

Edgewood High School

Marching Band Handbook 2024



Edgewood Marching Cougars Staff

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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 (ww, brass and guard) and Mr. Fields (percussionists) nick.fields@edgewoodschools.net with notification of any absences.)

2. All working students should provide their employers with the summer and fall schedules, thus providing a means of eliminating schedule conflicts. Work is not an excused absence or reason to arrive late or leave early. Please don't ask.

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 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. Please make sure your email address is current in Final Forms.
3. ***REMIND app*** - This message system is used for quick information and reminders, as well as ETA's for getting to the high school from away events:

Enter the number 81010 and text this @24edqemb

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.*

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. Rule regarding absences above.

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.

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.

EDGEWOOD MARCHING BAND HANDBOOK SIGNATURE
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We acknowledge and agree that we shall abide by the provisions of the Edgewood Marching Band Handbook.

Student Signature _____

Parent/Guardian Signature _____

Date _____

Edgewood Marching Band Fee Information 2024

Please read the financial information carefully and please let us know if you have any questions.

-Mr. Arnold and Mr. Fields

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 booster 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. *The financial page on final forms will be updated and please wait until next week to update final forms.*

Please note: Physicals are not required for the Marching Band.

2. Band Fees/Edgewood Participation fees: **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 the first day of pre camp (July 23rd). 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 Participation fee \$500** *The cost is in addition to band fees. This fee is separate from the Band Booster Fee and is paid directly to the school. This fee is due on or before August (Date TBA). (There is an option on final forms to pay this fee electronically) or you may go pay at the board office.*

Payments may be made in the following ways:

1. **For all Edgewood Band Booster Fees/other band related expenses:** (\$275 fee, guard uniforms, shoes, etc.)

Electronically: We strongly encourage everyone to pay Edgewood Band Booster fees electronically if at all possible. This can be used for band fees and any extra fees you may incur. We are able to accept credit/debit card payments Here is the electronic payment link:
https://swipesimple.com/links/lnk_89b6a61b

or... Bring a check to Mr. Arnold or Mr. Fields, 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.

Edgewood Band Boosters Payment Link



2. *****Edgewood City School Participation fees are paid directly to the school. (\$500). These can be paid electronically on Final forms, or you can go to the board office to make a payment.**

****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 \$40. (This money will be collected at band camp.) ***All payments should be made payable to "Edgewood Band Boosters."*** The shoe fitting for band members will be on Tuesday August 8th at 12:30.
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 June 1st.*** 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 shoe information will be provided at a later date as Buddy Rogers is no longer selling shoes. (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.

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

Please sign up for Remind messages if you haven't already done so. Sign up by sending a text to 81010 and the message should say @24edgemb

Upcoming Important Dates:

Percussion Camp July 23-26 - (9am-5pm) Tuesday-Friday

Guard Camp July 23-26 - (9am-4pm) Tuesday-Friday.

Rookie Camp July 24, 25, 26 - (9am-11am) Wednesday-Friday.

Band Camp Week #1 (everyone) July 29-August 2, (9am-4pm). .

Band Camp Week #2 (everyone) August 5-8 - (9am-4pm) Monday-Thursday

****Shoe Fitting** During Camp. More info TBD

*****Band Pictures** 8/9 more info TBA.

First day of school August 14th. After school rehearsals begin from 2:45-4:45PM. Once school starts, after school rehearsals are Mondays-Thursdays 2:45-4:45PM.

First Football game is on Friday August 23th away vs. Milford

Sincerely,

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"Inspiring Minds Together"
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MB Summer Dates and Potential Fall Contest

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Homecoming:

Parade = September 26th

Game = September 27th

Dance = September 28th

Potential Contest dates
Will be updated over the summer
Subject to revision and change

Fenwick Sept 21 Mid-States

Hamilton 10/5 OMEA

Piqua 10/12 OMEA

OMEA 10/19 Location TBA

Miamisburg 10/26 or Centerville 11/2 Mid-States

OMEA State Finals Oct 27 or Nov 3

MSBA Championships Nov 9th (Saturday)

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Superintendent
Kelly Spivey

Principal
Doug Geygan

Athletic Director
Scott Clemmons

Varsity Football (Boys)

Fall 2024-2025

<u>Day</u>	<u>Date</u>	<u>Opponent</u>	<u>Place</u>	<u>Depart</u>	<u>Time</u>
Friday	Aug. 23	@ Milford High School	Milford High School		7:00PM
Friday	Aug. 30	Springboro High School (<i>Youth Night</i>)	Kumler Field - Edgewood		7:00PM
Friday	Sep. 06	Badin HS (<i>Military Appreciation</i>)	Kumler Field - Edgewood		7:00PM
Friday	Sep. 13	Talawanda HS (<i>Hall of Fame</i>)	Kumler Field - Edgewood		7:00PM
Friday	Sep. 20	@ Chaminade Julienne HS	Chaminade Julienne HS		7:00PM
Friday	Sep. 27	Bellbrook HS (<i>Homecoming</i>)	Kumler Field - Edgewood		7:00PM
Friday	Oct. 04	@ Ross High School	Ross High School		7:00PM
Friday	Oct. 11	@ Valley View High School	Valley View High School		7:00PM
Friday	Oct. 18	Franklin Senior High School (<i>Senior Night</i>)	Kumler Field - Edgewood		7:00PM
Friday	Oct. 25	@ Monroe HS/JH	Monroe HS/JH		7:00PM

Band Camp checklist

SUN SCREEN

WATER JUG

Loose-fitting, light-colored clothing

Sunglasses

Hair must be out of face

Tennis shoes and socks: Sandals, flip-flops, and other shoes are not permitted

Sack lunch for summer camp days.

Instrument

Binder and sheet protectors for music

Pencil

2024 EHS Marching Band Student Information Form:

Please scan the QR code and fill out the Google Form:



Edgewood Band Volunteer Information

Name _____

Child's Name _____

Phone number _____

Email _____

It takes many people to make a marching band season happen. Please look at the following items below and check the boxes for things you would be interested in helping with.

_____ Prop Crew

_____ Team meals

_____ Prop crew

_____ Pit Crew

_____ Uniforms

_____ Chaperone (a background check is required for this).

_____ Drivers to pull trailers

_____ I willing to help with any needs that come up

Band Booster Meeting Info

The Band Boosters meet the 2nd Thursday of the Month throughout the school year.

7:00pm

Edgewood High School Band Room

Contact info:

edgewoodbands@gmail.com

Bernice Herb, President

Buck Simpson, Vice President

Jessica Roten, Treasurer

Tina Thomin, Secretary

Angie Gross, Member at Large

Lora Hall, Member at Large

Dana Moore, Member at Large

Jenny Roberts, Member at Large



If you are a parent/guardian/grandparent of a current band or guard student within ECSD, you are already considered an Edgewood Band Booster! If you are a community interested in the progress and development of

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Booster members are welcome to all open meetings (the second Thursday of almost every month (from August-April, normally at 7pm). We normally try to keep the meetings to an hour. The atmosphere is relaxed. We would love to hear your ideas! Another perk: after attending 2 meetings, you can vote on topics at your third meeting. Please feel free to join us - we'd love to see you there!!

Easy Ways to Support our band & guard programs!

Kroger Community Rewards:

Log into/set up a Kroger Rewards account. Go to your account summary, Find Community Rewards, and click re-enroll/enroll Edgewood Band Boosters (#81583). Now the bands receive a percentage of your purchases!!!

GFS/Gordon Food Service Store:

The next time you shop, let the cashier know you want to shop to reward Edgewood HS Band Boosters (#2181093). We accumulate points that can be cashed in as actual dollars!

Credit Card:

Need to make a payment or want to make a donation?
www.swipesimple.com/links/lnk_89b6a61b

Be in the Know!

Band Website:

Visit this site often, as it has the latest information about everything Edgewood Bands! The *Band Calendar* link has all concession stand dates, practice dates, performances, and important school dates. www.edgewoodbands.com/

Facebook: Search for and join the closed group: Edgewood Bands (Parents, Musicians, Families, Friends). Questions must be answered completely before approval.

We have a public page as well: *Edgewood Band Boosters Association*

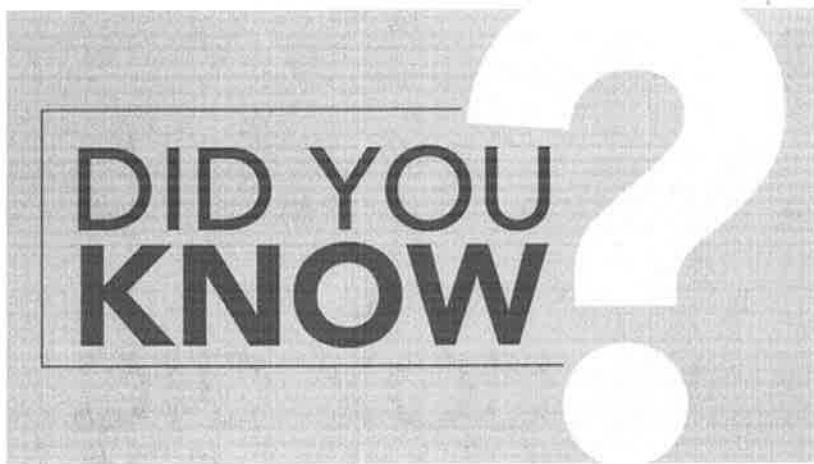
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- When requesting to follow the Instagram account, please send a message (through Instagram) with info on how you're connected to the band program (your/your student's name). It is a private account, and we will not approve you if we don't know who you are.

Remind: This is our cell phone notification system. The directors will share the current Remind group at the beginning of the school year.

Questions for us?

Just email us at: edgewoodbands@gmail.com



The indoor concession stand at EHS is our primary fundraising tool?!

By staffing and managing the concession stand for almost every indoor sporting events, we have been able to save money and purchase new equipment, new and used instruments, marching band uniforms, and a trailer in the past few years. In addition to purchases, we've also been able to provide for our students in other ways:

- When our students perform in the middle school and high school pep bands, many of them will stay after school. That makes for a VERY long day! We decided about several years ago to feed the high school pep band after half time. There are normally 40-45 students in the group. Think about the amount of money we spend to feed them.

POWERED BY

Marching band fees lower than most of the other marching profits we receive from our concession stand.



Edgewood Band Boosters received Kroger Rewards of \$504.59

Feb - Apr 2024

111 households participated

Thank you to the families that participated.

If you are a Kroger Cardholder, you can designate a not for profit group by logging into your Kroger card

-> My Account

-> Profile

-> Community Rewards

input Organization # NR711 for
Edgewood Band Boosters Assoc