

Coffee County Central High School



Red Raider Marching Band

Band Information and Policy Handbook

2026-2027



Welcome!



Welcome to the 2026 Coffee County Central High School Red Raider Marching Band!

Welcome to the vibrant world of the marching band! I am thrilled to extend a warm greeting to each and every one of you as you embark on this exciting journey with us. Whether you're a seasoned musician or brand new to the world of band, you are about to become part of a tight-knit community that values dedication, teamwork, and of course, a love for music.

As your band director, I am honored to lead you through what promises to be a thrilling and rewarding experience. The marching band is not just about creating music; it's about fostering friendships, building confidence, and pushing ourselves to new heights both individually and collectively. Together, we will strive for excellence in everything we do, from our precision drills on the field to our heartfelt performances in the stands.

I encourage each of you to approach this season with an open mind and a willingness to learn and grow. Embrace the challenges that come your way, knowing that with hard work and determination, you are capable of achieving greatness. Remember, success is not measured solely by the trophies we win, but by the memories we create and the bonds we forge along the way.

As we embark on this journey together, I urge you to always support one another, lift each other up, and celebrate each other's successes. In the marching band, we are not just teammates; we are family. Let's make this season one to remember, filled with laughter, camaraderie, and unforgettable musical moments.

As someone who has participated in some level of marching band for 13 years, I have first-hand experience navigating the complex emotions associated with each stage of membership. Veterans - many of the younger students will be looking to you for guidance. Embrace the challenges which come with being a leader even if not designated in the leadership team. Your willingness to foster an encouraging and safe environment will bode well for our future success. New members - understand that natural feelings of anxiety, doubt, and trepidation are exactly such. Natural. These feelings will quickly subside once you build friendships throughout the ensemble. Do not be afraid to rely on the older members in the beginning. We all started at the beginning at one point.

Last, but certainly not least, please don't ever hesitate to contact me directly with any questions, concerns, or comments. I am excited to begin our journey together.

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Attendance Policy

The purpose of this attendance policy is to ensure the successful and cohesive functioning of the Red Raider Marching Band. Regular attendance is crucial for individual skill development, ensemble cohesion, and overall success in performances, competitions, and events.

Attendance Expectations:

All members of the marching band are expected to attend and actively participate in all rehearsals, performances, competitions, and other band-related events, as scheduled by the Band Director(s). Attendance is mandatory for all members, including musicians, color guard members, and any other designated positions within the band. If absent, it is the responsibility of the member to complete additional material to ensure they remain on track with the rest of the group.

Absences:

Excused absences may be granted for legitimate reasons such as illness, family emergencies, school-related obligations, or pre-approved absences. To request an excused absence, members must submit a **written request** to the Band Director(s) **at least 2 weeks in advance**, stating the reason for the absence. The Band Director(s) has the sole discretion to determine the validity of the excuse and whether the absence will be excused or unexcused. Members with excused absences are expected to make up missed rehearsals and receive all necessary information and/or music from the Band Director(s) or designated section leaders. Any absence that does not meet the criteria for an excused absence will be considered unexcused, **INCLUDING** work, not having a ride, homework, etc.

Tardiness:

Promptness is essential for maintaining an effective rehearsal schedule. Members are expected to arrive at the designated rehearsal location at least 10 minutes before the scheduled start time. Habitual tardiness may be subject to disciplinary action, as determined by the Band Director(s).

Communication:

Members are responsible for notifying the Band Director(s) in advance if they anticipate being absent or tardy due to unforeseen circumstances (e.g., sudden illness, transportation issues, etc.). **Communication regarding attendance should only be made through email or a handwritten note.**

Consequences:

Consequences for excessive unexcused absences or repeated tardiness will be determined by the Band Director(s), in consultation with the school administration, as appropriate. Consequences may include, but are not limited to, additional graded assignments, loss of performance opportunities, exclusion from competitions, reduction in the students course grade, temporary suspension from the marching band, or permanent dismissal from the band.



Band Membership

To be a participating member of the Red Raider Marching Band, students and/or parents must:

- Enroll in a band class
- Complete all forms and payments by the appropriate due dates
- Agree to comply with terms set forth by the band handbook
- Remain in good standing, academically and behaviorally, with Coffee County High School's teachers and administrators
- Attend all camps, rehearsals, performances, and other scheduled band functions unless agreed upon prior
- Maintain the values which govern all Coffee County Central High School students set forth by the Student Handbook

Travel Procedures

- ALL CCCHS/CCSS Rules apply during the entire trip. You will not only be representing yourself, but also the band department, and the school district as a whole.
- Students will be assigned to a specific bus. This will remain the same for the entire marching season unless noted otherwise. Students will only ride on their designated bus.
- Only students of the same sex are to be seated together and no couples are to be seated together.
- If we travel by bus, students must return by bus unless THEIR parent/guardian signs them out in-person. Bus sign out slips will be available and must be signed by a parent before departing.

Marching Band Materials

Materials - these should be with you for every rehearsal:

- **BLACK** 3-Ring Binder with page protectors
- Instrument, in good working condition
 - See a director if issues arise
- Woodwinds - Minimum of 3 reeds and reed case, cleaning swab
- Brass - Valve oil
- Percussion- Large practice pad (12" Evans ReelFeel), concert snare sticks
- Music (in 3-ring binder with page protectors)
- Coordinate sheets
- Appropriate athletic attire and low top athletic shoes (no flops, sandals, crocs, Hey Dudes, etc.)
- Large personal water jug or water bottle

Marching Uniform Required Parts- students are expected to provide the following to complete the uniform for every performance. Uniform parts should be washed between each performance.

- Marching shoes - orders collected by the band directors
- Long black socks
- New Spirit Shirt
- Undergarments - Shorts supplied by students
- Gloves - first pair provided. \$4/Pair for 2nd, 3rd, etc.



Marching Band Uniform Care

- Uniform fittings will occur during or after band camp
- The full uniform shall include: band uniform (jacket and bibbers), black shorts, long black socks, band uniform shirt, shako (hat), and plume, black gloves.
- Guard will have a uniform outlined by the Director
- A uniform inspection will occur prior to every game or performance.
- When in uniform, students are expected to:
 - Act professionally and respectfully
 - No swearing or PDA
 - NOT wear extreme or flashy makeup
 - Keep uniform in pristine condition
 - NOT wear jewelry of any kind
 - NOT remove uniform parts in public unless instructed by the directors
 - NOT consume food (Only water is allowed)
- YOUR uniform is YOUR responsibility throughout the entire season. It is your responsibility to ensure proper upkeep is met. It is the student's responsibility to inform proper personnel of any issue with the uniform during this time to limit maintenance related issues during the season.
- All students are required to return their uniform with the dry cleaning tag still attached. This tag serves as verification that the uniform has been professionally cleaned. Uniforms returned without a dry cleaning tag may result in a cleaning fee being charged.

Head to Toe Marching Band Uniform Regulations

- Shako
 - Each student will be sized for a shako. Shakos should not be handled with bare hands to keep hand oil and sweat from staining the fabric.
- Hair and Face/Ears
 - Hair for instrumentalists should not show, be bushy or flip out. It should be unnoticeable. Long hair must be neatly pulled up in braids or a bun. Short hair must be neatly trimmed. Hair that is in between must be contained with gel. (color guard hair requirements will be communicated in regards to the show theme/uniform)
 - No jewelry of any kind - earrings, nose rings, lip rings, septum rings, chin or eyebrow rings. No makeup (matching makeup is allowed for color guard)
- Base layer
 - The purpose of the base layer is to have a smooth line while wearing bibbers and jacket or color guard uniform and to have appropriate garb when out of the uniform.
 - Undershirt - Band uniform shirt
 - Shorts - Black athletic shorts. If a band member shows up with inaccurate shorts they will need to purchase shorts from the band uniform supplies.
 - If not in show uniform, color guard members will wear black leggings (or shorts - weather dependent), the band spirit shirt, and jazz shoes.
- Jackets and bibbers
 - Band members will be sized for the appropriate size jacket and bibbers. Each member will also be shown how to adjust the hem on their pant legs. Each band member will be responsible for checking their hems before each game and competition.



- Uniform Shirt
 - Will be purchased by each student to be used over their 4 years in marching band
 - Will be worn for all pep rallies, in the event of extreme temperatures, etc.
- Gauntlets
 - Band members will be sized for the appropriate size gauntlets.
- Gloves
 - Each band member except percussion will be sized for gloves. If gloves are forgotten, they may be borrowed from the borrow bin. If the appropriate size is not available, they will need to be bought from uniform supplies.
- Socks
 - All black calf length or knee socks must be worn. Short socks or socks with colored heels are unacceptable.
- Shoes
 - Each band member will be sized for band shoes. They will be worn for every game and competition. Names should be written in each shoe with a sharpie.

*Please Note- Shoes, gloves, undershirts, and shorts that are left in the band room, hallways, and buses and are not labeled with the owner's name will go in the borrow bins.

Concert Uniform - We ask that students provide the following:

- Performance attire will be "Concert black." This includes black slacks (no jeans), a black button up dress shirt (no polo), and OPTIONAL long black tie for men.
- Similarly, formal long solid black gown or blouse/black pantsuit for women, no spaghetti straps.
- ALL school dress code policies apply for performances. Black dress shoes and black socks must also be worn. If this is not followed the student will not be able to perform and an alternative assignment will need to be completed.

Forms and Financial Information

Individual Dues Contribution - \$350 each year of membership. Payable with cash or check (made out to **Coffee County Central High School**). Contributions are **non-refundable**. This contribution provides much of the operating budget necessary for a successful high school band and is due in full by July 13th. If needed, a scheduled payment plan can be established to offset the upfront costs of the band fee.

Sibling Discount - Each sibling in the program will receive a \$50 discount off their yearly dues.

Instrument and Equipment Policy: Students are expected to provide their own instrument, except for Tubas, Euphoniums, Percussion (sticks are to be provided by the student), Baritone Saxophone, and other exotic instruments. Students and parents will sign a liability waiver prior to a school instrument being checked out. Students will be responsible for supplying their own reeds, valve oil, slide lubricant, and other accessories as needed. Routine maintenance is expected and covered by the band department. If repairs are needed as a result of neglect, the student will be responsible to fund the repair. Accidents happen. If an instrument is damaged in an accident, explain the situation to the band directors. We will find the best course of action.



Private Lessons

Being a private lesson instructor previously myself, I have seen the impact studying privately has on a student's music education. Not only does the student receive individualized one-on-one instruction aimed to improve their overall ease of the instrument, but it grows the student's confidence.

In order for our band to reach the highest levels of achievement, every member must seek to improve their individual musicianship. Private lessons provide a pathway to success in All-County, Mid-State, All-State honor bands, and for collegiate scholarships.

All band students are highly encouraged to participate in the lessons program. We can work with our staff to find an affordable solution for all students.

Grading

General Band is a course offered by Coffee County Central High School and therefore requires students to receive a grade. General Band fulfills the fine arts requirement to graduate from Coffee County and is included in the Fine Arts program of study. Students who participate in band for 3 years will automatically complete the fine arts program of study requirement for graduation.

Student grades will be broken down as follows:

45% Daily Rehearsal Activities	25% Performances
20% Playing Assessments	15% Quarter/Semester Exam

Student grades will be derived from attendance at all rehearsals and performances, assessments (playing & written), and daily participation/preparation (materials will be checked everyday for a grade).

Students will be at all scheduled rehearsals and performances in order to receive full marks for their grades. Unexcused absences from rehearsals and/or performances can significantly affect a student's overall grade.

Required Events

The following events are required of members of the Coffee County Central Red Raider Band. Check the google calendar (linked in this packet) for current dates and times for all events.

Band Camp- This camp allows us to properly prepare for the marching band season. We learn music for our show, bring in additional staff to teach sectionals, and learn how to march for the half-time show.

After-School Rehearsals- After camp is completed, we have after-school marching rehearsals throughout the fall. Unless specifically communicated by the directors or CCCHS, rehearsals are never canceled due to inclement weather. Students should be prepared to march in a variety of weather. In the



event of rain or lightning, we will rehearse indoors. Regular after-school rehearsals will be held on Tuesday, and Thursday. We will rehearse from 3:15-5:45. Mondays and Wednesdays should be utilized for all personal appointments.

Football Games- We play at every home game and a majority of away games. Students will meet at the designated location at the call time in full uniform and will stay for the entirety of the game.

Competitions- Students will perform at a limited number of competitions for assessment purposes. These are a part of our curriculum. These dates will require the student to be available all day. These will be full days and no other activities should be scheduled. Following contests, there will be a required uniform and equipment check out process before students are dismissed.

Concerts- students will meet in the band room at the designated call time in “concert-black.”

Schedule all vacations and appointments around these events. Additionally, students must set their work schedules around these events. Work is not an excusable reason for absence. Excessive absences from rehearsals and/or performances could result in a student’s dismissal from the band. Communication about excused absences from rehearsals/performances should be made at least two weeks in advance.

Fundraising

Fundraising is an important part of a successful band program. As instruments and equipment are expensive, fundraising allows us to pay to upgrade school instruments and equipment, instrument repair, meals for the band, instructional staff, show design, etc. We hope you will participate in fundraising throughout the year.

Band Trips (Optional)

Band trips are offered every year in the following format:

Year 1 small trip (less than \$150)

Year 2 medium trip (less than \$800)

Year 3 small trip (less than \$150)

Year 4 large trip (over \$1,500) - **Current year**

These trips are open to all members and parent/guardian chaperone (unless otherwise noted). Trips for band members are optional and typically occur over fall or spring break. All adults/traveling family members (18 and over) are required to complete a background check and are responsible for the cost. Students with ISS/OSS or excessive discipline referrals may only sign up for a band trip with the approval of the directors. A student with ISS/OSS or excessive discipline referrals during the fall or spring semester of a trip will not be allowed to travel with the band.



Parent Volunteering

Parent involvement is a crucial part of an organization's success and directly relates to the betterment of students' experience. There are many avenues for parents to offer support both financially and physically and even being a part of the Band Booster Board. Some volunteering options for parents are;

Chaperones- These chaperones will monitor students when at competitions, football games, etc. as well as assist with distribution of meals when being provided to students.

Pit Equipment- These volunteers will be responsible for transporting pit equipment to and from the field for performances.

Concession Stand- These volunteers will be expected to help in the concession stand at home football games.

We hope that you will consider being an active member in the band volunteering, however, we understand that parents have busy schedules of their own. Any and all help is GREATLY APPRECIATED.

Stay connected!

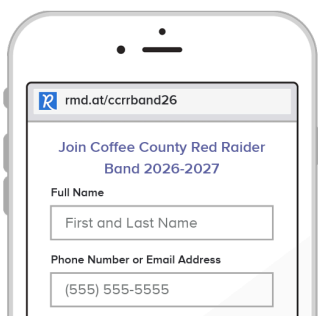
Remind is a texting app and our single most important tool for communication. We use this tool to communicate with our band family about general reminders, rehearsal and weather updates, and ETAs while traveling.

A If you have a smartphone, get push notifications.

On your iPhone or Android phone, open your web browser and go to the following link:

rmd.at/ccrrband26

Follow the instructions to sign up for Remind. You'll be prompted to download the mobile app.



B If you don't have a smartphone, get text notifications.

Text the message @ccrrband26 to the number 81010.

If you're having trouble with 81010, try texting @ccrrband26 to (415) 813-2648.

* Standard text message rates apply.



Google Calendar

Our [band calendar](#) contains the most up-to-date information and times for band events. In addition, you can sync the band calendar with your device.



2026 CCCHS Band Student/Parent Contract and Permission Slip

I (student) _____ have read the rules and regulations for the band and agree to comply with them. I understand that I am required to attend all performances as listed in the 2026 Band Schedule. If there are any performances that I cannot attend, I will inform the director(s) as soon as possible via an email from my **parents or guardian** to allow for proper changes in the show to be made if necessary.

I (parent) _____ have read the rules and regulations for the band and agree to comply with them. I also understand that unexcused absences or failure to make up an absence from a performance will result in a significant grade reduction. Any unexcused absence or failure to make up an excused absence from a rehearsal will result in a 0 for one daily grade. A conference will need to be scheduled with the band director.

Bus Permission Slip

My student has my permission to travel by school bus to the away ball games and contests that are stated in the band handbook for the 2025-2026 season. I also give my child permission to ride on a school bus or drive his/her own car to practice at the stadium either if there is practice at the stadium.

Media Release

I give the band permission to photograph my child as a member of the band at all events and permit those photos to be published to the Red Raider Band social media accounts.

Student's Signature _____

Parent's Signature _____