

THE GERMANTOWN HIGH SCHOOL BAND



The prosperity of any organization depends on the commitment of its membership to work tirelessly towards the goal of excellence, no matter how exhausting the challenge.

Though absolute perfection may never be attained, persistence in attempting to reach perfection is what strengthens us, and our commitments to each other.

The dedication of every band member towards reaching our goals as a team is the most critical element of our success.

The Germantown High School Band Program is dedicated to guiding its students to reach their highest level of excellence. The ultimate goal is to instill a life-long appreciation and love for music.

The Varsity Wind Symphony and the Intermediate Concert Band are the foundation of the band program at Germantown High School. Although we provide many different opportunities for music performance, these ensembles provide the full range of music education from which other opportunities stem. This is where fundamentals are taught and musicianship flourishes.

Although performance is a major goal for our courses, it is not the only one. It is our belief that “the process is just as important as the product.” Most musical concepts are taught through the rehearsal of quality literature for performance. There are standards, however, that are not met through performance. Student objectives include listening to, discussing, and writing about music as well as acquiring a basic knowledge of music history and theory.

All students are encouraged to participate in as many musical opportunities as they can both through and outside of Germantown High School. *Private lessons are strongly recommended.* If a student is interested in continuing with music beyond high school, private lessons and involvement in as many musical opportunities as possible are essential for success.

ENSEMBLES

VARSITY WIND SYMPHONY: This is the *premier* performance ensemble of the band program. This ensemble is designed for *advanced musicians* with emphasis placed on the musicianship skills required for performance of sophisticated literature grade IV and above. *Members are required to audition for the All-West Band.* Performances include concerts, performance assessments, festivals, and music conferences. After-school rehearsal time is required. Members must also participate in the Marching Band. Members of this group should be enrolled in Sr. Band Advanced (Honors) I, II, III, or IV. ***Private lessons strongly recommended and expected of experienced players.***

INTERMEDIATE CONCERT BAND: This ensemble is designed to develop the necessary skills needed to display intermediate level musicianship capabilities. Members of the Intermediate Band are not required to audition for the All-West Band. These groups strive for excellence by performing in concerts, performance assessments, and festivals. After school rehearsals are mandatory. Members must participate in the Marching Band. Members of this group should be enrolled in Sr. Band I, II, III, or IV. Private lessons are strongly recommended.

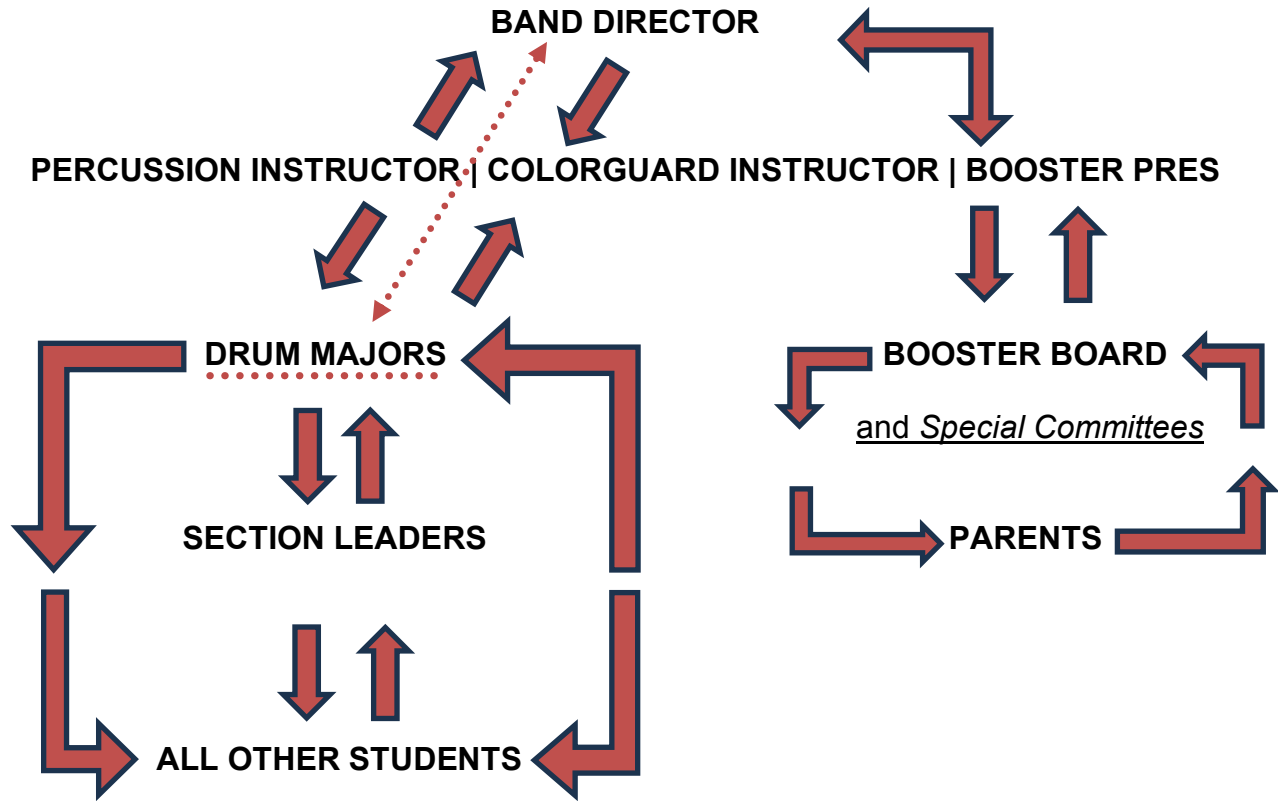
MARCHING BAND: The Germantown Red Devils Marching Band operates primarily during the fall and is comprised of the Varsity Band, Intermediate Band, and Color Guard. Basics of marching and playing in an outdoor ensemble setting are the primary points of emphasis. Performances include football games, performance assessments, festivals, and parades. This band rehearses after school *daily*. Instrumentalists of this group should be enrolled in Sr. Band I; Sr. Band Honors I, II, III, IV; or Senior Band Advanced Honors I, II, III, or IV, Percussion I, II, III, or IV, or Honors Percussion I, II, III, or IV.

JAZZ BAND: This class is designed for musicians interested in learning elements of jazz music. Emphasis is placed on the development of swing, blues, modern jazz, and Latin styles of repertoire for performance. Members are required to audition for the All-West Band. Performances include concerts, performance assessments, festivals, and music conferences. No prior experience in jazz is required, and all GHS students are welcomed to join. *Students are strongly encouraged to take advantage of lesson provided through our partnership with the Memphis Jazz Workshop.* Instrumentalists of this group must be enrolled in Honors (Jazz) Stage Band I, II, III, IV.

PERCUSSION ENSEMBLE: Better known as the *GrooveHouse Drumline*. This group of student-musicians operates both within (football season) and independently (battle season) of the Red Devil Marching Band. Emphasis is placed on the development of rudimentary skills, mallets percussion, and drum line performance. Instrumentalists of this group should be enrolled in one of our available percussion classes. This ensemble performs year-round, with the bulk of its independent competitive work (rehearsals and performances) occurring in the spring semester.

WINTER GUARD: This is our indoor color guard. Winter Guard is a competitive, performance-based activity which incorporates choreographed staging, dance, and manipulation of equipment such as flags, prop rifles, and sabers. Unlike traditional color guard, winter guard operates independently of any band ensemble, so any students may participate. The winter guard season generally runs from December through Spring Break. There is a separate fee associated with participation.

Organizational Chart



Student Communication Cycle:

The Drum Major(s) sits atop the student communication hierarchy. They are the direct link between students and band staff and are the primary source for student information.

Section leaders and captains are responsible for managing section materials, running efficient sectional rehearsals, and maintaining communication within the section and to the drum major (s). This communication includes, but is not limited to, attendance, conflict resolution, and general support with section members.

The “ask three before me (director)” concept helps this cycle of communication function properly and helps build a trustworthy community among band peers. If a student has a question, they should first ask the closest section member, then ask a section leader, next ask a drum major. The answer is always somewhere within your student communication cycle.

Please note that these cycles of communication do not suggest that the band director will not talk to students or parents on an individual basis. This is in place to make sure that the director has adequate time to commit to the larger tasks that impact all students and parents.

Parent Communication Cycle:

The Parent Booster Club President sits atop the parent communication hierarchy. This person is the direct link between parents and band staff and are the primary source for reporting and disseminating pertinent parent information.

The Booster Board is comprised of the president, vice president, secretary, and treasurer. The board manages several aspects of the band program that primarily include communication to all parents, collecting band fees, fundraising, and assisting committees with creating and maintaining adequate opportunities for parent volunteerism.

Parent Committees are sub-groups of parents that support the board and band staff with implementing the vision of the director and meeting the needs of students (travel & equipment and hospitality & concessions are our biggest areas where parent volunteers are needed).

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GERMANTOWN HIGH SCHOOL RED DEVIL BAND

Participation Contract / Financial Agreement

Welcome! We are so excited to have your student and family as part of our GHS Red Devil Band Family! The purpose of this agreement is to provide you with an overview of the costs involved in participating as a member of the Germantown High School Band. All Band Fees support the GHS Band Programs for the entire academic year. Without your financial contributions, our award-winning program could not function.

Band fees for the school year are \$500.00 for all participants. Fees should be paid in full before the last Friday, September 20, 2024 (no extensions). Not including color guard members, siblings' fees are \$400.00.

Your signature on this agreement is your commitment to participate in the GHS Band for the entire school year. Please be certain that you understand all your responsibilities before signing. A parent/legal guardian must co-sign this agreement.

Financial obligations for the members of the Germantown High School Red Devil Band are as follows:

Fee Schedule:

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| 1. FIRST PAYMENT due July | \$250.00 |
| 2. SECOND PAYMENT due August | \$150.00 |
| 3. THIRD PAYMENT due September | \$100.00 |

Payments are to be sent to school in an envelope with your student's name and grade, then placed in the secure "LOCK BOX" in the Band Director's office. Cash and CashAPP (with detailed memo) are accepted (\$GHSBand901).

Checks or Money Orders should be made to: GHS Band Boosters
(All returned checks will be assessed a fee of \$15.00)

NO REFUNDS ON BAND FEES – NO EXCEPTIONS!

Please be advised that band fees are used to pay for the entire school year. Band fees include the following: Concert music, field show music, choreography, props, competition entry fees, bus transportation, instrument maintenance and/or repair, association fees, All-West/All-State registration, part-time personnel, and other costs associated with operating the band program for the **entire** school year.

All Band Students must submit the following documents with the first payment:

1. Participation Contract & Financial Agreement
2. Medical Form WITH a required **copy** of the Medical Insurance Card
3. General Field Trip & Photography/Videography Consent Form
4. **First Payment of \$250.00**

Payment or Signature, whichever is received first, implies that you agree to and accept all terms and conditions presented in this document.

ONLY STUDENTS WHO HAVE SUBMITTED ALL REQUIRED MATERIALS WILL BE REGISTERED FOR BAND CLASSES.

Germantown High School Red Devil Varsity Band Participation Contract / Financial Agreement

Student's Full Legal Name: _____

Instrument/Section: _____ Grade Level: _____

Parent/Legal Guardian Name _____

All students must meet all the following participation requirements:

1. **Pay** all fees on time.
2. **Attend** all rehearsals and performances. *Failure to comply will negatively impact the student's grade.*
3. **Be on time** and remain for the duration of all rehearsals and performances. Early dismissal is not permissible. Arriving late to rehearsals or having unexcused absences will be considered a violation of this agreement. *Failure to comply will negatively impact the student's grade and may subject the student to possible removal from the GHS Band Program. To avoid penalty, all expected late arrivals and absences should be communicated in writing prior to an event (email thompsonj8@scsk12.org).*
4. **Maintain** a C average (2.0 GPA) to stay in the program (based on quarterly grade checks). If quarter one grades do not meet the minimum requirement, students and parents will receive a notice of warning. If average is not improved by quarter two, students will be suspended from participating in all band activities and must go to (and provide proof of) mandatory tutoring in lieu of after school rehearsals and performances.
5. Students **must adhere** to the MSCS (Memphis Shelby County Schools) Code of Conduct as well as the policies of the host school during rehearsals and performances.

I understand the responsibilities and financial obligations concerning my (or my student's) enrollment in the Germantown High School Red Devil Band. I agree to adhere to the payment schedule outlined in the Participation Contract / Financial Agreement to remain in the band program. I also understand that this agreement must be on file by the *first week of school* to participate in band for the school year. After the first payment, I understand that payment arrangements can only be made with the GHS Band Director and Booster Exec. Board

Band Member's Signature

Date

Parent / Guardian's Signature

Date

***** Band Fees are expected to be paid in full PRIOR to the first competition in September. *****



GERMANTOWN HIGH SCHOOL BAND PARTICIPATION FORM

IMPORTANT – READ BEFORE COMPLETING THIS FORM: Please print in black or blue ink and fill in all blanks. Complete one form for each student participating in band. The Medical Permit form on page 2 **MUST** be notarized and the notary's seal is required.

STUDENT INFORMATION

Last Name _____ First Name _____ Middle _____

Gender _____ Date of Birth _____ Instrument _____ Grade

Home Address _____ City _____ Zip _____

Home Phone _____ Cell Phone _____ E-Mail _____

Middle School you attended _____

PARENT/ GUARDIAN INFORMATION (MOTHER)

Last Name _____ First Name _____

Home Address _____ City _____ Zip _____

Home Phone _____ Cell Phone _____ E-mail _____

Employer _____ Occupation _____

Work Phone _____ Work E-mail _____

PARENT/ GUARDIAN INFORMATION (FATHER)

Last Name _____ First Name _____

Home Address _____ City _____ Zip _____

Home Phone _____ Cell Phone _____ Home E-mail _____

Employer _____ Occupation _____

Work Phone _____ Work E-mail _____

EMERGENCY CONTACT (Friend / Relative at a different address who could reach parent /guardian)

Last Name _____ First Name _____ Relationship _____

Home Address _____ City _____ Zip _____

Home Phone _____ Work Phone _____ Cell Phone _____

PERMISSION TO USE PHOTOGRAPHS/VIDEO

The Germantown High School Band website and affiliated social media may contain photographs and/or videos of students. Because there will be pictures included on this site, it is necessary for me to obtain a signed waiver from a parent/guardian before a picture or video of any student can be put on the website. If for some reason you do not want your child's picture on the website, please sign the appropriate area.

I DO GIVE permission to Mr. Jeremy S. Thompson/or the web master/or social media designee to place any picture that includes my son/daughter, _____, on the Germantown High School Band Website. Furthermore, I release Memphis- Shelby County Schools, Germantown High School, Jeremy Thompson, and band staff members from all legal matters concerning the use of my child's picture or image.

PARENT/GUARDIAN SIGNATURE (PARTICIPANT IF 18 OR OLDER): DATE

I DO NOT give permission to place any picture that includes my son/daughter, _____, on the Germantown High School Band Website or social media.

PARENT/GUARDIAN SIGNATURE (PARTICIPANT IF 18 OR OLDER): DATE

Germantown High School Band General Field Trip Form

I give permission for _____, grade _____, to participate in all school-sponsored trips away from the school premises throughout the current school year. I understand that students will be accompanied and supervised by Jeremy Thompson and MSCS certified volunteers. I understand that I will be given at least forty-eight hours' notice of all trips away from the school premises. I further understand that I may revoke permission for a specific field trip by written notice to Jeremy Thompson prior to the trip.

Although the school desires to provide a safe and enjoyable time for all students, accidents can still happen. I/we understand that there are risks/dangers involved with participation in off-campus trips and their associated activities. In consideration of my child being allowed to participate in the trip, I/we agree to assume responsibility for those associated with the travel and activities. I/we agree to hold harmless Memphis-Shelby County Schools, Germantown High School, Jeremy Thompson, and representatives, including volunteers and other drivers, from all claims arising from my child's participation. **This release agreement does not apply to claims of intentional misconduct or gross negligence by the school, its employees, or volunteers.**

In case of accident, illness, or other emergency, I request that the band director or designated volunteer contact me. If the band director cannot reach a parent/guardian after conscientious effort, I give permission for the band director or designated volunteer to call paramedics or any licensed physician. If a life-threatening emergency exists, I give permission for the band director or designated volunteer to call paramedics immediately and then contact me/us as soon as possible thereafter.

I authorize and consent to any X-ray examination, anesthetic, medical, dental, or surgical diagnosis or treatment and hospital care, which, in the best judgment of a licensed physician or dentist, is deemed advisable. I agree to assume financial responsibility for expenses incurred as a result of those services being provided. I also agree to be financially responsible for emergency medical transportation. In cases where medical care is needed but the situation is not an emergency, the band director or designated volunteer will make every effort to contact parents before treatment is given.

(Student Name)

(Student Signature) Date

(Parent Name)

(Parent Signature) Date



GERMANTOWN HIGH SCHOOL BAND MEDICAL PERMIT FORM

*Note: The signature **MUST** be notarized and sealed. **NO EXCEPTIONS.** Information submitted on this form will only be used by the Band Director and Band Booster Organization in support of the Band Program at Germantown High School.*

I hereby consent for a qualified physician or surgeon to examine, diagnose, prescribe and perform treatment, including surgery that is deemed advisable for the welfare of:

STUDENT'S FULL NAME _____

I give my permission for the above named to take:
 Tylenol (Acetaminophen) Emetrol (nausea & vomiting)
 Advil (Ibuprofen) Dramamine
 Imodium Midol
 Benedryl Other _____
 None of the above

Note: Medications will not be given under any circumstance without prior permission from parent/guardian.

Please list any medical concerns and/or medications the Student currently takes _____

List any known allergies:
Medications _____
Food _____
Environmental _____

Date of last Tetanus inoculation _____

INSURANCE COMPANY _____	POLICY NUMBER _____
SUBSCRIBER NAME _____ SS# _____	Date of Birth _____
SUBSCRIBER NUMBER _____	GROUP NUMBER _____
STUDENT'S PHYSICIAN _____	PHYSICIAN'S PHONE _____

PLEASE ATTACH A COPY OF YOUR INSURANCE CARD – FRONT AND BACK

If an operative procedure is recommended, I hereby consent to the administration of any anesthetic, general, local, or both, by a qualified Anesthesiologist. If a blood transfusion is necessary, I consent to this procedure. I understand that no one connected with Germantown High School or the Germantown Band Boosters assumes liability for any injury incurred by the participant. I agree to pay all costs incurred by the participant(s) for the hospital bills, physicians' fees and ambulance fee.

I understand that someone in authority will make every attempt to contact me in the event my child is admitted to the hospital and/or treated by a Physician.

Date _____ Parent / Guardian Signature _____

Relationship to Student _____ Print Name _____

State of Tennessee
County of Shelby

Subscribed, sworn, and acknowledged before me on this the ____ day of _____, 20____.

My Commission expires: _____

Notary Public, State of Tennessee, At Large

