

Jaguar Bands

Handbook



2024-2025

Schedule of Performances

These dates include required Parades, Football Shows, Concerts and Contests. If the need arises for additional performances the students will be notified as far in advance as possible. If a date change is necessary, advance notice will be given as soon as possible. In addition, all performances during the school day will be required.

Date	Day	Event	Who	Time	Location
July 22-23	Mon-Tues	Drumline Rehearsal	Drumline	7:00 PM	MVHS
July 24-Aug 2	Mon-Fri	Band Camp	All Band Members	All Day	MVHS
Aug. 14	Wednesday	Freshman Pep Assembly Performance	10-12 Grade Band Members	7:30 AM	MVHS
Aug. 20	Tuesday	Memory Night/Marching Rehearsal	All Band Members	6:30 PM	MVHS
Sept. 10	Tuesday	Memory Night/Marching Rehearsal	All Band Members	6:30 PM	MVHS
Sept. 13	Friday	Football Game-Band Night	All Band Members	5:00 PM	MVHS
Sept. 18	Wednesday	Homecoming Parade	All Band Members	5:00 PM	MVHS
Sept. 20	Friday	Football Game - Homecoming	All Band Members	5:00 PM	MVHS
Sept. 24	Tuesday	Memory Night/Marching Rehearsal	All Band Members	6:30 PM	MVHS
Oct. 1	Tuesday	Memory Night/Marching Rehearsal	All Band Members	6:30 PM	MVHS
Oct. 4	Friday	Football Game	All Band Members	5:00 PM	MVHS
Oct. 8	Tuesday	Memory Night/Marching Rehearsal	All Band Members	6:30 PM	MVHS
Oct. 9	Wednesday	Emporia State Marching Festival	All Band Members	All day	Emporia, KS
Oct. 12	Saturday	Central States Marching Festival	All Band Members	All Day	Manhattan, KS
Oct. 25	Friday	Football Game	All Band Members	5:00 PM	MVHS
Nov. 1	Friday	Football Playoff Game	All Band Members	17:00	MVHS
Nov. 6-10	Wed - Sun	Musical	Audition Only	7:00 PM	MVHS
Nov. 8	Friday	Football Playoff Game	All Band Members	5:00 PM	TBA
Nov. 9	Saturday	District Band/ Choir Auditions	Optional	All Day	Gardner
Nov. 15	Friday	Football Playoff Game	All Band Members	5:00 PM	TBA
Nov. 22	Friday	Football Playoff Game	All Band Members	5:00 PM	TBA
Nov. 30	Saturday	Football Championship Game	All Band Members	All Day	TBA
Dec. 7	Saturday	District Convention	Audition Only	7:30 AM	Blue Valley
Dec. 11	Wednesday	Jazz / Band Concert	All Band Members	7:00 PM	PAC
Jan. 11	Saturday	Live State Auditions	Audition Only	All Day	Salina, KS
Feb. 8	Saturday	Regional Piano	Optional	TBA	Baldwin City
Feb. 22	Saturday	State Piano	Optional	TBA	Whicita, KS
Feb. 27-1	Thurs - Sun	State Band / Choir	Audition Only	All Day	Wichita, KS
Mar. 4	Tuesday	Jazz / Band Concert	All Band Members	7:30 PM	PAC
Mar. 25	Tuesday	Solo and Ensemble Preview	Optional	6:30 PM	MVHS
April 5	Saturday	Regional Solo and Ensembles	Optional	All Day	MVHS
April 10	Thursday	State Large Group	All Band Members	All Day	Lawrence, KS
April 26	Saturday	State Solo and Ensembles	Optional	All Day	Salina, KS
May 7	Wednesday	Jazz / Band Concert	All Band Members	7:00 PM	PAC
May 8	Thursday	Senior Showcase	Optional	7:00 PM	PAC
May 17	Saturday	Graduation	All Band Members	7:30	MVHS

Attendance

Band is a co-curricular academic class. This means that some class activities occur during the school day and some occur outside of school hours (performances), but ALL class activities count toward credit in the class.

Performances: In order to maintain a high-quality performance all band members must be present. Failure to attend a performance will result in a serious grade reduction for a student. Only excused absences will be allowed to be made up for credit. Pep Assemblies are considered performances and need to be attended by all. In special circumstances a band member may receive an excused absence from a performance. The following policy was established by the students, directors and administrators please look it over carefully.

2024-2025 Attendance and Make Up Policy

All Excused Absences need to be made up by one week after the event took place

Excused Absences – Make up will be allowed for these situations

- Family Weddings
- Funerals
- Family Graduation
- Illness
- Approved Absences – prior approval from director must be obtained (see form below)
- Family Emergency
- School Administrator Approval

Football Game Absences

- A request of absence form must be filled out by August 28th
- The director will review the absence
- If approval has been granted, then the student may make up the absence
- Only the excused absences listed above will be allowed for make up

Concerts

- A request of absence form must be filled out by August 28th
- The director will review the absence
- If approval has been granted, then the student may make up the absence

State Contest / Marching Contest

- Only illness or funerals will be allowed for make-up.

Make Up

- The student will be given a solo piece of music to prepare, current marching music or use of seminar time to practice
- It will be due one week after the missed performance

- It will be graded using the State of Kansas performance Rubric

Special Circumstance

- Some absences come up throughout the year that was not known before the August 28th cutoff date. Students may submit a written request to the directors **two weeks** prior to the absence for consideration.
- The directors will consider if the overall performance of the group will not be compromised due to the absence before approval will be granted.
- These absences will need to fall under the excused absences in order for them to be considered.
- Print and fill out the form below or use the following google link

<https://forms.gle/md9JRGU9seUD4tQY6>

Request of Absence form	
Name	_____
Date of missed performance	_____
Reason for absence	_____
Parent Signature	_____
Date	_____

Grading Policy

Daily Participation: Students will receive 5 points for each daily rehearsal. Points may be deducted for tardiness, lack of preparation/participation, disruptions, lack of working equipment, etc. Grades will be given on the following Rubric.

- Five Points – The student’s attention never wavers from the rehearsal. The student exhibits exceptional behavior, providing a model for others
- Four Points – The student listens attentively, needs no teacher reminders to refrain from talking or interrupting, and follows all the rules for good rehearsal participation.
- Three Points – The student occasionally does not participate in the rehearsal but needs no teacher reminders to refrain from talking or interrupting.
- Two Points – The student needs occasional teacher reminders to listen attentively and/or to refrain from talking, may get out of his/her seat, or does not follow all the rules of good rehearsal participation.
- One Point – The student needs frequent teacher reminders to sit still, refrain from talking, listen attentively, or actively participate. The student makes it difficult for other students to listen and participate.
- Zero Points – The student is absent from class or makes it impossible for other students to listen and participate.

Assignments: Students will have periodic playing assignments that will be graded. These may include chair tests, quarter objectives, memorization tests, technique drills, and written evaluations. They will be worth between 5 and 100 points depending on the type of assignment. Students will be made aware of the point value well before the assignment is due.

Performances:

State Music Contest	300 points
Marching Contest	300 points
Concerts	200 points
Graduation	200 points
Football Shows	100 points
Parades	50 points
Pep Rallies	50 points
Playing Tests (if necessary)	5-100 points

Daily Points Make up Work

Students will have a variety of options to make up their missed daily points. Unlike make up points for performances, students can make up missed daily points at any point in the semester. Students should come see Ms. Steiner or Ms. Whyte to find out how they can make up these points. All daily points make up work needs to be turned in **one week before the end of each grading period.**

Uniforms

Marching Band

Every band member will be issued a marching band uniform. It is their responsibility to ensure that the uniform is kept clean for each performance, and that the uniform is returned in good condition. The proper marching uniform is:

- Hat
- Coat
- Pants
- Black Socks (long)
- Marching Band Shoes (\$30.00)
- Band T-Shirt (\$15.00)

While at the games, the uniform will be worn correctly at all times. Your hat may remain off until halftime.

Uniform Care:

1. Do not wash or hand clean the uniform. They must be dry-cleaned.
2. Do not use any type of spot cleaner, remover, deodorant, etc. on the uniform.
3. Do not iron, blow dry, or tumble-dry any part of the uniform.
4. Air-dry the uniform after each use.
5. Hang up the uniform after each performance.
6. If you stain the uniform and it needs cleaning, take it to a professional dry-cleaner.

If your uniform is not stored properly after each use, you will be required to serve a detention or pay for the damage done by the neglect.

Concert Band Uniform

All students need to provide the following for their concert uniform. We use the standard all black attire for our concerts. Please keep in mind that we want to look professional and should choose outfits that reflect that.

Black Pants and Shirt

- Black Slacks (No Jeans)
- Black Shirt (preferred long black sleeve button down)
- Black Socks and Black Shoes.

Black Dress

- Dresses need to be below the knees while you are sitting and must have sleeves.

Music

Students will be issued music throughout the year. Students need to purchase a flip folder for marching music. Students are responsible for the care and condition of the music and will be responsible for missing or damaged music at the end of the year. Lost music will result in the following charges in order to replace it.

Pep Band - .50 per song

Concert Band - \$2.00 per song

Lockers

Each band student will be issued a locker and a school owned lock. The lockers are to remain locked at all times and students will be responsible for any lost or missing locks. Please keep your locker free of trash and especially any food items. If you break or lose your lock a \$10.00 fee will be charged to replace the lock. Mill Valley is not responsible for lost or stolen items.

Instruments

Certain large instruments may be checked out from the school. Students will be responsible for negligent damage to school instruments and we be responsible for the amount of the repair or lost item. All instruments must be stored in a locker or approved storage area when not in use.

Band Expectations

In order to uphold the success of the group the following expectations need to be met by every student:

1. Be on time and prepared with your instrument, music, pencil, appropriate attire, and positive attitude for every rehearsal and performance.
2. Listen to and follow all instructions of the director, drum majors, student leaders, administrators, and other staff the first time they are given.
3. Respect the property and person of fellow students and staff at all times. Keep materials stored in their proper place, and place trash in proper receptacles. Refrain from offensive language, inappropriate conduct, and degrading another's performance.

4. Abide by all school policies and rules set forth by Mill Valley High School and any special policies set forth by the Mill Valley Band.

Consequences

Students who fail to meet all expectations may experience the following:

1. Detention
2. Private conference between student and director.
3. Conference with student, director, and parents to discuss behaviors and expectations
4. Referral to office for appropriate consequences.
5. Loss of Band enrollment privilege. (Severe indiscretions)

Varsity Letter Award

Band students have the opportunity to letter in Band. Students who letter in band more than one year will receive bars. Varsity letters are earned for participation and effort in the band program. In order to earn a letter, students must meet the following criteria:

1. Have no unexcused absences from any performance.
2. Have no major discipline problems in band.
3. Have an A average or higher in band.
4. Earn 50 points on the following scale:
 - 50 Points for attending all basketball pep band games
 - 10 points per year in band
 - 10 points for service as a band officer
 - 20 points for servings as a drum major
 - 10 points for attending all summer band practice
 - 25 points for auditioning for All-District band
 - 50 points for being selected for All-District Band
 - 100 points for being selected for the All-State Band
 - 25 points for each first Division in Solo and Ensemble
 - 5 points for performing on your instrument outside of band (Maximum of 2)
 - 5 points for attending another large ensemble concert and providing a paragraph critique (2 maximum)
 - 5 points for volunteering to participate in band service projects (i.e. moving equipment, assisting with music, etc.) Points may be duplicated at director's discretion.

Parent / Student Signature

Please read through the information in this handbook. Return the form on the next page or complete the following google doc by August 28th.

<https://forms.gle/vfKAnGgyJCHKZ4bM6>

I have read and understand the procedures policies, and expectations of the Mill Valley High School Band. As a parent I understand what is expected of my student as a band member.

Parent Name (printed) _____

Parent Signature _____

Date _____

Student Name (printed) _____

Student Signature _____

Date _____