
Joplin High School

Band Contract

2024-2025

I/We, in contract with the Joplin High School Band and teachers, Mr. Philip Soule and Mr. Doug Dicharry, agree to abide by the guidelines, rules, and regulations set forth in the Joplin High School Band Handbook of which I/We have received a copy.

I/We fully understand and agree to abide by the guidelines and regulations contained in the Joplin High School Bands Handbook, which includes but is not limited to the following:

- A) Members must abide by the rules stated in the Joplin Student Handbook and Code of Conduct and must display courteous and appropriate behavior at all times. Members who choose to continue to disrupt class or who choose to not abide by those rules and regulations of either JHS Band Handbook or the JHS Handbook (i.e., consistently missing rehearsals or performances; disrespectful or rude behavior, public display of affection; smoking; use of alcoholic beverages or drugs; violations of dress code; disciplinary placement in ISS or OSS; and/or other items contained in the JHS Student Handbook) will be dismissed from the band at the end of the semester and will not be allowed to re-enroll in the course.
- B) Members must maintain passing grades (earn 3 credits per semester to be MSHSAA eligible) and have good attendance, to be eligible to participate in extracurricular activities. Furthermore, students must be eligible according to the Board of Education's policy requirements on eligibility before they can participate in any extra-curricular activity or event.
- C) In addition, in order to participate in auditions, competitions, or other performances, members must have been present for rehearsals and must have learned the music/drill as specified and to the satisfaction of the directors.
- D) Members must attend all rehearsals and performances designated by the director, whether it is before, during, or after school hours.
- E) Members who elect to drop out of Band must do so **before July 1**. Students that drop band after the marching season has started will be responsible to help cover any additional fees that our music, drill, and/or choreographers may charge due to their absence/removal from the group. Furthermore, if a student is dismissed from the class, they relinquish all privileges of performing, or receiving any honors and/or recognition accrued before, during, or after termination of membership and will not be allowed to re-enroll in Band or Jazz Band. In addition, students who elect to drop-out mid-semester and/or mid-year could possibly receive a failing grade for the class and will not be reimbursed any fees. (Please keep in mind that Marching Band is an expensive activity that takes a lot of time, effort, and planning to put together and all we are trying to do is keep the integrity of the group intact, so we can have a successful season.)
- F) Members must return the CONTRACT and have it signed by the parent or legal guardian before they will be allowed to travel with the Band.

G) Members are 100% responsible for all parts of the uniforms, costumes, music, folders, flip folders, lyres, props, etc... that may be issued to them. Members will be responsible to pay for any damages or loss to any items belonging to the school or band that has been issued to them.

H) Marching Band students will need to pay a non-refundable (\$55) fee to the Joplin Band Boosters by the last day of the current school year in order to reserve their spot for the following year; however, as mentioned above, students must know their music, drill, be present, etc...to the satisfaction of the directors. If students are not meeting those requirements, they will not perform; we must hold them to a higher standard.

I) If the Band takes any future trips, the priority for chaperones will be given to the Band Booster members who regularly attend the monthly meetings, which occur on the 2nd Monday of each month.

By signing this contract, I/We acknowledge that I/We have read, understood, and will fully comply with all guidelines, rules, and regulations of the JHS Band Program as set forth in the JHS Band Handbook.

STUDENT SIGNATURE

DATE

PARENT(S)/GUARDIAN(S)

DATE

The contract and non-refundable deposit is due by Tuesday, July 1st. Please make sure you complete ALL necessary forms that will be available on PowerSchool as part of the school registration process. In addition, please fill out all of the forms that are posted on our website (www.joplinbands.org). No student will be allowed to travel, perform, or practice without these forms on file. Physicals must be completed BEFORE Band Camp (July 29th). If your doctor will allow it...make sure to get a 2-year physical!! FREE PHYSICALS ARE at JHS on MONDAY, JUNE 3rd!!