jon.arnold@edgewoodschools.net with notification of any absences.) Drumline and Pit members should contact Mr. Fields by email nick.fields@edgewoodschools.net, and Mrs. Huffman, sabrina.huffman@edgewoodschools.net for guard.

2. All working students should provide their employers with the summer and fall schedules, thus providing a means of eliminating schedule conflicts.

3. Conflicts with other school organizations will be taken into consideration provided: A) The directors are informed in writing by the student, one week in advance of the conflict. B) The student must be in good standing according to the rules and regulations of the organization.

4. An unexcused absence from a rehearsal, may result in the loss of position or suspension for the upcoming weekend performance. **SPECIAL NOTE:** An unexcused absence may result in the loss of your position, suspension and/or expulsion from the group at the discretion of the director. The goal of our attendance policy is to provide information to students, parents, and directors when there is an attendance problem. The safety and security of our members are a priority.

PLEASE NOTE: Any student who quits or is expelled from band for any reason will not be entitled to a refund since expenses are pre-paid.

Edgewood City Schools Code of Conduct: A firm and fair policy of enforcement is necessary to uphold the regulations and standards of the Music Department. The community, school administrators, and the music staff feel strongly that high standards of conduct and citizenship are essential in maintaining a sound program in Music Education. The welfare of the student is our major consideration and transcends any other consideration. All band members shall abide by a Code of Conduct, which will earn them the honor and respect that participation in the Extra Curricular Music Program affords. Any conduct that results in dishonor to the musician, the Marching Band or the school will not be tolerated. Acts of unacceptable conduct include but are not limited to theft, vandalism, disrespect, or violation of law. Students participating in the Marching Band must conduct themselves as mature young men and women. Participation in extracurricular programs is a privilege and not a right. Any band member whose conduct could be construed to reflect discredit upon the band and/or the school, will be subject to disciplinary action as determined by the music staff and/or administration. Issues of misconduct, which are not directly stated within this document, will be dealt with on an individual basis. This is an extension of the Edgewood City Schools Student Code of Conduct.

Marching Band Expectations:

1. Treat all members with mutual respect.
2. Be punctual and in your designated area at all times. Being "On time" in band language means ten minutes prior to the scheduled starting time. Students who are late will be disciplined.
3. Profanity/disrespect will not be tolerated at any time.
4. It is the responsibility of each member to have all equipment and other pertinent items at all rehearsals (drill books, music, pencils, etc.) Likewise, it is just as important to make sure everything is put away and stored in its proper place after rehearsal.

Expectations in the stands during a football game: The band is a vital part of school spirit at football games. Watch the game and your director because things happen quickly. Be prepared to play the "Fight Song" after each touchdown. Rules while in the stands:

- Play your instrument only when the entire band plays. Stay in your section at all times!!!
- The bandstand is for band members only. Do not invite your friends to sit with you in the stand or enter the end zone area at any time.
 - Break comes in the third quarter.
- At the end of third quarter, you should be in your seat ready to play. If anyone is late, they will sit during third quarter of the next game.
- Take care of your instrument to prevent damage.
- Make a good impression. Remember, you are wearing an Edgewood uniform which stands for your school and community.
- You must have ALL of your music in your own personal flip folder with you at each game.

Expectations for Bus Trips:

*****PLEASE NOTE: All marching band members must ride the bus to and from ALL events.**

- Keep the bus clean; pick up and properly dispose of all trash.
- Maintain silence at railroad crossings
- Use moderation in talking and singing.
- Hands and arms must remain inside the bus at all times.
- Thank and listen to your bus drivers and chaperones.
- Stay seated while the bus is moving.
- Do not board or load equipment on the bus until asked to do so.
- Stay on the bus until asked to unload.
- Leave windows up when leaving away football games unless told otherwise.
- You must travel on the bus to all engagements.
- Band members must not play instruments near the unloading area.

Practice Clothing

1. Tennis shoes only (canvas or leather). No sandals, dress, or street shoes. (The need for freedom and flexibility in the ankle along with the placement of the heels and toes together is critical!)
2. Shorts, sweats, jeans, must not be binding.
3. Always wear socks for good personal hygiene to avoid foot injury such as blisters.
4. Any non-binding shirt is preferred for marching activities.
5. Due to the risk of personal injury, no dangling jewelry (i.e. earrings) will be permitted at any time.

GUARD MEMBERS PLEASE NOTE: Your hair must be pulled back and out of your face. Make sure this is done before practice. This is recommended for any band member who has longer than shoulder length hair.)

PROCEDURES

Discipline Procedure

1. Records will be kept concerning all violations of the rules in this handbook. Should it be necessary to reprimand any student for violation of these rules, we will follow these guidelines:

A. The first violation of any rule will result in a verbal warning.

B. The second violation of any rule will result in a verbal warning and an extra duty assignment handed out by the directors.

C. The third violation of any rule will result in a verbal warning and an extra duty assignment handed out by the directors, and the loss of third quarter privilege.

D. The fourth violation of any rule will result in the suspension from a performance (i.e. pre-game, half-time, or contest).

E. The fifth violation of any rule will result in the loss of position, and suspension or expulsion from the group. (Note: a violation that is considered severe will bypass the above steps and be handled immediately by directors and school administration) Direct communication with a student's parents will occur at the second step and will continue through the fifth step. We believe open communication with parents is an essential part of the success of the student in our organization.

2. In order to establish an organization with pride, unity, and self-discipline, we must enforce the rules set forth by the directors and members of this organization. Every effort will be made to be fair and just with all members.

Should any student or parent have a question concerning any disciplinary action, contact the directors immediately.

*During third quarter of the football games, band members are allowed to get refreshments and meet with friends. If a student loses third quarter privileges, he/she must sit in the bleachers for the duration of third quarter at the next football game.

Uniform Inspection

Prior to performances, members must pass through an inspection of their uniform and equipment. This is done so we can have the best appearance possible, to develop good personal habits, and pride. The following criteria have been

established for achieving a clean and uniform look in our band: 1. No jewelry is to be worn while in uniform. 2. No nail polish is to be worn while in uniform. 3. A short or long sleeved shirt (preferably the band tour shirt or summer band shirt) must be worn under the uniform coat, **no spaghetti strap shirts permitted.** (This is necessary for proper personal hygiene and uniformity.) 4. Black socks will be worn while in uniform. 5. Hair must not cover the collar when hats are worn. Any member with long hair must pin their hair up. 6. All uniform parts must be worn properly. 7. When not performing, but still in uniform, all members may remove only gloves and hats unless the directors issue another directive.

Color Guard Uniforms The color guard's marching uniform tends to change each year by what the show design and theme requires. Uniform items color guard members purchase will remain their property at the end of the season.

Marching Band Uniforms Summer marching uniforms consist of summer shirts, purchased from the band, khaki shorts, socks and tennis shoes. The shoes and socks are the student's responsibility to obtain before the first summer performance. The marching band uniforms are provided for each student by the band. The students should wear tour T-shirts and shorts under their uniforms. This makes dressing much easier because there is no privacy when changing into uniforms. At competitions dressing is done out in the parking lot and in the band room for football games.

Tour Shirts

Each student will be provided with a tour shirt. Each year there is a new tour shirt representing the show that is being performed that year. Students are expected to wear their tour shirts when they travel to competitions so when they are out of uniform it is easy for chaperones to spot Edgewood students. Please remind your student to always wear their tour shirt. **Chaperones** These are the parents who travel with the students every time they leave the school, primarily for football games and competitions. The majority of chaperoning opportunities occur during Marching Band season but there are also several opportunities during Concert Band season when the band travels to OMEA Adjudicated Events in the spring. **Chaperones will be designated by the band director.**

Communication The band tries very hard to keep the lines of communication open. The main avenues are:

1. **Website** - www.edgewoodbands.com Updates from the directors and the boosters will be posted on the link. Please check out our site often. 2. Email - We maintain a database of emails for distribution of all information 3. *REMIND app* - This link is used for last minute changes and next day reminders, as well as ETA's for getting to the high school from away events: Enter 81010 and text @f6h49. Students - all pertinent information is communicated to your students either verbally or with a flier. This, at times, is the least reliable means of getting information so prior to big events (competitions, trips, etc.) you may want to ask your student if information has been sent home with them or check the website. Questions and/or concerns should be communicated first to the directors. All percussion questions should go to Mr. Fields, and guard questions go to Mrs. Huffman.

Marching Band Rehearsal

The after school rehearsals are very important. They allow the students to continue to refine and polish the music and drill learned during band camp. Drill and music are constantly being refined/changed to make the show the best it can be, so please ensure that your student regularly attends.

Football Games EHS Marching Band performs at every home football game and away games. They perform portions of, or sometimes the entire Marching Band Show at halftime of the game. This is always an opportunity to work on perfecting the show and learning to perform to an audience. Every student is required to attend these games and any absence needs to be discussed with the director. During the game the band sits together, plays pep tunes, and has a lot of fun. They perform during half time and then get the third quarter off to get refreshments, visit friends, and relax. All students remain in their uniforms during the **entire** game.

Band Contest/Performances Parents and families are always invited to any and all performances. We try to make it a practice to sit as a group at a contest or performance to cheer our students on. Nothing is better for the students than to give their best performance and get a standing ovation from the parents acknowledging all their hard work. Maps or directions to competitions are always available several days prior and are usually emailed out or are also in print for your student to bring home. **Practice/Performance Schedule** A lot of time is spent putting a band schedule together deciding all dates and times upfront so students and parents can plan accordingly, and we endeavor to change the

schedule as seldom as possible. A few reasons for schedule changes are: a) a competition/game has been canceled or rescheduled which is out of the director's control b) new opportunities to showcase the student's talents become available after the schedule is published **TBA Times** Competitions do not inform the directors of their performance time until about a week before the performance. Therefore, the "big picture" schedule will indicate the day to keep open and the specific times will be passed on to the students as soon as the director knows. This can be frustrating for overall scheduling for families but it is out of the director's control.

Rule of Thumb: On Band Competition dates, please keep the entire day open!

Schedules for the TBA performances are almost always available one week prior to the performance and will be communicated via the band webpage and verbally to students. The itinerary will also be posted in the band room.