

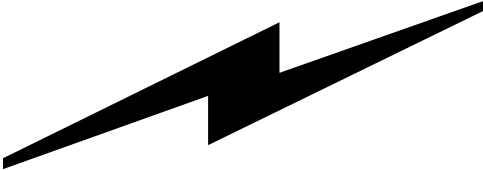
8. Parent responsibilities will be to:
- See that all students are aware of, and adhere to, all rules and regulations set forth in this handbook.
 - Assist in at least one project per year. (Please communicate your preference to the Band Boosters President. If no preference is indicated, you will be notified of your assignment.)
 - Chaperone the band students at performances and games.

The duties of those serving as chaperones are as follows:

1. Make sure all students are sitting in the proper area at performances and games
2. Assist the directors with any minor problems during the performance or game.
3. Accompany band members to and from the rest room during games and to and from the buses.
4. Assist in distribution of drinks concluding the performance.

**CHAMPION
BAND
HANDBOOK**

“The Golden Flashes”



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**Containing
Rules and Regulations
For the
Champion Band,
Majorettes,
Flag-line, and
Band Boosters**

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AIMS & OBJECTIVES OF INSTRUMENTAL MUSIC

1. To offer opportunity of instrumental music to every student who meets the requirements of membership.
2. To install responsibility and dependability through group membership
3. To respect authority & follow instructions
4. To acquaint students & the community with good instrumental music literature & promote a lasting appreciation of music
5. To encourage superior musicianship through musical performance
6. To instill a sense of pride in the students & community through musical achievement
7. To develop self-confidence & pride through musical expression
8. To provide entertainment for the community through performance
9. To make an enjoyable experience through the team effort of band membership

PURPOSE

The purpose of this handbook is to give both parents and students information about the Champion Instrumental Music Department. The student is to make himself/herself familiar with the information in the handbook & is to be responsible for adhering to the regulations pertaining to band membership. The calendar will be issued yearly as a supplement to the handbook, but the handbook is to be retained throughout membership in the Champion Band. One handbook will be given to each band member.

SOLO & ENSEMBLE CONTEST

Ohio Music Education Association Solo and Ensemble Contest is available to any members of the Champion Band. Complete rules may be obtained from the director. These contests are usually during the months of January or February. The Band Boosters will provide the piano accompanist for this contest for solos or ensembles that require an accompanist.

Students performing a solo at contest are required to take private lessons. Many extra hours of practice are necessary to be successful at contest. Ensembles are organized after the conclusion of marching band. Band students do not need to take private lessons to participate in an ensemble, although these lessons would greatly help their success. After membership has been established, students are expected to attend rehearsals, learn their parts, and work to the fullest capacity required. Lack of preparation may result in the dismissal of the student from the ensemble.

Membership in ensembles has proven to be a great asset for improving the musicianship of the band. Ensembles are primarily organized to accommodate the number of students who express a desire to belong to such a group. It is highly recommended that each band member prepare a solo or ensemble for contest, but it is not required in order to retain membership in the band. Fees for solos are paid for by the individual entering the contest. Fees and music for the ensembles will be paid for by the Band Boosters and the school.

CHAMPION BAND BOOSTERS

The Champion Band Boosters is the parent support group of the Champion Band. Without parent support, there would not be an instrumental music program in our community. The Band Boosters purchase and maintain band uniforms, supplement the school in the purchase and repair of school instruments, and support the band in any way possible. The Champion Band Boosters is one of the finest parent organizations in our community & parents are strongly encouraged to attend meetings and be active in the group.

The purposes of the Champion Band Boosters are:

1. To create instrumental music opportunities for students in the Champion Local School District.
2. To promote the Champion Schools instrumental music program in grades five through twelve.
3. To give financial support toward the purchase of instruments & supplies not provided.
4. To provide uniforms for the high school band.
5. To encourage home practice and private music lessons.
6. To schedule activities and projects as necessary in the best interests of the band.
7. To encourage student and parent involvement and attendance at band and Band Boosters.

8. No uniforms are to be taken home for any reason; they are issued from a and are to be returned to the uniform room.

RULES & REGULATIONS FOR GAMES & TRIPS

The following rules and regulations apply:

1. All band members must ride the bus to and from the games and performances. The exception (extreme emergency only) is when the student's parent provides the transportation to and/or from the game. To obtain permission the parent must contact the director personally.
2. The student discipline code applies at all performances and band trips. The following rules are examples and must be adhered to:
 - a. No use or possession of drugs or alcoholic beverages
 - b. No smoking or possession of smoking material
 - c. No destruction of any property
 - d. Obey all police and city regulations
 - e. Obey directors and chaperones at all times
 - f. In hotels, no girls in boys' rooms or boys in girls' rooms.
 - g. On school buses respond immediately when the bus driver or chaperone asks for quiet. Throw nothing out the windows.
3. All band members must be seated in the band bleachers during home games and are to be prepared to play during the first, second, and fourth quarters. (During the third quarter of home games only, the band will be excused for refreshments.) Band members will be in full uniforms at all times, even during refreshment break.
4. Unexcused absence from any performance will result in denial of participation in the band with the student's grade lowered the appropriate percentage.

BAND AWARDS

Awards are presented at the annual Band Banquet sponsored by the band boosters. All seniors who have completed four years in band will receive an award of appreciation. Some of the trophies which may be awarded are listed below. All of these may or may not be given each year:

- John Philip Sousa Award
- Louis Armstrong Award
- Most outstanding drill instructor
- Best squad award
- Most pride in the Concert Band award
- Most improved in the Concert Band award
- Most pride in the Symphonic Band award
- Most improved in the Symphonic Band award
- Trophies for three or more superior ratings
- Special awards for outstanding individuals

MEMBERSHIP

Membership in any of the bands is voluntary, but once membership is established it is compulsory to follow the band rules and regulations established for the group. Parents are asked to help students be good band members by encouraging the students' interest and enthusiasm.

In order to be a member of the Champion Band a student must:

1. Play a band instrument
2. Be a member of marching and concert bands
3. Attend summer rehearsals as required
4. Attend after-school rehearsals as required
5. Participate in some way in all fund-raising activities
6. Demonstrate that the music is prepared & properly practiced in the judgment of the instructor
7. Demonstrate a positive attitude through performance & conduct in rehearsals & performance

CLASSROOM PROCEDURE FOR INSTRUMENTAL MUSIC

1. The Champion High School Student Handbook is in effect at all times.
2. Students are expected to arrive on time. *All students not reporting to band on time will be referred to the administration.*
3. Students will assemble their instruments & be seated within 2 minutes of the bell.
4. No gum is permitted in the music area.
5. All music is property of the band. All marks are to be made in pencil & music must be transported in the folders provided. The band will maintain a set of performance folders and a set of practice music.
6. Assignments for performance grades will be given from various music textbooks.
7. All woodwind players must have a minimum of three working reeds at all times. Instruments will be swabbed and cleaned following each rehearsal.
8. All percussionists will have sticks, mallets, and equipment as specified for each piece of music. (Percussionists will be assigned parts prior to the performance.)
9. All brass players will have tuning slides, valves, and slides in good working order before the start of each rehearsal.
10. No talking out of order, chewing of gum, passing of notes, food consumption, or disruptive behavior will be tolerated.
11. The fee for band will be established at the beginning of the year. This is used for uniform cleaning. Failure to pay this fee will result in the student not receiving a report card.
12. Failure to follow directions, to have appropriate equipment, or other actions that are contrary to accepted behaviors will result in detention and/or referral to the administration.

Students will have the following items daily:

1. Instrument and related equipment
2. Pencil
3. Practice folder

Required expectations for completion of credit:

1. Students must attend all scheduled performances, rehearsals, and dress rehearsals. Written requests submitted in advance of absences are required.
2. Since band is awarded a full academic credit, homework assignments, practice, and music preparation will be considered as part of the grade.
3. Failure to follow classroom procedures, lack of preparation, or failure to meet class requirements will result in an incomplete grade and loss of enrollment in this elective course for the following year.

ABSENCES

Rehearsals & Sectionals

The only excused absence is illness (absence from school), out of town vacation with family, or an emergency. Missing a performance that is not excused may result in denial of participation in band activities for a specified period, or the remainder of the year. *Missing a performance or absences not excused, will result in the lowering of the band grade.* Excused absence from participation must be arranged with the instructor prior to the date of the activity. In the event of extreme emergency, such as an accident or a death in the family, the instructor is to be notified as soon as possible.

GRADES

Final grades of 0-100% will be given in band each grading period. Grades will depend on the fulfillment of the requirements for that grading period and will be in accordance with the Champion Board of Education adopted grading policy.

Attendance at rehearsals and sectionals, as well as participation at public performances, is part of the grade. Unexcused absence will result in the lowering of the nine weeks grade. There will be up to 10% deduction of the nine weeks grade for each missed rehearsal, and up to 25% deduction for an unexcused absence during a public performance. The percentage of deduction will be at the discretion of the band director. (Work is not an excused absence!)

Any student having a grade of 75% or lower should have a conference with the band director to determine the reason for the grade. Continued low band grades should be seriously considered before scheduling band for the next year.

SUMMER BAND

All band members must attend summer band practice with the exception of varsity & junior varsity football players. Students will be excused for vacation during the first two weeks of summer band. (If a student has not marched before, it is very important to minimize absences from summer practice.)

Summer band will begin around the last week of July and continue five weeks. The fourth week is Band Camp. The week prior to band camp (week 3), the week of band camp (week 4), and the following week (week 5) are **MANDATORY!** Missing rehearsals the third or fourth weeks, or a band night during the fifth week, will make the student an alternate for all band nights. A schedule will be sent home with the student during the last week before summer vacation. During the first three weeks the band will rehearse at Champion High School from 8:00 a.m. until noon. Band Camp will be from 8:00 a.m. until 5:00 p.m. at Willow Lake or some other area camp. During Band Camp, lunch will be provided by the Champion Band Boosters. Medical appointments should be scheduled around the week of Band Camp because students are NOT allowed to leave during the day!

UNIFORMS

All members of the band pay a uniform usage fee. The fee must be paid no later than the third week of summer band. Those members who are not paid by that time will be considered an alternate until the fee is paid. Band members are required to own a pair of white marching shoes made of leather or durable plastic. These shoes are to be clean and neat prior to any public performance. A fine of \$1.00 will be charged for each part of a uniform found after a performance. The same fee will be charged for uniforms found in the band room unless special permission is given by the director. Any part of the uniform that is lost will be paid for by the person to whom it is checked out. The fee will be the exact replacement of a new part at the current rate.

The following rules and regulations apply:

1. Individuals are not to exchange uniform parts without the permission of the director & the uniform chairperson.
2. The coat is never to be worn hanging open in public. It must always be neatly buttoned.
3. During a public performance, all band members must be in complete uniform.
4. Uniform inspection may be required of any individual or the full band prior to performance. It is the responsibility of the squad leaders and drill instructors to see that the band looks proper at all times.
5. White socks are part of the uniform as well as the band tee shirt that is issued at the beginning of the marching season.
6. Anyone with long hair (hair that touches the shoulders) must put it under the hat for all marching performances.
7. Students will adhere to the directors' instructions regarding eating and/or drinking beverages while in uniform.

Following Spring majorette and flag line tryouts, a chairperson will be chosen by the majorette & flag-line parents. This person must be a parent of an upcoming majorette or flag-line member. The term of office shall begin following tryouts & selection, and will end upon the selection of a new chairperson. The current chairperson can be re-elected for as long as he or she has a child that is a current majorette or flag-line member.

The duties of the majorette and flag-line chairperson will be:

1. Inform parents of newly selected majorettes of required uniform items to be purchased.
2. Collect all money, personal or fund raiser, from majorettes and flag-line members for necessary expenses like uniforms, or costumes, etc.
3. Deliver to the band boosters all money collected on behalf of the majorettes and flag-line.
4. Pay all expenses of the majorettes and flag-line by presenting bills or invoices to the Band Boosters Treasurer.
5. Keep and maintain accurate & detailed financial records of all monetary transactions. These records shall describe all financial activity of the majorettes and flag-line both collectively and individually.
6. Attend all band booster regular meetings and report to the organization & majorette and flag-line parents upon request.

MARCHING BAND

Membership in the Champion Golden Flashes Marching Band is open to grades nine through twelve only. Students in the eighth grade may be invited to participate as needed. The marching band functions with a specific number of students—regulars—on the field during half-time shows and band night performances. The remaining members serve as alternates and march at all football games during pre-game shows. ALL members march in all parades. All members are expected to be present for every performance, even though they may not be performing. The band will perform at all football games weather permitting and various band shows to be determined by the band director. Students will always be given at least one month notice prior to a required performance so arrangements can be made with personal schedules.

The band will be available to participate in parades as long as the following courtesies are followed:

1. The band must receive notification of the time, day & date, at least 1 month prior to the date of performance.
2. The date must not fall on Sunday or a religious holiday.
3. The parade must be between the first and last scheduled day of attendance in the school year for students.

*If the regularly scheduled football game is postponed because of weather or other emergency, band members are not required to attend the game. Transportation will be made available for away games, & the students may attend & perform from the STANDS ONLY.

INSTRUMENTS

School Owned Instruments

There is a limited number of school owned instruments for use. These are primarily the larger, more expensive instruments. Students using school owned instruments are expected to handle them in a respectful & careful manner. Any repairs for damage done to the instrument, other than normal wear, will be paid for by the student using it. Every effort will be made to have only one student using a particular school owned instrument. When instruments are shared, students will have to be extra careful with the treatment of the instrument. Any damage must be reported to the director as soon as possible so repair and monetary reparations can be made. Each instrument is assigned on a yearly basis and may be reassigned at the director's discretion.

Individually Owned Instruments

Band instruments should be of good quality and kept in good repair. Regular checks on all instruments will be made by the band director. Suggestions for quality brand names will be given upon request. It is strongly recommended that established brands be purchased to insure consistency of quality in the bands and to give students a good chance to meet their goals on the instrument.

SYMPHONIC BAND

Membership in the Champion Symphonic Band is available to students in grades nine through twelve. Membership in this ensemble is restricted by proper instrumentation that is determined by the band director. Selection is by invitation and audition only. Students may be removed from this ensemble if they do not play their instrument up to the level specified by the band director. Students must participate in marching band and fulfill the requirements stated in this handbook.

This band is the premiere performing group of the community of Champion & will perform at music conventions, exchange concerts, Ohio Music Education Association Band Contest, and other opportunities which present themselves. *It is strongly recommended that members of the Symphonic Band take private music lessons and participate at Solo and Ensemble Contest.*

Sectionals and extra rehearsals will be required as the director deems necessary. During contest, one group sectional will be scheduled per week & is mandatory for the success of the ensemble.

CONCERT BAND

The Concert Band is made up of generally younger, less seasoned students. The band will perform at all concerts & may participate at O.M.E.A. Band Contest. Membership in this ensemble is available to students in grades 9-12.

Students participating at contest must qualify by audition with the band director. Sectionals and extra rehearsals will be required as the director deems necessary and are very important to the success of the group.

MAJORETTE AND FLAG-LINE Requirements to Try Out

Students must be viable band members to try out for the Champion Golden Flashes Majorette and Flag-Line. It is a further requirement that students be in the band at least one year prior to tryouts. Students cannot join the band in the middle of the school year and try out for the majorette or flag-line that year. All students joining the band must demonstrate a level of proficiency equal to a ninth grade student. (The student must be able to achieve a II or Excellent rating on a class C—O.M.E.A. solo.

All majorette and flag-line candidates & their parents should realize that they must provide many items at their own expense and will be encouraged to participate in separate, majorette only, fund-raisers. Items such as boots, warm-up outfits, certain costume items, and jackets are at the individual student's own expense. A majorette or flag-line member may be removed from the line, or made an alternate for a certain period, if the director or advisor feel their performance has declined, for missed practices, or for any behavior that is detrimental to the Champion Band, and Champion High School. A majorette or flag-line member may be removed or made an alternate if their personal appearance noticeably changes from the time of the tryout, to the band night and football season. This determination will be made by the band director and advisor. Determination may be appealed to the building principal.

Majorettes and flag-line members are selected by a group of band directors using a regular tryout form. Band directors are used as judges for the majorette and flag-line tryouts because of their experience with what looks appropriate in front of their own bands. The judges will evaluate the potential majorettes in the following four areas: Group dance routines; Group strut routine (a baton is required); Marching, and General effect and appearance. Each area will be given a maximum of 25 possible points with the grand total being 100 possible points. The judges will evaluate the potential flag-line members in the following four areas: Commands,; Fundamentals & Marching; Group flag routine; and General impression and appearance. Each area will be given a maximum of 25 possible points with the grand total being 100 possible points.

The number of majorettes selected (a maximum of 10 on the team) is determined by the final tryout scores & where a noticeable drop in talent occurs-(This is determined by where a large split of points occurs) . The number of flag-line members is determined prior to tryouts. During the tryout day, numbers will be randomly drawn by the advisor. The judges will not be told the names of individual students. **THE DECISION OF THE JUDGES SHALL BE FINAL!** School policy dictates that only individual scores will be shown to the majorette & flag-line parents upon request and not the scores of other members of the group.

Because Majorette & Flag-line practice will sometimes be held during the actual school day, majorettes must be enrolled full time at Champion High School. Majorettes and Flag-line members are not permitted to be enrolled at T.C.T.C.

Majorettes & Flag-line members are not permitted to take summer school for the entire 6 week term, or the last 3 week term. The reason for this is because it is very difficult to prepare a routine when all the members of the group are not present. If you are planning to attend summer school during these times, please do not try out for majorette or flag-line. Missing Summer practice will result in the student not marching (Being Benched) for a number of performances determined by the amount of time missed. This decision will be made by the band director. This rule also applies to all band students missing practice because of vacations.

During the school year, as well as during band performances and band trips, the Champion High School student handbook is in effect. Additional requirements and rules may be added at a later date by the director or majorette advisor. Please fill out the following form & return it to Mr. Brucoli by the next scheduled practice.

Both majorettes & flag-line members are first & foremost members of the marching band and subject to exactly the same rules, responsibilities, and discipline. They are to compliment, not replace, the performance of the band. The majority of their school year will be spent playing in the symphonic or concert band; therefore, the time spent as a majorette or flag-line member is only a small part of their total band experience, and should be treated as such. If the majorette or flag-line member does not actively participate and contribute to the band during the year, they will not be permitted to try out for the line next year. This decision will be made by the band director and high school principal.

All fundraising & expenditures must be pre-approved by the Band Booster Executive Board. There will be NO tagging, because the band tags as a whole on an assigned date. All funds must be turned into the Band Booster's treasurer, and will be disbursed by the Board. No funds are to be used for personalized or everyday clothing: EVERYTHING bought with majorette or flag-line funds is and remains property of the Champion Band Boosters, and must be turned in at the end of the marching season.

During the school year, as well as during band performances and band trips, the Champion High School student handbook is in effect. Additional requirements & rules may be added at a later date by the director or advisor.

MAJORETTE & FLAG-LINE CHAIRPERSONS

The Majorette and Flag-line Chairpersons (2), will be the spokespeople for the majorettes, flag-line members and their parents. They will also act as a liaison between the majorettes, flag-line, and the Champion High School Band Boosters.