

Joplin High School Band Contract 2025-2026

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 are expected to follow the rules outlined in the Joplin High School Student Handbook, Code of Conduct, and JHS Band Handbook, and to behave respectfully at all times. Students who repeatedly disrupt class or violate these guidelines—such as by missing rehearsals or performances, showing disrespect, engaging in public displays of affection, using tobacco, alcohol, or drugs, breaking the dress code, or receiving ISS or OSS—may be removed from the band at the end of the semester and will not be permitted to re-enroll.
- B) Members must maintain passing grades—earning at least 3 credits per semester—to remain eligible under MSHSAA guidelines. Attendance is also required. In addition, students must meet all eligibility requirements set by the Board of Education before participating in any extracurricular activity.
- C) To participate in auditions, competitions, or performances, members must attend all required rehearsals and demonstrate that they have learned the music and/or drill as instructed, to the satisfaction of the directors. Attendance is required for all rehearsals and performances designated by the director, including those held before, during, or after school hours.
- D) **Students who wish to drop Band must do so by or before July 1, 2025.**
Any student who drops after the start of the marching season will be responsible for covering additional costs incurred due to their departure, such as expenses for music, drill, and/or choreographers. If a student is dismissed from the class, they will lose all privileges related to performances, awards, or recognition earned before, during, or after their removal. They will also not be allowed to re-enroll in Band or Jazz Band, and any fees already paid will not be refunded. Please keep in mind that Marching Band is a serious commitment that requires time, effort, and planning. These policies are in place to protect the integrity of the group and ensure a successful season for everyone involved.
- E) Members are fully responsible for all items issued to them, including uniforms, costumes, music, folders, flip folders, lyres, props, and any other materials. If any of these items are lost or damaged, the member will be required to cover the cost of repair or replacement.
- F) **Marching Band students must pay a non-refundable \$65 fee to the Joplin Band Boosters by Friday, June 6th to reserve their spot for the upcoming season. This will allow us to order/pay for the competition shirts that fit the show theme.**

Checks will need to be mailed to:
Joplin Band Boosters
PO Box 3303
Joplin, MO 64803

However, paying the fee does not guarantee performance eligibility. Students must meet expectations set by the directors, including learning their music and drill, attending rehearsals, and demonstrating consistent effort and readiness. Students who do not meet these requirements will not be permitted to perform, as we are committed to maintaining high standards for the group.

- G) 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.
- H) Parents and Students - Band is a year-long class that requires commitment and participation throughout both the fall and spring semesters.
- I) Website Check List: 2025-2026 Handbook, Band Contract, Marching Band Supply Form and/or Guard Supply, Medical Information Form, Band Parent Volunteer Form, and Request for Administering Medication at School. PowerSchool Check List: Physical, and PowerSchool Registration.

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 _____

This Contract is Due Friday, May 16th. The Non-Refundable Deposit is Due Friday, June 6th. 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 28th). If your doctor will allow it...make sure to get a 2-year physical!! **FREE PHYSICALS ARE at JHS on MONDAY, JUNE 2nd!!**