

Floyd Central High School Band Handbook

May 1, 2025

STUDENT INFORMATION - RULES AND REGULATIONS

a. Enrollment

- i. All Floyd Central Band members will participate in the fall marching band season in their ninth grade year or first year with the band program, if moving to the district after ninth grade. After completion of their ninth grade (or first) season, students may continue in the concert classes without continuing marching band in grades ten and beyond if they choose to do so.
- ii. Exemptions to first year marching band participation may apply to students who participate in Floyd Central fall sports that compete during the fall marching band window from August through October. These students with direct FC sports conflicts will not be required to participate in marching band as long as they remain in good standing with their fall sport participation. Teams, clubs, and activities outside of Floyd Central are not eligible for the athletics exemption.
- iii. All students participating in marching band must be enrolled in a band class during the school day in order to participate in after school co-curricular band activities, including Marching Band, concert performances, Pep Band, etc.
- iv. Color Guard is not a curricular music class, and student membership in the fall season and/or winter guard is exempt from the school day music class enrollment policy.

b. Schedule

- i. The schedule for each school year can be viewed at FloydCentralBand.org
- ii. A paper schedule will be handed out as soon as it is finalized yearly
- iii. Events may be added or subtracted and notice will be given to students and parents as soon as possible

c. Uniform and Dress Code

i. Fall Rehearsal Attire

- Section shorts must be worn at the waist. "Diapering" of the shorts is not permitted
- White shirts are required. Tank-tops are permitted
- Tops must cover the stomach
- No clothing or holes in clothing that exposes stomach/private areas
- No offensive language or images
- During colder (below 65 degrees) cold weather clothing is permitted.
- Outerwear (hoodies, sweatshirts, etc.) worn in *warm-weather* must match the rehearsal attire.

ii. Winter Percussion and Guard

- Rehearsal, travel, and performance attire will be chosen by the instructors of each ensemble
- All members are expected to abide by the dress code as set out at the beginning of the season.

- iii. **Marching Band** – Your marching band uniform will be provided, transported and cleaned by the band or band boosters. This is covered by your band fees. Appropriate activewear is required to be worn underneath your band uniform and is your responsibility to purchase/provide. This is typically all-black compression shorts and short-sleeve compression shirts. Your Band Theme T-shirt **MUST** be worn to every performance and worn to school the Friday of a performance weekend. It is both your travel uniform and your emergency performance uniform. You must also provide **LONG BLACK SOCKS** for every performance. Please refer to uniform guidelines as provided by Band Parents.
- iv. **Concert Bands** – Concert attire is ankle-length, all-black formal gowns and black formal shoes or all black suits with black formal shoes, black socks, black shirt, and black tie. The band will have pre-selected dresses available for order if you so choose to. See Attached Concert Attire Sheet.
- v. **Jazz Bands** – Jazz attire is the same as the concert bands. Performance ties will be handed out by the director for those wishing to wear one. Everyone must wear black dress shoes and long black socks.
- vi. **Pep Band** – All Pep Band members are required to purchase a black FC Band “Spotlight” t-shirt for all games and wear with jeans to all pep band events. Spotlight shirts are available through the spirit store.

d. Financial Obligations and Fees

- i. Prior to the fall season, fees will be announced. Every effort to keep fees the same and affordable will be made to ensure as many students as possible can participate. Every few years fees **WILL** need to be raised to keep up with inflation. The Floyd Central Highlander band will attempt to keep any fee increase in line with inflation.
- ii. Special trips (i.e. New York, National Festivals, Parades, etc.) will always require additional fees but will not be mandatory.
- iii. Discounts for families with multiple students are possible. See the current year financial obligation form for details.
- iv. If a student is on "Free and Reduced Lunch" or has a sudden financial hardship, families should talk to the Fine Arts Admin Assistant prior to the first payment being due to arrange a workable situation.
- v. Students receiving a financial discount will be **REQUIRED** to participate in fundraisers, even if said fundraisers do not raise enough to cover the cost of the discount.
- vi. Failure to meet the financial obligations of the program may result in removal.
- vii. No student has **EVER** been excluded from the Floyd Central Highlander Band due to an inability to pay.
- viii. Extra-curricular activities (Winter Guard, Winter Percussion, Orchestra Winds, etc.) may require additional fees.

e. Title IX Policies and Procedures

- i. At the beginning of the year all students (and adults who wish to volunteer) are required to attend Title IX training. This will typically be during band camp.
- ii. Title IX is a *law* that ensures females have access to equal educational opportunities.
- iii. Violations of these policies may result in removal from the program

f. Communication Policies

- i. Open communication is a priority at all times
- ii. Communication on matters like absence, illness, etc. should happen through google form.
- iii. Students, staff, and directors should follow all relevant district policies with regards to communication

g. Absence, Illness, and Tardy policy

- i. Any absence must be communicated in advance when possible.
- ii. Absences are considered unexcused until communication and validation are provided.
- iii. Excused absences include but are not limited to:
 - Illness - Absence from school means you are excused from rehearsal. ***If you are at school it is expected that you are at rehearsal***
 - Death in the family/family emergency - Please let directors know ASAP
 - Other - always at directors' discretion
- iv. Please try to schedule your doctors/dentist/therapy appointments during the school day, including band class, if at all possible so as to protect after-school rehearsal time
- v. Unexcused absences include but are not limited to:
 - Work
 - Social events
 - Non-school sports and clubs
 - Vacations
 - Other - always at directors' discretion
- vi. Daily Absence - If a student does not attend school for the entire day the student must
 - Have attended at least half the day
 - Have a doctor's note
 - Have special permission from an administrator
- vii. Tardy policy
 - If a student is missing at the beginning of rehearsal it is considered a tardy
 - If a student is habitually tardy a conference will be scheduled
 - Continual violations of this policy may result in removal from the program
- viii. Medical Exemptions - If the student has a medical condition that makes rehearsal and/or performance difficult or impossible the directors will:
 - Conference with the student, guardian, and all relevant parties
 - Create an accommodation plan for the remainder of the season
 - Detail timeline with the relevant parties to determine return to activity
- ix. Time-splitting: When pre-arranged, a student may attend after school clubs with the following understandings
 - Must be a school-sponsored club
 - Must have a faculty sponsor
 - Must split time as evenly as possible

h. General Rules and Regulations

- Do not talk when the conductor or instructor talks
- Stop when the conductor or instructor cuts you off
- No Gum, Food, or Drinks other than water in any band room at any time
- Show respect for yourself, others, and the facilities at all times
- Be on time (early) to all band functions
- No students should ever be in a place that is not specified for a certain time (i.e. practice rooms during meal times, academic hallways) If unsure, stay with the group
- Treat all band instruments and equipment with care
- Only handle your own instrument – NEVER anyone else's
- Bring your music and drill book to ALL rehearsals
- No Public Displays of Affection (PDA) at anytime
- No food, drink (other than water), gum, PDA while in uniform or concert attire
- Food, drinks, and gum are not allowed in the band room except in specific designated circumstances
- Behave in a professional manner at all times while in a performance setting
- If you have a problem, let a staff member know as soon as possible
- Follow all schedules, especially return times from performances
- No cell phones or other devices during class, rehearsals or performances unless using a specific band app as approved by the directors. A cell phone is not a watch.
- Earbuds and headphones are not to be worn in the classroom
- Unexcused absences from performances may result in removal from band and color guard
- Bullying may result in removal from the program
- Title IX violations may result in removal from the program
- On trips, unless otherwise noted, rest-stops will be utilized for bathroom purposes only. No vending machine stops are allowed

There is no way to anticipate all possible circumstances and situations that can possibly occur. With the large number of students and activities that make up the Floyd Central Band Program, it is impossible to create a program that always fits each individual's wants and needs. There will be times that a student will have to do things that are good for the group, but do not exactly fit their specific personal desires.

Also, there is one **GENERAL RULE** everyone must abide by:

**IF YOU ARE ABOUT TO DO SOMETHING THAT YOU MIGHT HAVE TO EXPLAIN
AT A LATER TIME TO YOUR DIRECTORS, YOUR ADMINISTRATORS AND/OR
YOUR PARENTS.....DON'T DO IT!!!**

i. Important Websites

- i. Floyd Central Band www.floydcentralband.org Our own page – very up-to-date and interesting! Come here for contest schedules, important forms, Pictures and news!
- ii. ISSMA www.issma.net Our state school music association
- iii. Indiana Bandmasters www.indianabandmasters.org All-State, All- Region and All-District Bands
- iv. CutTime - Cuttime.net is where forms, fees, and other important information can be found