

What will my student need for Rookie/Band camp?

Band Camp FEE. There is a \$50 band camp fee due no later than the first day of Band Camp.

This fee enables us to pay our instructors, fund our custom written show music and drill, provide meals that week if necessary, and other camp expenses. If we don't receive these fees from everyone, we simply can't provide the things that are crucial to a successful camp.

An instrument that is already in good working condition. All instruments must be traditional colors and materials. No pink trumpets or plastic trombones, etc...

COTTON (not nylon) gloves, plain with NO rubber grippers - All brass players – *trumpet, mellophone, trombone, baritone, and tuba* – must have COTTON gloves to wear during every rehearsal. We only wear COTTON gloves because nylon gloves are very slippery and students wearing nylon gloves drop their horns all too often.

Flip Folder – and a **lyre** – All wind instrument players (brass and woodwind) **MUST HAVE** a flip folder. These can be purchased at local music stores for around \$5 and come with clear plastic page protectors. Lyres are different depending on the instrument (i.e. flute FF's attach directly to the arm and Trombone FF's attach directly to the bell) so be sure you get the appropriate lyre for your instrument. Flip Folders are universal, however. This is how wind players will store all of their music – show music and stands tunes. **Percussion will use full size binders with page protectors for their music.**

LOTS of water - this is an athletic activity and we spend the majority of our time outside in the sun. Students will need a large amount of water, enough to last them the entire day. Large half-gallon/gallon coolers are perfect for this. Don't send your student with a small bottle of water. These get hot very quickly and are simply not enough.

Laced athletic tennis shoes – deck shoes, Toms, sandals, toe-fitting Vibrams, AND SKATEBOARD STYLE shoes like VANS, DC, etc. are not permitted. The student will be sent home if inappropriate shoes or clothing are worn. Students who have worn incorrect footwear have suffered and had to sit out during rehearsal because of damage to their feet. Please equip your student to be healthy, including the condition of their feet - they will be on them for long periods of time.

Appropriate clothing

1. Shorts and a t-shirt
2. All students will need a pair of SOLID WHITE OR SOLID GREY athletic shorts – ABSOLUTELY no logos or markings of ANY kind – The student will need these the evening of uniform fitting, which usually happens some time during or around the week of band camp. These shorts have to be worn under the white bibber uniform pants – colors, lines, & logos can be seen through the pants. I suggest looking for them as soon as possible – places like Wal-Mart, Dick's, Target, Academy Sports (in Decatur) carry them and they are usually less than \$10. You may be able to find them online cheaper.
3. I highly recommend wearing a ball cap – helps the student as they will perform with a shako on, and of course shades the sun from the face and neck.
4. DO NOT wear jeans or jorts (jean shorts), spaghetti strap tank tops, short-shorts, etc.
5. Shorts must be tip of finger length – that is when the arm is by the side.

****Madison County Board of Education dress policy is enforced. Students will be sent home to change (and be required to make up missed time) if dress is not appropriate.**