

**Marching Pride of Lawrence Township
Marching Band Performer Contract
Return to Director by Monday, May 20, 2019**

Student's Name:(PRINTED) _____ Grad Yr. _____

School – Fall of 2019 (please check one):

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| <input type="checkbox"/> LC | <input type="checkbox"/> BMS |
| <input type="checkbox"/> LN | <input type="checkbox"/> FCV |

Being a member of the *Marching Pride of Lawrence Township* is an exciting opportunity as well as a unique privilege. The performance opportunities you will experience will be especially memorable and the multitude of benefits will remain with you throughout the rest of your life.

I. Attendance - Attendance at all rehearsals and performances is a mandatory requirement for every student in marching band. Please take a moment to review the entire marching band calendar. (www.marchingpride.org)

Any person with any type of a conflict after Labor Day must see Mr. James, in person and immediately, as this may impact your eligibility. Conflicts after Labor Day are not to be listed on this form. They must be communicated in writing and in person in June. Mr. James will then determine the extent to which any student with such conflicts will be eligible to participate this season.

Attendance is crucial to ensuring that the ensemble is able to progress and achieve high performance levels. We understand that there may be an occasion, particularly in the summer, when a student may need to miss a rehearsal or arrive late. However, we also must make decisions regarding who receives a permanent performance slot based on attendance and work ethic. In instances where a student misses significant rehearsal time it may result in the student sharing a performance slot in the show with another student or not being assigned one at all.

Summer absences only: Please indicate any anticipated absences that will take place **prior to Labor Day** by writing them in the space provided below.

II. Code of Conduct - We expect that students in the Marching Pride will conduct themselves in exemplary fashion at all times. This includes showing up for all rehearsals on time and working hard during rehearsal. It also includes maintaining a clean school disciplinary record (no referrals), maintaining an average to above average academic record, and treating our fellow members with dignity and respect. In addition, we expect that students will react positively to staff instruction, and show respect for school facilities and property. A student having trouble in any of these areas may have their performance eligibility revoked at any time.

III. Performance Readiness - Marching band is about working together to achieve a high level of excellence. We work as a team at all times. Therefore, it is important that each and every student give their best at every rehearsal. This means preparing music, movement/choreography, equipment work (color guard) and working hard during rehearsals.

IV. Physical Shape - You receive a PE Waiver for one semester. That being said, it is important that all members take care of their bodies and be physically fit. We will do some exercising, running & conditioning to enable all performers to be at their best physical shape for a ten minute performance. Every member should work to stay fit, eat right and exercise. All students will be required to have a current, 2019 IHSAA physical on file.

V. Grades/Academic Standing - It is the expectation of the staff that all student performers will be good students and maintain their grades at a satisfactory level (C average or better). Marching band is not an excuse for poor grades!

VI. Performances and Contests - The band is judged on how it sounds and by how it looks. Missing students create holes in the sound (music) as well visually (drill or guard choreography). Therefore, students must be at all performances and contests. If a student has to miss a performance or contest, it may result in the student not being assigned a marching spot in the show.

VII. What You Can Expect from the Staff - The marching band staff will always commit to giving students the best quality instruction and product possible. Every effort is made to design a highly competitive program that will be recognized if it is performed and achieved. Countless hours of work and passion go into designing shows that students will enjoy performing.

VIII. Financial Obligations - I understand that my parent(s) and/or guardian(s) and I will be held responsible for all financial obligations outlined below. I also understand that I can participate in fundraising activities designed to assist me with these expenses/fees and make special payment plan arrangements providing items 1 & 2 below are completed. However, all scheduled payments must be made on time as indicated below or as indicated by my payment plan if I am to maintain my spot in the ensemble.

Financial Obligations and Payment Schedule

- 1) Total cost of marching band will be \$700 which include all fees, except the cost of shoes.
- 2) All performers must have all previous years' fees PAID IN FULL to their home school as of May 29, 2019 (last day of school) in order to be eligible to participate in MPLT for the 2019 season.
- 3) 2019 performers must pay a \$200 down payment toward 2019 fees by May 29, 2019 (last day of school) .
- 4) 2019 performers must pay an additional \$100 on or by mandatory parent meeting in June in order to continue to participate in 2019 June Rehearsals.
- 5) 2019 performers must pay an additional \$100 on or by band camp check-in in order to participate in 2019 band camp.
- 6) 2019 performers must pay \$100 on or by the last day each of August, September and October in order to continue participation in 2019 MPLT activities.
- 7) Performers across all performing arts groups will not be able to participate in any 2019-20 performing arts ensemble, production and/or activities unless balances are paid in full by the end of the current school year.
- 8) Marching Pride performers who have not made payments are welcome to attend practices, but may not actively participate until payments are up to date.
- 9) If terms of prior payment plans were not followed or a balance is owed, no payment plan will be considered. We can no longer extend credit to those who do not pay. If performer is paid up to date by the end of the current school year and has faithfully followed all payment plans during prior years, a payment plan may be considered.
- 10) If you have any questions or concerns about the above payment schedule, please share them with one of your directors.

My signature below affirms my commitment to being a valuable member of the "Marching Pride of Lawrence Township."

Furthermore, I understand and agree to the items outlined in this performance contract.

Student Signature: _____ Date _____

Parent Signature: _____ Date _____

Student's t-shirt size (adult) (circle one): S M L XL XXL XXXL