



PRIDE OF HAYDEN MARCHING BAND
2023-2024 HANDBOOK

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Intent to Participate Form

All students wishing to be a member of the 2023-2024 Pride of Hayden Marching Band should complete an Intent to Participate Form. Complete the form by using the QR code below or visiting the URL: <https://forms.gle/1H14zfvqV18uGzcQ6>

This form is your commitment to participate fully in the Pride of Hayden Marching Band during the 2023-2024 school year. Equipment, music, drill design, and band camp staff will be purchased based on the number of forms received.

Please complete this form by May 12, 2023.



2023-2024 Band Staff

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Percussion Instructor Micah Marshall

Color Guard Instructor Vanishia Marshall

Dance Line Instructor Rebecca Hayes

Majorette Instructor Katie Varden

2023-2024 Student Leadership

Drum Major

Savannah Welch

Flute Section Leaders

Kaitlyn Hutchins and Miranda Taylor

Clarinet Section Leaders

Sarah Chaviers and Jewelianna Haney

Alto Saxophone Section Leaders

Christina Cato and Shane Tucker

Trumpet Section Leaders

Kaden Combellick and Cody Taylor

Trombone Section Leaders

Maggie Chambers and Caydin McAlpine

Tuba Section Leaders

Ryan Savage and Leah Suominen

Percussion Section Leaders

Nate Lumpkin, Chris Nichols, and Zoe Stephens

Color Guard Captain

Kalie Parker

Dance Team Captains

Abigail Joyce and Jessica Parker

Majorette Captain

Madison Owens

2023-2024 Tentative Calendar

All dates and times are subject to change. For up-to-date information, please join the appropriate Remind App group and the official Facebook page (page 12).

MAY

12	Band Camp Fee Due	
16-18	Spring Percussion Camp	HHS Band Room
30-June 2	Junior Auxiliary Camp	HHS Gym

JULY

20	Leadership Camp	HHS Band Room
24-28	Band Camp Week 1	HHS
31-Aug 4	Band Camp Week 2	HHS

AUGUST

18	Hayden vs. West Point (Jamboree)	Robert W. Reid Stadium
25	Hayden @ J.B. Pennington	J.B. Pennington High School

SEPTEMBER

1	BYE WEEK	
8	Hayden @ G.W. Carver	G.W. Carver High School
15	Hayden vs. John Carroll	Robert W. Reid Stadium
22	Hayden @ Pleasant Grove	Pleasant Grove High School
29	Hayden @ Ashville	Ashville High School
30	Possible competition*	

OCTOBER

6	Hayden vs. Jasper	Robert W. Reid Stadium
13	Hayden@Wenonah	Wenonah High School
14	Possible competition*	
20	Hayden vs. Ramsay (Homecoming)	Robert W. Reid Stadium
21	Pride of Hayden Marching Festival	Robert W. Reid Stadium
27	Hayden vs. Fairfield	Robert W. Reid Stadium
28	Possible competition*	

* We will only attend two competitions. Once competition dates have been set, we will announce dates and locations.

NOVEMBER

2(TH)	Hayden vs. Corner (Senior Night)	Robert W. Reid Stadium
4	Blount County Veterans Day Parade	Oneonta, AL

DECEMBER

5	Hayden Christmas Parade	Hayden, AL
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2023-2024 Band Fee Schedule

Required Band Fees for All Members

Marching Band Fee \$200 (\$40 for auxiliary)

Band Camp Fee \$75

BCS Class Fee \$30

TOTAL \$305 (\$145 for auxiliary)

The \$75 Band Camp Fee is due by May 12, 2023. This fee reserves your spot in the marching band and covers the cost of band camp staff, music, drill design, equipment, etc. The remaining balance is due on the first day of band camp – July 24, 2023. Students will not be allowed to perform with the band if fees are not paid in full by the first football game. If you need to set up a payment plan or believe you qualify for a fee waiver, please email the Director.

Additional Fees and Optional Purchases

Parking Shift Fee \$100

Instrument Rental Fee \$35

Band Shoes \$35

Band Booster Dues \$10/family

One person from each student's family is required to work one parking shift during football season. The Parking Shift Fee only applies to those that do not sign up to work a parking shift. The Instrument Rental Fee applies to students that use a school-owned instrument (percussion, tuba, baritone, etc.). All instrumental members of the marching band are required to order their marching band shoes through Hayden High School. Students will be fitted for shoes at band camp.

Please make checks or money orders payable to Hayden High School. All payments should be sealed in an envelope with student name written on the outside.

Band Member Expectations

Performance

Each member of the marching band is expected to give their best effort at every rehearsal and performance throughout the year. The expectation is that each member of the band improves their skill set each and every day (musicianship, marching technique, auxiliary technique).

Conduct

The Pride of Hayden Marching Band is also known for its friendliness and hospitality. To continue that tradition, each member of the band must adhere to first-class behavior. All members should be polite to the general public, other bands, and opposing fans. The Pride of Hayden Marching Band is a great source of pride to students, faculty, administration, alumni, community members, and fans. Uniformed and non-uniformed band members are a direct reflection on their school and community. The actions of these individuals reflect on the group as a whole, especially when those actions are negative and irresponsible. Band members who display negative behavior or a pattern of disruptive behavior may jeopardize their membership within the band program.

Outdoor Rehearsals

- Be on time to all rehearsals.
- Refrain from playing your instrument when moving between rehearsal spaces.
- Do not use cell phones during rehearsal unless approved by the Director. Phones should be on silent and put away.
- Wear tennis shoes to all rehearsals. Boots, sandals, Crocs, and any other footwear is not appropriate and could result in injury during marching rehearsal.
- Protect yourself with sunscreen, hats, and sunglasses at outdoor rehearsals.
- Bring a water jug to all rehearsals to reduce lines at the water station.

Gameday/In the Stadium

- Be on time to all performances.
- Refrain from playing your instrument before sectionals begin.
- Do not use cell phones in the stands. Band members should be focused on performing and supporting the team.
- Do not allow anyone to sit in or walk through the band section except current band members, band staff, and approved guests.

Travel

- Treat drivers and chaperones with respect. To ensure safe travel, they have authority over band members on each bus.
- Buses will depart on time. Make sure you are seated prior to roll call.
- Any time the buses stop, band members should remain seated until the Director has given instructions to unload.
- There should be no loud noises or rowdy behavior in hotel rooms during overnight trips.

Equipment

- Clarinets and saxophones
 - Have plenty of reeds on hand
 - Vandoren brand is preferred (strength 3 is a good starting point)
- All brass
 - Provide your own mouthpiece
 - Director or Assistant Director will suggest brands and sizes depending on student
- Percussion
 - Provide your own sticks and mallets
 - Brands and sizes will be given out at Percussion Camp

Band Parent and Guardian Expectations

Support

Our band members work hard throughout the summer and school year to provide a great product for our school and community. Please do all you can to support our students and their hard work.

Band Boosters

Becoming a member of the Band Booster organization is a great way to support our students and band program. This group meets the first and third Monday of each month during the fall semester and the first Monday of each month during the spring semester. Meetings take place at 7pm in the band room.

Parking

Parking at the football games is the Band Booster organization's largest source of revenue. This money is used to pay for several things for our marching band, including travel expenses. All band parents are required to work parking for at least one event. Please contact the Parking Chairperson within the Band Booster organization to sign up for parking.

Note: Band uniforms will not be issued to students that do not have a parent or family member volunteer to work parking for at least one event. If a parent or family member does not wish to volunteer, the family may donate \$100 to the Band Booster organization to fulfill their obligation. If you have an extenuating circumstance, please email the Director to opt out of the parking shift and fee.

Pride of Hayden Marching Festival

Held annually on the third Saturday in October, the Pride of Hayden Marching Festival is another large source of revenue for our band program. All band parents are required to work at least one shift for this all-day event. Be on the lookout for more information from our Event Chairperson during the fall semester.

Communication

The Director communicates information to students and parents in three ways: direct communication to students during the school day, messages through the Remind App, and our official Facebook page.

Remind App

All band members and band parents should download the Remind App on their smartphone. Once downloaded, create an account and join the appropriate class using the class codes listed below:

Band Students @poh23stu

Band Parents @poh23par

Note: Do not join more than one Remind group. There is a limited number of spots available in each group.

Official Facebook Page

Band members and band parents should join our official Facebook page. Search “Pride of Hayden Marching Band Current Students and Parents” and answer the membership question to join the page.

Attendance

Attendance for Band Camp, all rehearsals, and all performances is mandatory. All band members play an important role in our program, and their presence is paramount to our success as a unit. Missing band members from rehearsal and performances negatively impacts the band and creates gaps that we cannot overcome on the fly. If you wish to be a member of the marching band, you must be committed to the entire activity.

Communication is key. The Band Staff goes to great lengths to plan a successful season for our marching band. Our hope is that you will do the same. Please try to plan doctor appointments for days where we do not have marching band rehearsals or performances. The Band Staff understands that life happens and family emergencies pop up from time to time. If there is ever a last-minute emergency, please communicate that with a member of the Band Staff.

Please carefully review the Pre-Excused Absence Policy (page 14). This way of collecting absence information will help the Band Staff record and keep up with band member absences. Remember, communication is key in our planning and preparation.

Rehearsals

- The marching band rehearses Monday, Tuesday, and Thursday each week from 3pm until 5pm unless otherwise noted by the Director.
- Students are expected to report to sectionals by 3pm at each rehearsal. Attendance will be taken promptly at 3pm.
- Students should have all required materials for each rehearsal: instrument, music, flip folder, drill charts, coordinate sheets, and appropriate clothing and footwear.
- The only acceptable excuse from a rehearsal is a medical condition for which the student visits a doctor or a pre-excused absence granted by the Director (see below).
- For all absences that are not pre-excused, students have until 3pm on Friday of that week to submit their doctor note.

Performances

- Home game attendance will be taken during sectionals in front of Hayden Primary School. Away trip attendance will be taken on the bus before departing Hayden High School.
- Students meet in front of HPS at 5:30pm for all home games.
- Students stay after school for all away games. Students are fed a meal before all performances that require us to stay after school.
- Students should have all required materials for each performance: instrument, flip folder, and clean uniform (coat, bibbers, shoes, socks, hat, auxiliary uniform).
- If a student is absent for a performance, they should schedule a meeting with the Director for the Monday of the following week. Note: The only acceptable excuse from a performance is a medical emergency or a pre-excused absence granted by the Director (see below).

Pre-Excused Absence

- All requests for a pre-excused absence from a rehearsal should be submitted on the Pre-Excused Absence Form **at least one week prior to that rehearsal.**
- All requests for a pre-excused absence from a performance should be submitted on the Pre-Excused Absence Form **at least four weeks prior to that performance.**
- Absences can only be excused by the Director and are dealt with individually.
- The Pre-Excused Absence Form must be completed for these requests. Simply emailing or speaking with the Director is not sufficient.
- It is not likely that a pre-excused absence will be granted for a performance.
- If a band member needs to miss a performance due to an emergency within the four week window, please communicate directly with the Director via email.

Facilities and Equipment

All band members and staff should work hard to maintain our facilities and equipment, showing pride in the upkeep of the spaces and items we use daily.

- No food, drink (except water), or gum should be consumed inside the band room.
- Clean up after yourself! If you see a piece of trash, please pick it up.
- Keep our rehearsal field clean after each rehearsal. Please empty all cups before throwing them away.
- It is the expectation that all band members treat school-owned equipment as if it was their own. HHS and the Band Booster organization work extremely hard to provide band members with the best equipment possible with our resources.
- Store and transport school-owned instruments in assigned cases.
- Keep instruments clean and polished. Keep all valves oiled.
- Do not try to repair school-owned instruments on your own. Report any damage to the Director, Assistant Director, or Percussion Instructor.
- If your equipment gets rained on, please allow it to air dry completely before storing.
- If school-owned equipment is lost, stolen, or damaged, the student may be responsible for the cost of replacement or repair.

Uniforms

Uniform Care

- Do not alter a marching band or auxiliary uniform without consent from the Director.
- Uniforms must be dry cleaned often to maintain a clean, fresh look. (And smell!) Dry cleaning should take place at least every two weeks during the marching season. Write down your uniform jacket and bibber numbers to ensure you receive the correct uniform from the cleaners.
- Uniforms can only be professionally dry cleaned. Do not attempt to clean it on your own.
- Do not attempt to do the following the marching band uniform: boil, deep fry, sauté, or bake. Don't laugh; I've seen it happen!
- Do not contact the uniform with water, spot cleaning chemicals, or any other chemicals, such as: bleach, spray deodorants, perfumes, facial makeup, etc.
- Hang your uniform after each performance. Any slight creases will fall out if the uniform is properly stored. Do not store your uniform when it is wet or damp.
- When travelling, always carry your uniform in a garment bag.
- Report any uniform damage to the Director or Assistant Director immediately.
- Uniforms should be returned on the date specified by the Director. To properly turn in the uniform, a current dry cleaning receipt must be attached. The dry cleaning date should be after the last performance date. Failure to have the uniform properly dry cleaned will result in a \$25 dry cleaning fee added to the band member's account.
- If any uniform parts are lost, stolen, or damaged, the band member may be responsible for the cost of replacement or repair. Replacement costs are as follows:
 - Jacket \$200
 - Bibbers \$90
 - Hat \$45
 - Garment bag \$15

Appearance

Band members should strive to represent Hayden High School and the Pride of Hayden Marching Band in a positive light at all times. When in uniform, band members are in a “fish bowl.” All eyes on you! The band should look clean and polished at all times when in uniform. The pride you take in your appearance says a lot about how others perceive the band. If the band doesn’t look good, the band won’t sound good.

The purpose of the uniform is to create a consistent and clean look across the ensemble. These rules are in place to keep that look. Failure to follow these rules may cause the band member to be dismissed from a performance. Repeat offenses may cause the band member to be dismissed from the band.

- When in public, do not wear a partial uniform. You must have all parts of the uniform on when in public. Hats should not be worn until the entire band has been instructed to put them on.
- The official band uniform t-shirt must be worn under the uniform at all times.
- Long hair must be pulled back away from the face. Facial hair should be clean shaven.
- Do not get dressed in public. For home games, please arrive dressed and ready. For away games, you are given opportunities to get dressed in the school restrooms prior to departure.
- It is not acceptable to have photos taken and posted in partial uniform.
- It is not acceptable for family or friends to wear any part of the uniform.
- Do not add anything to the uniform (stickers, ribbons, etc.).
- Light, natural makeup may be worn. Anything excessive must be removed. Auxiliary makeup is the only exception.
- Nails must be natural length and natural color.
- Do not wear any jewelry while in uniform. Do not wear any visible piercings while in uniform. It is not acceptable to cover piercings with bandages. Piercings must be removed. Clear or flesh-colored spacers may be worn if necessary. These must be approved by the Director.
- No public displays of affection while in uniform.

Pride of Hayden Apparel

The Pride of Hayden Marching Band and the Band Booster organization provide opportunities for family members and fans to purchase items with the band name and logo each year. Please refrain from using the band name or logo on items that you make or sell. These unofficial items take away from the opportunity to raise funds for the band program and Band Booster organization.

Sections may create, order, and print shirts for their section members. These designs must be approved by the Director before ordering or printing.

Chaperones

The Pride of Hayden Marching Band uses chaperones to supervise students and call roll during away game performances, competitions, and overnight trips. All chaperones must complete a chaperone application. These applications should be submitted to the Director. Chaperones are chosen by the Director and HHS Principal and must complete and clear a background check. The person applying is responsible for background check payment. Background check links are sent via Blount County Schools once chaperones have been selected.

Chaperones have a responsibility to meet at the school prior to bus departure for trips. At times, this means meeting at the school before 4pm. For competitions, this means meeting at the school on a Saturday. If you would like to chaperone but cannot do certain days or times, please indicate that on your application form.

Forms

All forms are due on the first day of Band Camp. Forms will be sent home with students in packets. Digital files are available on our band website: www.prideofhayden.wixsite.com/hhsband

Required Forms

- Band Member Health Form (copy of student insurance card required)
- Parental Permission Form for Multiple Trips
- Uniform Agreement (instrumental members only)
- Handbook Form

Optional Forms

- Chaperone Application