

OVERVIEW OF CARMI-WHITE COUNTY MIDDLE SCHOOL STUDENT RESPONSIBILITIES IN MARCHING BAND

Marching in a parade requires considerable rehearsal time in several areas. Unlike participation in typical parade entries which might include walking with groups like the Cub Scouts, riding on floats as a cheerleader or tossing out candy to the crowds a marching band performs in step, as an organized block formation music which requires proper mounting on the horn prior to the event in addition to significant mastery through rehearsal of the song by the performer in the marching band.

As many as 150 and as few as 30 students make up a school marching band and each is required to be independent of the other able to function so as to make the entire band look like the whole project was natural, easy to do and fun to participate in aside from entertain the crowds watching the parade. Clearly only those who have actually had several successful applied experiences as a performer in a marching band can fully appreciate and understand the role and responsibility for each participant.

Aside from the verbal, written and printed instructions that may be included from band directors as a communication to the students a basic common sense developed by each student through rehearsal is essential to the success of any musical marching band performance. The alternative result of course would be chaos and embarrassment to not only the director and students of the band but also the school district, community and as well as organizers of the parade itself.

- Transportation to the parade site, from home and home, at the parade's end is the responsibility of each student. Printed instructions will available the weeks before the performance.
- It is assumed each student will need to bring instrument from home or the band room, prior to the parade for assembly at the parade site.
- At the parades end, students will be responsible to get their horns home or back in cases to the band room. Drummers must help or carry their own instruments to the truck for transport back the band room at the parade's end. The drummers should then meet at the band room to carry their instrument back into the band room at the end of the Corn Day Official parade.

- It should be understood that a considerable wait time is included while waiting for each parade to start. This cannot be helped and is just a part of the process. After the instructor calls the band to order and attention, it will be necessary for the students to be in line, ready to start up at any moment without the need for the instructor to discipline. Great patience and understanding of this need is common and a basic need for the students to have.
- When the parade is concluded at the end of the parade, students need to have made prior arrangements for transportation home with their instrument if they are not taking it back to the band room. No buses will be available on Corn Day.
- It would not be possible for a band to march perform in a parade without proper planning and equipment setup. Each student must be able to this on their own. It is not possible or feasible for the director to do this for each student nor is it done anywhere on earth in any school marching band.

Actual equipment Responsibilities **Prior** to Parade (setup for performance)

Each student must not only learn to play the music with relative ease before the parade through school rehearsals and private practice, including private lessons if necessary.

1. Lyre mounted to horn on the basis of the type of instrument.
2. Flip Folder loaded with music for the performance.
3. Lyre and Folder stabilized to horn for transport and performance.
4. Official uniform cleaned and on for the performance. (Band Tee Shirt – Clean, dark blue jeans-White Tennis Styled Shoes (comfortable and clean).
5. The colorguard (flags and drum majors will be wearing band tee shirts and black shorts with short white socks and white tennis styled shoes). Each colorguard member will be responsible for their own flag transport to and from the parades and back to school either at the parades end or the following Monday of school.

Parade meet times and details of parade and report time will be made under separate cover. Please also consult the hotline for last minute changes (inclement weather delays or cancellations, if necessary)