



# Elizabeth HIGH SCHOOL

## The Cardinal Pride Marching Band Handbook 2022-2023

# Introduction

Dear Parents and Students,

Welcome to the Cardinal Pride Marching Band! New members: welcome to a new and rewarding experience; returning members: welcome back! Marching band is a unique activity! Marching band requires athleticism, musicianship, coordination, passion, hard work, and so much more. You have chosen to make beautiful music, work hard, and make life-long friends!

This handbook contains information that is essential to the upcoming marching band season. You will find information regarding policies, fees, calendar dates and volunteer opportunities. Please read the information carefully, and discuss the commitment as a family.

Each year, marching band is a brand new group of students and a unique experience! If you are already dedicated to band as a key part of your life, or have reservations about trying something new, we are excited to have you! The band is growing in quality and numbers, with your help, we can continue to build and make the Cardinal Pride Marching Band the pride of Elizabeth High School and the community!

I am looking forward to an exciting season and getting to know each of you!

Sincerely,

Carson Barnhart  
Director of Instrumental Music  
Elizabeth High School

# 2022 Season Schedule

\*\*\*\*\*This schedule was updated on Friday, April 29th. This does not yet include the football games.

The Cardinal Pride Marching Band rehearses every **Monday and Thursday from 3:30 pm-6:00 pm, and Tuesday from 5:00-7:00 pm beginning Tuesday, August 16th, 2022**

Tues. May 31st	Leadership Training Day (Leadership Team only) 12-4pm
<b>Wed. June 1st-Fri. June 3rd</b>	<b>Mini Camp 8am-3pm (Payment #1 due 06/03/22)</b>
Fri. June 10th-Sun. June 12th	Command the Field Leadership Camp @ UNC (leaders only are expected to attend, expenses paid by Boosters)
Fri. July 29th	Leadership Training Day (Leadership Team only) 12-4pm
<b>Mon. August 1st-Fri. August 5th</b>	<b>Band Camp Week 1 1-8pm (Payment #2 due 08/05/22)</b>
<b>Mon. August 8th-Fri. August 12th</b>	<b>Band Camp Week 2 1-8pm</b>

\*\*\*\*\*Rehearsal Schedule begins Tuesday, August 16th, 2022\*\*\*\*\*

<b>Sat. August 20th</b>	<b>Western Welcome Parade and Elitches Trip</b>
<b>Sat. September 10th or 17th</b>	<b>Friendship Cup Festival @ Englewood HS (tentative)</b>
<b>Fri. September 30th</b>	<b>Homecoming Parade and Tailgate</b>
<b>Sat. October 1st</b>	<b>Legend Marching Festival @ Echo Park Stadium</b>
<b>Sat. October 15th</b>	<b>Harrison Marching Festival @ Harrison HS</b>
<b>Tues. October 18th</b>	<b>2A-4A Metro Regional @ Echo Park Stadium</b>
<b>Mon. October 31st</b>	<b>1A-3A State Championships @ Stoker Stadium</b>

\*Plan to leave for Grand Junction on Sun. Oct. 30th and drive back on Tues. Nov. 1st

# Policies and Procedures

## What should I wear?

Marching band is an athletic activity. For the safety of all students, proper dress is important. Examples of proper dress include:

- Athletic shoes with laces securely tied
- Gym shorts or track pants
- T-shirts
- Baseball hat
- Sunglasses

## Examples of improper dress

- Sandals, boots, or other shoes without laces
- Jeans, or other tight clothing which restricts movement
- Revealing clothing not permitted by the usual dress code

If a student is inappropriately dressed they will be asked to sit out. These requirements are for the entire season. Please plan to bring appropriate clothing to school so you can change out if needed.

## What should I bring?

- Instrument and necessary equipment: valve oil, lyre, rifle gloves, flag, rifle, etc.
- Music binder
- Drill sheet and Dot book
- Pencil
- Sunscreen
- WATER

## Attendance Policy

All rehearsals and performances throughout the season are mandatory. **The schedule is provided in advance so that you may plan accordingly.** Exceptions to this policy are made on an individual basis for emergencies, school commitments and other major family functions. Please make every effort to plan summer vacations around our summer schedule, as it is critical that we have the entire band committed throughout the season. Additionally, work or transportation related absences are never excused. If transportation issues do arise, please let me know so that accommodations can be made. Students who miss any part of the school day will be unable to rehearse unless it is a pre-arranged documented absence such as a doctor's appointment. Documentation must be provided to the attendance office. **Marching band is no longer a course, you MUST be enrolled in Concert Band to participate.** Color Guard members are exempt from this policy

**Planned absences** (Weddings, family functions, school activities)

Fill out the pre-arranged absence form (found in the bandroom) and return to the director at least 7 days in advance to be excused. If the form is late, the absence is unexcused.

**Sudden absence** (sickness, family emergency)

An email needs to be sent to [cbarnhart@esdk12.org](mailto:cbarnhart@esdk12.org) by the beginning of rehearsal. If the email is late, in most cases the absence is unexcused unless an emergency prevented prompt notification of the absence. When students are not at rehearsal I worry about them! We will have students call/text the student to try and figure out the reason for their absence if I do not have prior notice of the absence.

**Excessive absences**

If a student has excessive absences (5 or more in most cases) they may be removed from the ensemble without refund.

**Eligibility**

Students must remain eligible to compete with the band. If a student has one F in a class they are placed on warning. If they have 2 or more Fs they are deemed ineligible. Students deemed ineligible are expected to attend rehearsals. If you are ineligible you will not have the opportunity to perform for that week. You are still expected to attend football games and competitions if it does not take from the school day.

Due to the intricate nature of marching band, we cannot have students in and out with eligibility issues. Consistency is key for this ensemble, so habitually ineligible students (3 weeks, not necessarily consecutive) will be removed from the ensemble. If a student is ineligible for Regionals, they will not be allowed to attend the State Championships.

**Fees and Fundraising**

Marching band is a competitive and involved activity, therefore we must require a fee. This fee helps cover the cost of music, drill, equipment, uniforms, festival registration fees, food etc. The seasonal fee is a total of \$550. Fees are due to the EHS Band Boosters Inc. in a few increments. \$150 is due by Friday, June 3rd. The remaining \$100 is due August 5th. \$300 of the total can be fundraised. What is not fundraised by the end of the season is billed and due in January. The Boosters will keep track of amounts fundraised for each family.

Alternative payment plans are also available. Please contact our treasurer Tiny Zapfe at [ehs.bb.treas@gmail.com](mailto:ehs.bb.treas@gmail.com).

No student will ever be turned away because of inability to pay. Please contact Ms. Barnhart or Tiny Zapfe if these fees cause hardship so we may make accommodations.

## **The Uniform**

Each instrumentalist will be provided with a uniform jacket, pants, and hat. They will be responsible for this uniform the entire season. The uniform is a symbol of Elizabeth High School and should be respected and worn with pride. It is the responsibility of the student to keep their uniform clean and in good condition at all times. **Should a student damage or dirty their uniform, it will be the student's responsibility to repair, replace and/or clean the uniform.** Replacement costs: Pants: \$60, Jacket: \$175, Gauntlets: \$44, Hat: \$38, Plume: \$18 (Total Uniform: \$342)

In addition, each instrumentalist is responsible for purchasing long black socks, black marching shoes (\$35) and black marching gloves (\$5). We place the order for shoes and gloves during the June camp. If cared for, these shoes last the entire career of the student.

Each color guard member will be provided with a parade uniform top and a show uniform. It is their responsibility to maintain the uniform throughout the season. If any damage comes to the uniforms it is their responsibility to replace, repair or clean them. Replacement costs: Parade tops: \$100 Show uniform prices vary.

In addition each guard member is responsible for the purchase of a uniform jacket (\$25), guard shoes (\$30), black jazz pants, and rifle gloves (\$10). Guard members may also be asked to provide an undershirt or tights as part of their show uniform. We will order jackets, guard shoes, and rifle gloves during the June band camp. The jacket, shoes, pants and gloves can all last the student for their entire guard career if well cared for.

## **Social Media and Bullying Policy**

Unfortunately abuse of social media has become an issue throughout society. More and more it seems that students are using texting and social media to harass classmates during and outside of school. This is behavior that absolutely will not be tolerated within the EHS Music program. Students in the music program are expected to treat each other, and all other members of the school and community, with respect and kindness. Not everyone has to like each other and be best friends, but you do have to treat each individual you encounter with the same kindness and respect that you would expect from them. Conflicts do arise, but when the boundary is crossed into harassment or bullying the behavior becomes unacceptable.

Any student found to be involved in harassment, bullying or inappropriate social media behavior will be immediately removed from the program for the period of at least one year. There are no exceptions to this policy. Whether or not the behavior is considered to be inappropriate or bullying will be determined by the district policy and the director, administration and counselors.

We have a fantastic counseling team here at EHS and I encourage students and parents to work with counselors to resolve issues. Though I know the students well and always have an open door policy about conflicts and issues, I do not have training or expertise to help students solve personal and interpersonal problems. If you have any questions or concerns, please feel free to contact me or our counseling department at any time.

## **Our Booster Organization**

The Elizabeth High School Instrumental Music Booster Organization is a non-profit volunteer organization in place to support all aspects of the instrumental music program at EHS, both financially and otherwise. This organization is composed of parents of students who are involved in the instrumental program at EHS. There are no fees or dues to be a member of the group, and your involvement in this organization will only benefit your child's music education, as well as the experience of all students involved in music.

The primary function of the booster organization is to support the music program and the staff in all administrative and logistical aspects that make this program run smoothly so that we, as instructors, can do what we do best, teach. Being involved in this organization is a great way to get to know other parents and support your student in the art that they have become so passionate about. Parental support is the single most important key to the success of any student. The EHS Instrumental Booster Organization is a great way to show your support for your student and their school.

Regardless of how busy our lives are, the EHS Instrumental Music program always welcomes whatever help, in whatever capacity, you are willing to give! Please do not hesitate to contact Ms. Barnhart and ask how you can be involved.

The Booster Organization meets the first Monday of every month in the band room at 7:00 pm. Meetings discuss budgets, purchases, pit crew, prop creation, fundraisers and much more.

**\*\*\*Please complete the Registration and Policy Acknowledgement Google Form\*\*\***

**Use your camera to scan the QR below. It will link you to the registration form!  
If you have trouble accessing the form, email Ms. Barnhart and she will send you a link.**

