



Marching Pride of Lawrence Township
Marching Band Performer Contract
Return by Monday, May 13th, 2024

Student's Name: (PRINTED) _____

Grade in School for Fall 2024 8th 9th 10th 11th 12th

School – Fall of 2024 (please check one):

☐ LC

☐ BMS

☐ LN

☐ 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. Marshall (LC) or Mr. Roose (LN), 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 in June to Directors. Directors will then determine the extent to which any student with such conflicts will be eligible to participate this season.

Only directors reserve the right to determine whether a student's absence is excused or unexcused. MPLT utilizes the alternate system. Therefore, students with 3 unexcused absences will be moved to Alternate Status until attendance improves. Poor attendance will result in a full dismissal from the organization. Attendance will be taken daily. If a student misses the Thursday Night rehearsal, they are automatically ineligible to perform on the Saturday contest. Fall break absences are not excused. Students are required to be at Fall Break rehearsals and performances.

Summer absences only: Please indicate any anticipated absences that will take place **prior to Labor Day** 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 a 3.0 average and treating our fellow members with dignity and respect. In addition, we expect that students will react positively to staff instruction, interact positively and professionally with the membership of other programs, and show respect for school facilities and property. A student having trouble in any of these areas will have their performance eligibility revoked. Students removed from the organization will still be required to pay their full membership fee unless otherwise noted by Mr. Marshall or Mr. Roose.

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. 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 IHSA physical on file.**

V. Grades/Academic Standing - MPLT members must maintain a 3.0 GPA. Students who fall below this requirement will be placed on probation. Once placed on probation, students must meet with a director to develop an academic action plan to raise grades. **While on probation, students must still attend all rehearsals and performances.** Students who miss rehearsal while on probation will be moved to alternate status. It is inexcusable to miss rehearsal due to grades. Directors will make that determination.

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. Instrumentation - All students will march their primary instrument. Students will not be allowed to march a secondary instrument unless a director deems it necessary for the success of the program (Ensemble balance). The only students with this exception are double reed players. Brass, Woodwind and Percussion students are not permitted to be in the color guard.

VIII. Parent Expectations - **All parents must be on the Parent BAND App.** If a parent is not on the band app, their student will not be eligible for membership in MPLT. It is crucial that parents are aware of what is expected of them and their students throughout the season. Parents must be accessible throughout the season via the BAND App. Parents must communicate absences to Directors. Removing a student from rehearsal or a performance is unacceptable and will result in the student being placed on

Alternate Status. Parents must also show respect to staff, students, and other parents in the organization.

IX. 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 for the 2024 season will be \$800 which includes all fees, except the cost of shoes. Members needing new shoes must pay an additional \$50. This will be added to their student account at their home school.

2) 2024 performers must pay a \$400 deposit towards their 2024 fees by Wednesday, May 13th, 2024.

3) 2024 performers must adhere to the payment plan below.

Deposit - \$400 - Due May 13th, 2024 (Non-refundable)

Payment 2 - \$100 - Due July 15th, 2024

Payment 3 - \$100 - Due August 19th, 2024

Payment 4 - \$100 - Due September 16th, 2024

Payment 5 - \$100 - Due October 14th, 2024

____ I need a separate payment plan

4) 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____

Return this form to your school's Administrative Assistant. We will make a copy for your records.