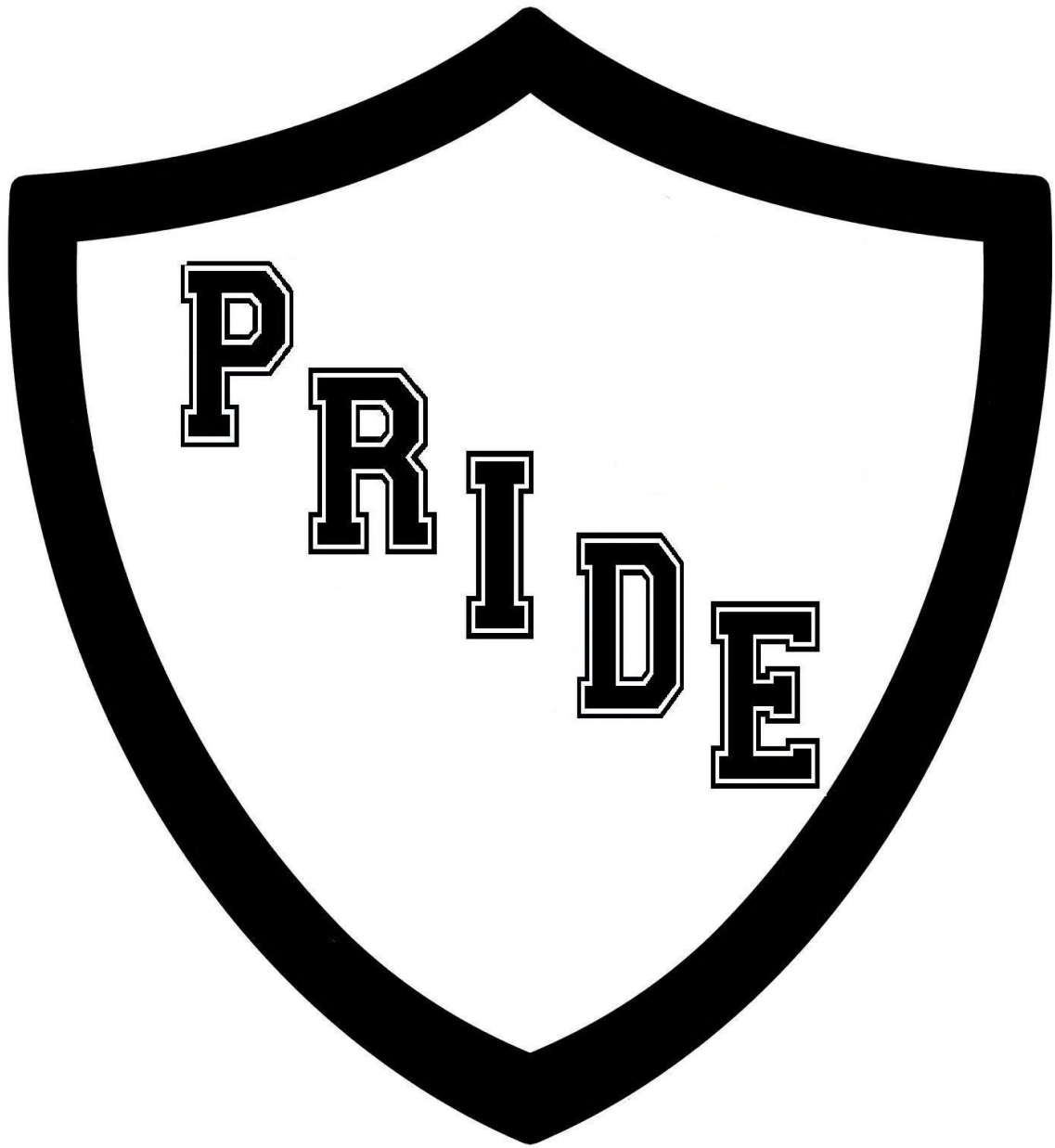


# **Fayette High School**



## **Falcon Pride Band**

**PRIDE  
IS A PERSONAL  
COMMITMENT;  
IT IS AN ATTITUDE  
WHICH SEPARATES  
EXCELLENCE  
FROM  
MEDIOCRITY!**

**MISSION STATEMENT  
FORWARD**

The mission of the Fayette High School Falcon Pride Band is to teach students through music. We aim to enrich students' lives through exposure to musical and visual experiences and performances. We also assist in each student achieving their potential as they develop

confidence, cooperation, leadership, responsibility, high standards of excellence and character and most of all PRIDE.

The Fayette High School Band attempts to create a balanced curriculum between all the facets of instrumental music while giving individuals an opportunity to participate in various honor groups. All members participate in Marching and Concert Bands and Pep Band. Solos, ensembles, and honor bands are optional activities open to band members.

Each individual has a responsibility to the group, and all members are expected to be on time to rehearsals and performances, to have all the proper materials necessary, to take care of all equipment given to them, to be good school citizens, to follow directions as given by the Director or other person of authority, and to fulfill their playing obligations as stated by the Director.

The Fayette High School Band has a long tradition of excellence, and in order to maintain this excellence all members must give the maximum effort. All members must be willing to abide by all guidelines set forth by the Fayette R-III School District as well as those set forth in this manual.

# Respect the Tradition...

## *Build for the future*

## GENERAL GUIDELINES

The Fayette Band Program has but 2 simple guidelines that should be followed at all times: **Be Respectful and Be Responsible (The 2 R's)**. Below are specific examples of how those 2 guidelines can be followed.

- ATTENDANCE -** All members are required to attend all concerts, rehearsals and performances. Any member not able to attend an outside rehearsal or performance should let the director know well in advance. *(Be Responsible)*
- ATTITUDE -** All members should strive to achieve and maintain an attitude that is positive and one of cooperation with the Director and others. *(Be Respectful)*
- ABILITY -** It should go without saying that each band member is expected to play to his or her highest potential. Each member should constantly work to improve themselves thus improving the band. *(Be Ready)*
- BEHAVIOR -** All members of the Fayette High School Band are expected to conduct themselves in a manner befitting young adults. Loud, rude, or immoral behavior is not acceptable nor is the public use of profanity. Sloppy dress or personal appearance also does not project the image we are trying to create in the FHS Band. *(Be Respectful and Responsible)*
- EQUIPMENT -** All students are required to have their own instrument. The school district will provide large instruments such as tubas, baritones, french horns, oboes, bass clarinets, bassoons, tenor and baritone saxes, and large percussion instruments. Students are expected to provide all accessories for the instruments. (Reeds, mutes, oil, etc.) *(Be Responsible)*
- UNIFORMS -** The school district will provide uniforms for all band members, and each student will be responsible for this uniform and its upkeep. The uniforms should be cleaned as often as necessary and turned in at the end of the year. A \$15.00 uniform fee payable when the uniforms are checked out covers the cost of summer cleaning and repair on the uniforms. Any undue damage to the uniform will be charged to the student. (This will be determined by the Director and the Principal) . In addition, each band member is expected to provide their own black shoes, **long** black socks, and white gloves for performances. Percussionists do not need white gloves. *(Be Responsible)*

These are but a few basic guidelines. All school policies are in effect at all times, and there are more guidelines for specific situations within this manual. Remember, we pride ourselves on being a First Class Organization, and it takes the cooperation of everyone involved with the program to maintain this image. Being a member of the Fayette High School Band is a privilege, not a right.

**FHS BAND CHAIN OF COMMAND -** *(Be Respectful)*

Band Director  
Drum Major(s)/Field Commander  
Section Leaders/ Flag Captain  
Assistant Section Leader  
Section Members

**Drum Major/ Field Commander**

- The DM/FC is required to know all whistle commands and execute them accurately.
- The DM/FC should be prepared before school begins to lead the marching band in the music we are performing. (Both Street and Field)
- The DM/FC should be a direct line of communication from the band to the Director. All concerns and questions should be expressed to the director in a timely manner.
- The DM should attend all rehearsals and performances.
- The DM/FC is also responsible for all section leader responsibilities

**Section Leader/ Assistant Section Leaders**

- Always be the most prepared students in the band. They should be the first to arrive and the last to leave from every rehearsal.
- The DM/FC should understand how marching drill works and always be prepared to help sections set drill
- The DM should be a proficient marcher and be able to demonstrate any marching fundamental perfectly. Adequate practice time for the drum major is required to be able to do this.
- The DM/FC should be a positive role model at school and away from school
- The DM/FC should be willing to put in extra time and effort in preparing for rehearsal and performances
- The DM/FC will help the director with various tasks for the good of the band.

**Band Fellow**

- Checkout all music to personnel
- Checkin all music after collected by the band director
- Provide a report to the Band Director of who has not turned in music after a piece is checked in
- Put music back into score order and refile after it has been checked in
- This position requires frequent after school time

**Uniform Managers**

- Work with the Parent Uniform helpers from Music Boosters
- Help the process of checking out and checking in marching band uniforms at all events
- Keep a stock of extra black socks, shoes, etc. for any student that needs them at an event
- Inform the Band Director if more items need to be purchased

**Equipment Manager**

- Help lead loading and unloading of trailer
- Inform the directors of any equipment needs

**ELIGIBILITY:** Students will be expected to meet both the State and local eligibility requirements. If a student becomes ineligible, they will still be expected to participate in the classroom activities and will also participate in all Friday night half-time shows, pep band, and all local concerts (Winter, Spring, Pie Auction, and Commencement). They will not be allowed

to participate in MSHSAA events. *(Be Responsible)*

**MUSIC:** Every student will receive a copy of each piece of music we play. This music becomes your responsibility, and you are to take care of it. When music is turned in we will assess students for any lost or damaged parts. Remember to always mark on the music in pencil only. *(Be Responsible)*

**SUPPLIES:** Students are expected to purchase their supplies in advance. Palen Music Center and Amazon are great resources. *(Be Responsible)*

### **LETTERING:**

To earn a letter in the FHS Band a student must accumulate 12 points over the year by participating in activities outside the regular band activities. Lettering is a method of recognizing those students who go “above and beyond” the expected band activities. Point totals are assigned to the activities according to the amount of time the activity takes or the amount or preparation it requires. Any student earning a letter will be given a chenille which is provided by our Music Boosters. This chenille will be given the first year a student letters, and a bar will be given each year after.

### **GRADING:**

Please note that following list contains examples which can be modified by the teacher to include any items necessary for the success of the course including the adjustment of point values.

### **PERFORMANCES:**

Performances will be weighted so that an unexcused absence will result in the loss of one

letter grade. Tardiness to performances will negatively affect the grade for that event and will be addressed on a case by case basis. Any excused absence will result in an incomplete and an alternate assignment upon request of the student which must be turned in by the specified date or the student will receive the loss of one letter grade.

### **QUIZZES:**

10 points each- Students will be expected to complete most quizzes at home. Most quizzes will be graded pass/fail and students may make as many attempts as they would like.

### **GENERAL GRADING SYSTEM:**

Daily participation points are impacted by the following actions:

Class: +5 points

Evening rehearsal: +15 points

No music/instrument: 0 points

Disrupting class: -2 points

Gum, candy, etc.: -2 points

Excused absence: 0 points\*

Tardy: tbd

Unexcused absence: 0 points

\*Points lost from an excused absence from a daily rehearsal can be made up with 50 minutes of practice time at home (bring a parent signed note, including minutes and content practiced) or with me after school. Exceptions are will be made on a case-by case basis.

**TRAVEL:** Travel guidelines are the same for all trips for all groups.

1. Students will follow all directions given by all chaperones.
2. No loud or rude behavior.
3. **Each student** is responsible for making sure that their equipment is loaded and unloaded.

4. Follow dress code for bus travel and “non-uniform” time.
5. All students will ride the bus to the function. If circumstances arise in which a student needs to ride to a function with their parents, parents must contact the Director well in advance and must obtain permission from the HS principal.
6. Students may ride home from a function with their parents. Parents need to sign out with the Director before leaving with their student.
7. All students are expected to stay for the entire function. In the rare case in which they must leave early, the Director must have parental contact in advance.

### **MARCHING BAND**

1. All students enrolled in band will participate. Football players will march only in competitions and Saturday parades
2. Sectional rehearsals for Drumline, Flags, and Drum Majors will be various dates throughout the summer. All those participating in those sections should plan to attend all summer rehearsals
3. All evening rehearsals are mandatory and graded. Softball players will be required to report to practice after their home games have finished. *(Be Responsible)*
4. We wear ALL of the uniform or NONE of the uniform. This includes hats, gloves, guntlets, spats, etc. The uniform also must be worn properly, ie coat zipped up, hat on correctly, etc. *(Be Respectful)*
5. NO jewelry is to be worn with the uniform. This includes earrings, bracelets, watches, nose rings, or any other jewelry/piercings that can be seen on the outside of the uniform. If a student accidentally wears jewelry to a performance, they will be asked by a section leader, drum major, or by the director to remove it. If the student refuses to take it off, or puts it back on, they will receive no credit for the event and, at the discretion of the director, will be asked to leave. *(Be Respectful)*
6. If your hair hangs down the back of the uniform, it must be tucked under your hat.
7. Music will be memorized for the street competition and the competition field show. Adequate time will be given and due dates will be given to assist in learning the shows.

### **FRIDAY NIGHT FOOTBALL GAME PROCEDURES:**

1. Report time will always be announced well in advance.
2. Cheerleaders will meet with and march with the band. (in cheer uniform)
3. All statisticians and managers will meet and march with the band. You must wear a black/gold shirt/ jacket when performing.
4. The band has assigned seating, and **no guests** are to sit in the band section.
5. The band will get the third quarter of the game off to go to the concession stand, the restroom, or to visit with friends. You will be in complete uniform when you leave the stands, and stay in complete uniform while you are out of the stands.
6. All band members will be back in the stands BEFORE the third quarter is over. The Fayette High School Band stays for the entire game. No one leaves early unless approved in advance by the director.
7. After the game it is the responsibility of each band member to put away all their equipment **properly** before they leave.

### **MARCHING BAND EQUIPMENT**

1. Black shoes (\$40)
2. White gloves (\$2)
3. Band t-shirt (\$15) to be worn under the uniform

4. Tall black socks (provide your own)
5. Flip folder and a lyre (try Palen or Amazon)
6. Pencil and music
7. **New this year-** you will need your phone charged to use the new drill book app (coordinate sheets will be provided for those without phones)
8. Rehearsal shoes- You may want to have an old pair of shoes to leave at school for morning practices during marching season.

### **CONCERT BAND**

1. The Concert Band meets only during the regularly scheduled school period. In rare cases there may be an evening or morning rehearsal. Any other scheduled rehearsals will be mandatory.
2. Attendance is required at ALL performances (in the event that there is an excused absence, the director must know THREE WEEKS in advance. In the event of emergencies, please contact the director as soon as possible. Excused absences include weddings, funerals, and sickness.
3. Uniform for the concert season will be the same as marching season, without the gauntlets or hats. Some concerts may vary at the discretion of the directors.

### **HONOR GROUPS**

- **NEMO District Bands-** Details are in the schedule. Students audition for a place in one of two bands, the NEMO All District Band, or the NEMO Honorable Mention Band. Audition music is predetermined and is available now.
- **NCMBA Clinic Band-** Details are in the schedule. Students are selected through a director recommendation. Once selected to the band a student will be required to attend all rehearsals and the performance. The students from Fayette will spend the night on the Sunday night before the Monday rehearsal and performance. There may be a small fee to help cover the hotel cost.
- **Missouri All-State Band-** Any student selected to the NEMO All-District Band is eligible to audition for the All-State Band. If selected to the All-State Band the student will rehearse and perform with the band at the Missouri Music Educators Convention in January at Tan-Tar-A.
- **Lewis and Clark Conference Honor Band-** Any student in the FHS Band may audition. Details forthcoming.
- **National FFA Band-** Interested students should discuss details with their FFA advisor.



## High School Band Events 2022-2023 (as of 6/20/22)

Date	Event	Location	Time
July 17	Freshman Parent Meeting and Bootcamp	Band Room	7-9 pm
July 19-22	Drumline/Guard Camp	HS	see schedule
July 25-29	Full Band Camp	HS	4-6pm/7-9pm
August 8-12	Full Band Camp	HS	5-8pm
August 16	Marching Band Uniform Fitting 6-7 pm	HS	6-8pm
August 23	<i>Marching Band Evening Rehearsal</i>	HS	7-9pm
August 25	<i>Marching Band Evening Rehearsal</i>	HS	7-9pm
August 30	<i>Marching Band Evening Rehearsal</i>	HS	7-9pm
Sept 1	<i>Marching Band Evening Rehearsal</i>	HS	7-9pm
Sept 2	Football Game	HS	6:00 PM
Sept 6	<i>Marching Band Evening Rehearsal</i>	HS	7-9pm
Sept 8	<i>Marching Band Evening Rehearsal</i>	HS	7-9pm
Sept 13	<i>Marching Band Evening Rehearsal</i>	HS	7-9pm
Sept 15	<i>Marching Band Evening Rehearsal</i>	HS	7-9pm
Sept 16	Football Game	HS	6:00 PM
Sept 17	Marching Mizzou Band Day- optional	Mizzou	All Day
Sept 20	<i>Marching Band Evening Rehearsal</i>	HS	7-9pm
Sept 22	<i>Marching Band Evening Rehearsal</i>	HS	7-9pm
Sept 24	Carrollton Band Day	Carrollton	All Day
Sept 27	<i>Marching Band Evening Rehearsal</i>	HS	7-9pm
Sept 29	<i>Marching Band Evening Rehearsal</i>	HS	7-9pm
Sept 30	<i>Marching Band Evening Rehearsal</i>	HS	7-9pm
Oct 1	CMU Band Day	CMU	All Day
Oct 4	<i>Marching Band Evening Rehearsal</i>	HS	7-9pm
Oct 6	<i>Marching Band Evening Rehearsal</i>	HS	7-9pm
Oct 8	CMU Homecoming Parade	Fayette	TBD
Oct 11	<i>Marching Band Evening Rehearsal</i>	HS	7-9pm
Oct 13	<i>Marching Band Evening Rehearsal</i>	HS	7-9pm
Oct 14	Football Game	HS	6:00 PM
Oct 15	Southern Boone Classic	Ashland	All Day
Oct 22	Macon Marching Festival	Macon (DL and CG only)	All Day
Oct 28	Possible District FB	TBD	TBD
Oct 29	State Marching Festival - South Callaway	South Callaway (opt. observing)	All Day
Nov. 4	JH and HS District Band submission deadline		

Nov. 7	District Band Auditions - Moberly	Moberly	All Day
Nov 12	District Band Performance - Troy Buchanan	Troy Buchanan	All Day
Nov 17	CMU All State Band Clinic	CMU	TBD
Nov 20-21	NCMBA Band - Chillicothe	Chillicothe	All Day
Dec 3	All State Band Auditions - Hickman	Columbia	All Day
Dec 16	CMS/FHS Winter Concert	HS Gym	7:00 PM
Jan 9	Pep Band	HS	TBD
Jan 19	Pep Band	HS	TBD
Jan 20	Pep Band	HS	TBD
Jan 25-28	All State Band	Lake of the Ozarks	All Day
Jan 26/27	MMEA Performance	Lake of the Ozarks	TBD
Jan 31	Pep Band	HS	TBD
Feb 4	Music Booster Trivia Night	TBD	6:00 PM
Feb 24	Truman JazzFest	Truman	All Day
March 3	CMU Music Festival	CMU	All Day
March 4	Music Booster Pie Auction	HS Gym	TBD
March 15	State Large Ensemble	Columbia	TBD
March 18	District S& E Music Festival	Mexico	
April 4	CMU WW Invitational	CMU	All Day
April 11	CMU State Coaching Day	CMU	TBD
April 28th	State Music Festival	Mizzou	TBD
May 10	FHS Spring Music Concert	HS	7:00 PM
May 21	Graduation	HS	TBD
May 22	Music Banquet	TBD	TBD
Not on the calendar:	Truman Honor Band	Kirksville	
	Four State Honor Band	Maryville	
	Christmas Parade	Fayette	

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FAYETTE HIGH SCHOOL BAND  
INFORMATION SHEET AND PERMISSION FORM

Student Name \_\_\_\_\_

Parent Name \_\_\_\_\_ Home # \_\_\_\_\_

Mailing Address \_\_\_\_\_ Cell # \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

Email Address \_\_\_\_\_

Emergency Contact \_\_\_\_\_ Phone # \_\_\_\_\_

Please list any pertinent medical information: (Uncontrolled asthma, migraines, & disabilities)

Fayette High School requires parental permission for students to travel on school sponsored trips. Since the band makes many different trips, we are using one permission slip to cover all marching and concert band trips, as well as any trip for an honor band such as All-District Band, All Conference Band, etc. Following is the permission section of the Missouri State High School Activities Association participation form. Please read it carefully and sign in the proper place. Also please make yourself familiar with the performance schedule on the previous pages so you are aware when we will be taking trips away from school

**We hereby give our consent for the above student to represent his/her school in all band activities. We also give our consent for him/her to accompany the band on trips and will not hold the school responsible in case of accident or injury whether it be enroute to or from another school or during practice or an interscholastic event, and we hereby agree to hold the school district of which this school is a part, its employees, agents, representatives, coaches, and volunteers harmless from any liability, actions, causes of action, debts, claims, or demands of every kind and nature whatsoever which may arise by or in connection with participation by my child/ward in activities related to the interscholastic program of his/her school.**

**If we cannot be reached and in the event of an emergency, we also give consent for the school to obtain through a physician or hospital of its choice, such medical care as is reasonably necessary for the welfare of the student, if he/she is injured in the course of school band activities.**

Parent Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

## Statement of Understanding

### Student Portion

I \_\_\_\_\_ have read and understand the guidelines set forth by

this handbook and agree to abide by all the rules and regulations stipulated herein. I also understand that this manual can in no way be comprehensive and agree to act in a manner becoming a Fayette Band Member at all times. I will always be respectful and responsible. If I fail in those aspects, I understand the consequences can be a lowering of my grade, prohibition from attending some band functions, or expulsion from the Fayette High School Band.

Student Signature\_\_\_\_\_Date\_\_\_\_\_

## Statement of Understanding

### Parent Portion

I \_\_\_\_\_ have read and understand the guidelines set by this handbook and agree to hold my student responsible for them. I also understand that this manual is in no way comprehensive and that the enforcement of rules and regulations is left to the discretion of the director. I am also familiar with the performance and rehearsal schedules and agree to give notice to the director in advance if a scheduling conflict arises. I understand that I can contact the director at any time if I have any concerns or questions.

Parent Signature\_\_\_\_\_Date\_\_\_\_\_

Signed Statement of Understanding and Permission Form are due by **Friday, August 26<sup>th</sup>** and will be worth 25points for turning in on time. Late forms will lose 5 points per day late until they are turned in. All students are required to turn in a signed statement of understanding and permission/health form to participate in band activities.