



Student eligibility for participation in marching band shall be established by this policy and the rules of the local school.

- Principals or assistant principals may suspend a student from marching band for violent acts, rules violations, or any other conduct prejudicial to good order or discipline in the school.
- The minimum eligibility requirement established by this policy is that a student shall be enrolled in a high school band class during the school day. A student shall have made a passing grade the preceding semester in at least five full unit subjects or their equivalency. Students remain eligible, or become ineligible on the first day of the new semester. A “full unit subject” is one that carries one-half unit credit for a semester or one credit for the school year, is not a course already passed, and is credited towards graduation. “Equivalency” means students on a 4x4 block schedule must pass three blocks and Special Education students must meet the academic portion of their IEP.
- Additionally, 10th, 11th and 12th graders must have earned five credits the preceding school year if less than 24 units are required for graduation or six credits the preceding school year if 24 or more credits are required for graduation. Students who are ineligible first semester may gain eligibility second semester by passing five subjects.
- Before being allowed to participate in the first practice session for marching band, the following information must be on file in the principal’s office for each participant:
 - Written evidence that the student has permission to participate signed by the parent or guardian.
- Written evidence that the student has passed a physical examination. An osteopathic physician, physician assistant or certified nurse practitioner must sign this. Physical examinations must be given on or after May 1 and are then current for thirteen months or the complete school year.

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- Written evidence that the student is covered by a family health insurance policy. This statement must list the name of the company and be signed by the parent or guardian. If the student is not covered by a family health policy, the student must have a student health insurance policy.
- If a potential marching band member goes to a physical examination and is referred to another doctor for further evaluation, the parent or guardian must provide the band director with written evidence that the student has passed a physical examination and the physician must address the condition for which the student was referred. The physician must also specify any accommodations that are needed or must be made.
- Safety must always be the number one concern. Principals must make sure the “Heat Stress Guidelines” and “Lightning Guidelines” are followed, that each band director has an emergency plan in case of injuries and that no band member is allowed to practice unless a current physical, parent permission, and proof of insurance form is on file. The band director is responsible for having emergency cards at all practices and performances.
- A band director must have completed student medical forms at each rehearsal and performance.
- Students must be enrolled in high school to participate in marching band. Each member must attend the school where he/she is participating in marching band with the exception that magnet school students may participate at their zoned or paired school.
- A student participating in marching band must be present a minimum of 50% of the school day to participate in any after-school rehearsal or performance.
- Students must attend all rehearsals to be eligible to perform. The student may be asked to sit out for a performance or an alternate may replace a student who has had an unexcused absence(s) from a rehearsal(s) and/or performance.
- Band camp attendance may be a requirement for a student to have a drill position in the marching band.
- A student moving to a MNPS high school from another MNPS school or another school district after band camp will be allowed to participate in marching band if he/she can meet all requirements.
 - If a drill position is not available, the student may shadow another student during rehearsal or fill any drill position that becomes vacant. If there is no vacancy in the drill, he/she may participate with the band in the stands for football games, but cannot be required to attend marching contests or pay any fees associated with a marching contest. If the student wishes to attend

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the contests and help the band in other ways, those fees that pertain to his/her participation will be applicable.

- The student's grade cannot be penalized if a drill position is not available and the student does not participate in marching festivals and contests.
- The student may be required to attend all after-school rehearsals and all football games.