

**Clinton-Massie
High School**

**Instrumental Music
Handbook**

**Marching Band
2008**

Clinton-Massie Marching Band Mission –

The Clinton-Massie Instrumental Music Program's goal is to develop the students of CM into well rounded musicians. We do this by offering a wide variety of music classes and extra curricular experiences such as concert band, jazz band, basic guitar, Winter Percussion, and Marching Band. The directors at Clinton-Massie foster extra curricular activities such as competitive marching band and winter percussion. The directors at Clinton-Massie use these competitive activities to increase musicianship and develop a quality teaching tool (competitions) for all of the students, staff, and directors.

Expectations of all members of the Clinton-Massie Band Program!

1. **The number one rule is COMMUNICATION. We need good communication with all students and parents.**
2. All rules in the CM school handbook and code of conduct apply at all marching band functions. Band functions would include any practice and organized band event, including fundraising activities.
3. Show respect for all people, places, and things.
4. Follow all directions, written, spoken, and implied!
5. Allow one person to talk at a time. Never talk during a practice or performance, unless requested to.
6. Be on time (Massie Band time = be early!)
7. Be prepared! Ask for help if you do not know what your preparation includes.
8. Do not chew gum, drink, or eat during rehearsal or performance. No food or drink (except water) is allowed in the band room.
9. Please stay up on all important dates! Communicate your requirements with parents. Remember to look at www.clintonmassieband.com for more info.

Important information for all members –

A. Equipment -

- a. **Personal -** instruments and cases are the responsibility of the individuals before, during, or after band. The school will not be responsible for damage or theft. It is the student's responsibility to maintain their own instrument in workable playing condition for every rehearsal and performance. If you take your instrument into a shop for a repair, ask for a loaner so you will have a working instrument until yours is fixed.
- b. **School Owned -** The school owns several instruments which will be issued by the director after both the student and parent sign a contract. The contract will hold the students and parents for damage and theft. It is the students and parents responsibility to maintain their school owned instrument in workable playing condition for every rehearsal.
- c. **Percussionists -** will be responsible for supplying their own sticks and mallets for whatever instruments they play. Each percussionist must maintain and replace their own equipment in case of loss or theft. The care and condition of all school owned equipment is the responsibility of the percussionist playing that instrument. All percussionists will be expected to replace any equipment damaged due to negligence or misuse, including heads and mallets.
- d. **All color guard members will be expected to replace any equipment damaged due to negligence or misuse. NO GUARD UNIFORMS ARE TO LEAVE THE SCHOOL, unless parents are hemming or cleaning them.**
- e. **Every marching member can use the lockers or drum room for storage of instruments and belongings. Everyone must use a school issued lock! Locker privileges will be taken away for the following items:**
 - i. **Instrument out of case**
 - ii. **Food in locker (lunches must be in bags/boxes)**
 - iii. **A large amount of clothing and/or shoes**

B. Parental Involvement

Parental involvement is crucial to the success of the band program. Parental involvement includes assistance with uniforms, trips, chaperoning, concerts, fundraisers, and being our biggest cheering section! The band booster organization meets the 3rd Tuesday of every month at 7:00 in the high school band room. There are elected officials and by-laws to this organization.

1. We ask that parents sign up for at least 2 games and 1 competition.
2. We also ask that parents sign up for at least 2 fundraising events.

Marching fundraisers include – ATP, ABX, Corn Festival, and the concession stand.

Attendance Policy

EXPECTATIONS: You have made a commitment to be in the marching band for the fall season. Everyone is counting on you. In order to have successful marching band rehearsals and performances, it is essential that we have full attendance. **The absence of one person not only affects that person, but also the entire group.** The critical factors of uniformity, balance, precision, spacing and alignment cannot be improved or maintained with absences. **Students must bring an excuse note from parents for any absences.**

Good attendance first start with the parents. Please encourage and demand that your child is a committed member of the group. Please remember our schedule have been made for months. We do our best to never change dates. We ask that you get all doctor's appointments and other items scheduled in advance! Parental support is a key to this area.

Absent students will be replaced temporarily whenever possible in order for the group to have a successful rehearsal. If there are problems with tardiness, leaving

early, or unexcused absence from a rehearsal, appropriate consequences regarding performance opportunities will be enforced by the directors.

UNEXCUSED ABSENCE: Unexcused absence from a performance is unacceptable and results in automatic dismissal from the marching band. Unexcused absence from a rehearsal will result in removal from the next performance on the first offense. A second unexcused absence from rehearsal will result in automatic dismissal from the marching band. Absences, tardiness or leaving early because of work or homework are not excused.

LEGITIMATE EXCUSES: Legitimate excuses for rehearsal absences are illness, accident/emergency, serious illness/death in the family, etc. If possible, contact the band office (289-2109 ext. 314) to leave a message prior to an absence from a rehearsal or performance. A request to be excused from a future event must be turned in at least two weeks prior to the date and will be considered by the director, pending the legitimacy of the case presented.

If you are at school you must be in attendance at practice! Please do not come to school ill and expect to not be at practice that evening. Let us know if you're under the weather and you can take it easy at practice, but you MUST be at practice. If you can be at school you can be at practice.

Monetary Obligations:

Nearly all finances are handled through the CM Band Boosters. All checks should be addressed to the CM Band Boosters and either mailed to the PO box or put in the mailbox in the band room.

Costs for the 07 marching band are \$260. This covers camps, show t-shirt, uniform and cleaning, equipment and props, and staff. Any gloves, breakers, polos, shoes, and additional show t-shirts will be purchased separately. Guard members may also have additional costs. These finances will vary from year to year.

Uniforms:

Summer uniforms include khaki shorts, show shirts, white socks, and the whitest shoes possible. This will include guard members. Summer uniforms will be used during most parades and the first couple of football games (due to heat).

Marching Band Uniforms - **Black socks at all times**, and white shirt under your jacket at all times **We also never wear jeans or pants under our uniform. Shorts, spandex, or long johns are best. Failure to follow uniform guidelines will result in dismissal from event.**

Students are in charge of keeping the following items clean:

1. Black shoes - always free from dirt
2. White gloves - be sure to wash them regularly

Students are never to take home any part of their marching band uniform. Including guard uniforms!

Every member of the group is expected to take care of their uniform. Each uniform must be hung in the proper location and correctly! Students are to report stains immediately. Students may have to pay for any damages made to the uniforms. Uniforms will never be taken home.

07-08 Marching Band Rehearsal Guidelines

- Practice schedule -
 - a. Tuesday - 2:40 - 6:00
 - b. Thursday - 2:40 - 6:00
 - c. Wednesday - occasional sectional schedule/ full band practice during the week of competitions
 - 2:40 - 5:00
- Friday game day - Report times will be given each Monday before game

- **Show Saturdays - We will normally practice briefly before leaving for the shows. Times will be announced as we get closer to the events.**
- **What to have at every practice - Soft soled shoes are to always be worn (leave a pair in you band locker). No boots, open toed, or sandals are allowed. Flexible, athletic clothing should be worn at each practice.**
- **Bring a water bottle to every rehearsal.**

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I have read the 2007-2008 Clinton-Massie High School Band and Guard Handbook, and have asked any questions that I have. I agree to follow all the rules and regulations that are in this book.

Parent or Guardian

Date

Student

Date

My child _____ has permission to participate in the band program during the 07-08 school year. My child has permission to travel with the band in buses to football games, contests, parades, and other band functions and performances.

Parent or Guardian

Date

Student

Date