

THE
QUEEN ANNE'S COUNTY
HIGH SCHOOL
MARCHING LIONS BAND



2022 – 2023 HANDBOOK

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THE QUEEN ANNE'S COUNTY HIGH SCHOOL MARCHING LIONS BAND RULES AND REGULATIONS

The QACHS marching staff and school administration have established the following requirements for participation in the QACHS marching band program. Anything that is not specifically addressed within these guidelines will be considered under "GOOD JUDGMENT" and/or "COMMON SENSE." The QACHS Marching Program has always been known as a first class organization and will continue to maintain this tradition.

A. Queen Anne's County (QAC) - All policies, rules and regulations as established by QAC will be enforced at all marching band events and affiliated activities.

1. Absolutely no possession or use of any drugs, tobacco products or alcoholic beverages will be tolerated.
2. Inappropriate dress or clothing with objectionable language or pictures is not allowed.

B. QACHS Marching Lions Band- The following guidelines pertain to the standards which will be enforced for all members of the marching program as they represent QACHS and QAC at football games, competitions and affiliated events. As the Marching Lions are most visible in uniform, members must constantly strive to make a good impression.

1. Do not remove any part of the uniform without permission of a staff member.
2. Improper conduct will never be tolerated.
3. Profanity of any kind is forbidden.
4. Public displays of affection are not allowed in uniform.
5. Riding the bus to a performance is required. Driving is not permitted.
6. Participation in stands performances as well as structured cheers is required of all members. IT IS OUR RESPONSIBILITY.
7. Always be prepared to play. Music must be with you at all times in the stands.
8. Remain in seats while in the stands. Moving around is not permitted.
9. Do not leave the stands unless you are given permission by a staff member.
10. The third quarter of football games is "free time" for food and socialization. Be in the stands by the end of the third quarter or lose the "free time" privilege at the next game – no excuses.

11. No food or drink is allowed in the stands at any time. This includes candy. The staff will provide water in the stands if necessary. Do not have anyone bring food to you in the stands at any time.

12. Non marching friends or relatives are not permitted to sit with you and/or the band in the stands. Please use third quarter for visiting.

13. Show respect for all other bands performing, as they have worked just as hard as you. Rude comments are inappropriate and immature.

C. ATTENDANCE - As marching band is a group activity, it is imperative that every member be present. **No rehearsal, competition, parade, football game, concert, performance or affiliated event may be missed.** If an emergency arises, it is the responsibility of the student to communicate as early as possible any uncontrollable absences.

1. The following is a complete list of excused absences:

- a. Personal Illness - Documentation for the absence by parent or doctor is required and must be turned into the Band Director.
- b. Wedding in the Family - Weddings of friends, neighbors etc. are not excused. Absences due to weddings must be communicated well in advance.
- c. Death in the Family
- d. Approved school athletic contest submitted in writing. (At the start of that season.)
- e. "Emergencies" not mentioned will be handled on an individual basis with the Band Director or appropriate staff member.

2. Any unexcused absence may result in losing performance privileges at the next competition or event or possible dismissal from the program.

3. It is your responsibility to communicate any conflict with the appropriate staff member as early as possible and to make-up any work missed immediately.

D. TRAVEL RULES / BUS CONDUCT - All previously mentioned rules and regulations apply to conduct on the bus, during travel and on trips.

1. It is the policy of the Queen Anne's County Public Schools that students are required to ride the buses to and from ALL events. However, by signing and turning in the available release form, you may release the Queen Anne's County Public Schools and its employees and officers from all liability, and transport your child home at the full conclusion of the attending event. All students must still ride the bus to the event. **The release form must be received by the Band Director prior to boarding the bus to leave from school or your child MUST travel back to school with the band. NO EXCEPTIONS. Students are not permitted to leave with friends.**

2. Students must always be courteous and respectful to staff, chaperones, bus drivers and parents.

3. Portable devices are permitted but are not allowed to be played without headphones and are the sole responsibility of the student.
4. Loud and obnoxious behavior will not be tolerated.
5. Use of profanity of any kind **will not be tolerated**.
6. Keep hands, arms, objects, equipment etc. inside the bus at all times.
7. Never discard anything out of a bus window.
8. No standing or walking around while the bus is in motion.
9. The bus should be left in better condition than it was upon entering it. Remove all garbage and personal items. Close all windows before exiting. Section Leaders will be responsible for ensuring the bus is left clean.
10. Sign-ups for buses will occur at the beginning of the season. Changing buses will not be permitted unless a re-sign-up occurs later in the season. Roll will be taken each time prior to departure from school or a performance site.
11. Appropriate clothing must be worn under uniform for discretion while changing. (Thermal wear in cold weather, band t-shirts and shorts otherwise.)
12. Food is not allowed on the bus unless expressly permitted by the Band Director for special circumstances.
13. No horseplay.
14. Take responsibility for your belongings. Label personal items.

H. INSTRUMENT REPAIR AND UPKEEP - All instruments must be maintained in top playing condition. All cases should be clearly marked with name, address and phone number.

1. Any necessary repairs to school owned instruments should be reported to the director as soon as possible.
2. B&B Music visits the school weekly. All school instruments must be sent out to be repaired by them.
3. It is strongly encouraged that personal instruments be serviced by vendors recommended by the band director.
4. Any accessories such as reeds, valve oil, etc. will be the responsibility of the student. The band director will carry a limited supply for purchase.

I. UNIFORMS

1. After all performances (football games, competitions, parades or other) all uniforms will be hung neatly and returned to a parent to be checked before being put away.
2. UNIFORMS WILL NEVER BE TAKEN HOME! (Exceptions are up to the director)
3. UNIFORMS MUST NEVER BE WASHED BY ANYONE OTHER THAN DESIGNATED PARENTS.
4. In the event of uniform damage of any kind, the student will be responsible for repair or replacement costs.
5. Students will be responsible for the purchase of black marching shoes and gloves.

J. BAND CAMP FEE – A Band Camp Fee of \$100 is assessed to each student to help cover the operating costs of the Marching Band. This is used towards the purchase of the music, equipment, and supplies necessary for producing the field show for that year. **A \$25 deposit of this fee is required at the end of the Mini-Camp held at the end of May/beginning of June and the remaining \$75 must be paid prior to the start of Band Camp in July.**

K. CREDIT SYSTEM - Financial credits can be earned through fund-raising which are applied to the student's trip scholarship fund. More information regarding the credit system will be released by the booster organization.

L. HEALTH RECORD / EMERGENCY INFORMATION - In order to participate in the QACHS Marching Lions Band, a current Emergency Medical Form is required.

1. Parents must return the completed emergency medical form by the designated date
2. This form is kept with the band at all times in case of emergency. If any information needs to be updated, please make appropriate changes on the original form in the band office.
3. In case of emergency, the staff will always first attempt to get in touch with the parent prior to consenting to medical attention.

M. STUDENT LEADERSHIP - Student leadership is an important component of the Marching Lions Band. The Leadership Team is comprised of the Drum Major, Assistant Drum Major, Color Guard Captain, Assistant Color Guard Captain, Section Leaders, and Band Chaplain.

N. STAFF MEMBERS - The Marching Lions Staff is made up of talented individuals who put in countless hours in order to provide an outstanding educational experience for all students. Staff members must be shown respect at all times.

A commitment to these guidelines by both students and parents will ensure our success.

Summer Rehearsal Schedule

<u>Day</u>	<u>Date</u>	<u>Time</u>	<u>Rehearsal</u>
T, W	5/31, 6/1	6:00 – 8:00	Mini Camp (attendance is required) (Parent Meeting @ 7:00 on 5/27)
W	6/15	6:00 – 9:00	Marching/Music
W	6/22	6:00 – 9:00	Marching/Music
W	6/29	6:00 – 9:00	Marching/Music
W	7/6	6:00 – 9:00	Marching/Music
W	7/13	6:00 – 9:00	Marching/Music
W	7/20	6:00 – 9:00	Marching/Music
M – H F	7/25-7/28 7/29	8:00 – 5:00 8:00 – 12:00	Band Camp (attendance is required)
M – H F	8/1-8/4 8/5	8:00 – 5:00 8:00 – 12:00	Band Camp (attendance is required)
W	8/10	6:00 – 9:00	Marching/Music
W	8/17	6:00 – 9:00	Marching/Music
W	8/24	6:00 – 9:00	Marching/Music

Although, Band Camp is required, the Wednesday evening rehearsals throughout the summer months are very important to attend. It is understood that individuals may be out of town on vacation throughout the summer and may have to miss a Wednesday rehearsal. I ask that if this happens for you, please write down the date in which you will miss and let me know.

Due to the nature of the work that the Percussion and Color Guard sections have to do, it may be necessary for those members to report at an earlier time on Wednesday evenings throughout the Summer. This time will be communicated to those students by the Percussion and Color Guard Staff Members.

Fall Rehearsal Schedule

Beginning August 29, the following schedule will be in effect for the fall season.

WEEKLY SCHEDULE

Mondays	2:35 – 5:00	Woodwind/Brass
Tuesdays	2:35 – 5:00	Percussion/Guard (9/6 will be all sections)
Thursdays	2:35 – 5:00	Full Rehearsal
Fridays	2:35 – 5:00	Full Rehearsal

ADDITIONAL REHEARSALS

S	9/10	9:00 – 5:00	Full Rehearsal
H	9/15	6:00 – 7:00	Full Rehearsal / Mass Band Rehearsal
S	9/24	9:00 – until	Full Rehearsal
S	10/1	9:00 – until	Full Rehearsal
S	10/8	9:00 – until	Full Rehearsal
S	10/15	9:00 – until	Full Rehearsal
F	10/21	2:30 – 5:00	Full Rehearsal
S	10/22	9:00 – until	Full Rehearsal
S	10/29	9:00 – until	Full Rehearsal
S	11/5	2:00 – 5:00	Full Rehearsal
M,W,F	11/28,30,12/2	2:30 – 5:00	Full Rehearsal

Those rehearsals that are listed as “9:00 – until” are the rehearsals prior to us leaving for a competition. The length of the rehearsal depends on what time we have to leave. For these rehearsals, there is a lunch break in which you will need to bring a lunch.

Due to the nature of the work that the Percussion and Color Guard sections have to do, it may be necessary for those members to report at an earlier time on Saturdays throughout the Fall. This time will be communicated to those students by the Percussion and Color Guard Staff Members.

2023 Spring Rehearsal Schedule

M	3/13	2:30 – 5:00	Full Rehearsal
M	3/20	2:30 – 5:00	Full Rehearsal
M	3/27	2:30 – 5:00	Full Rehearsal
M	4/17	2:30 – 5:00	Full Rehearsal
M	4/24	2:30 – 5:00	Full Rehearsal
M	5/1	2:30 – 5:00	Full Rehearsal
M	5/22	2:30 – 5:00	Full Rehearsal

Future Dates to Note:

Percussion/Color Guard Clinic	W	5/17	6:00 – 8:00
Mini-Camp 2023	T	5/23	6:00 – 8:00
	W	5/24	6:00 – 8:00
	H	5/25	6:00 – 8:00
Band Camp 2023	M – H	7/24 – 7/27	8:00 – 5:00
	F	7/28	8:00 – 12:00
	M – H	7/31 – 8/3	8:00 – 5:00
	F	8/4	8:00 – 12:00

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Lion Marching Band
Schedule of Events**

- Friday, September 2, 2022 – **FB Game (QA vs. N. Caroline)**
Arrive by 5:45pm Uniform Inspection & Warm-up @ 6:15pm
- Saturday, September 17, 2022 – [**Homecoming Parade, Mass Band Pre-Game] and Game (QA vs. Parkside)**
[Parade @ 10:00am Warm-up @ 11:00am Mass Band Pre-Game @ 11:45am] Game @ 12:00pm
- Saturday, September 17, 2022 – **Kent Island H.S. Competition** Stevensville, MD Time: TBA
(Details will be given on arrival as soon as I have more information)
- Friday, September 23, 2022 – **FB Game (QA vs. Kent County)**
Arrive by 5:45pm Uniform Inspection & Warm-up @ 6:15pm
- Saturday, September 24, 2022 – **Lake Forest H.S. Competition** Felton, DE Time: TBA
(Details will be given on arrival as soon as I have more information)
- Saturday, October 1, 2022 – **Appoquinimink H.S. Competition** Middletown, DE Time: TBA
(Details will be given on arrival as soon as I have more information)
- Friday, October 7, 2022 – **FB Game (QA vs. Easton)**
Arrive by 5:45pm Uniform Inspection & Warm-up @ 6:15pm
- Saturday, October 8, 2022 – **Colonel Richardson H.S. Competition** Federalsburg, MD Time: TBA
(Details will be given on arrival as soon as I have more information)
- Friday, October 14, 2022 – **FB Game (QA vs. Stephen Decatur)**
Arrive by 5:45pm Uniform Inspection & Warm-up @ 6:15pm
- Saturday, October 15, 2022 – **William Penn H.S. Competition** Wilmington, DE Time: TBA
(Details will be given on arrival as soon as I have more information)
- Saturday, October 22, 2022 – **Chapter 9 Championships @ Lake Forest H.S.** Felton, DE Time: TBA
(Details will be given on arrival as soon as I have more information)
- Saturday, October 29, 2022 – **Maryland State Championships @ TBD** Time: TBA
(Details will be given on arrival as soon as I have more information)
- Friday, November 4, 2022 – **FB Game (Possible Playoff Game)**
Arrive by 5:45pm Uniform Inspection & Warm-up @ 6:15pm
- Sunday, November 6, 2022 – Atlantic Coast Championships** Harrisburg, PA
(Details will be given on arrival as soon as I have more information)
- Friday, November 11, 2022 – **FB Game (Possible Playoff Game)**
Arrive by 5:45pm Uniform Inspection & Warm-up @ 6:15pm
- Friday, November 18, 2022 – **FB Game (Possible Playoff Game)**
Arrive by 5:45pm Uniform Inspection & Warm-up @ 6:15pm
- Wednesday, November 30, 2022 – ***Winter Concert** 7:30pm
- Friday, December 2, 2022 – **Centreville Christmas Parade** 6:30pm
(Details will be given on arrival as soon as I have more information)
- Saturday, December 3, 2022 – **FB Game (Possible State Playoff Game)**
(Details will be given on arrival as soon as I have more information)
- May 4, 2023 – ***Spring Concert** 7:30pm
- Saturday, May 27, 2023 – **Chestertown Tea Party Parade** Chestertown, MD 10:00am

*Marching Band will perform on the Winter and Spring Concerts.

Queen Anne's County High School



Marching Lions Band

2022 - 2023 Pride of the Eastern Shore

Attendance Policy:

In order to meet the high standards of the Queen Anne's County High School Marching Lions Band, it is necessary to implement the following attendance policy:

1. **All rehearsals and performances are mandatory.**
2. Any members arriving late and/or unprepared to rehearsal are subject to consequences as determined by the band director/staff.
3. All members must attend the **entire** rehearsal. **Leaving early is not acceptable.**
4. Members will be excused from rehearsal under the following circumstances:
 - Illness (Mr. Wright must be notified if a student must leave school early.)
 - Death in the Family.
 - Approved school athletic contest submitted in writing at the start of that season.
5. **No member may miss any day of the Mini-Band Camp or Full Band Camp for any reason other than illness, death in the family, or other extreme emergency unless otherwise previously approved by the band director.**
6. **Members will be excused from Wednesday evening rehearsals during the months of June, July, and August. Vacation plans must be submitted in writing in advance.**

Failure to meet the above expectations may result in dismissal from the program.

The following reasons are unacceptable reasons for missing/being late to rehearsal:

1. I have to work.
2. I have to baby-sit.
3. I have to study/do my homework.
4. I have an orthodontist/doctor's appointment.
5. I have to get my hair cut/done.
6. It's my/my friend's/my family member's birthday.
7. I had to go to the bank/store.
8. I had to get something to eat.
9. I lost track of time.
10. Etc. Etc. Etc.

Fall Season Schedule (Begins the first week of school)

Monday: Woodwinds/Brass Rehearsal: 2:35 – 5:00

Tuesday: Percussion/Guard Rehearsal: 2:35 – 5:00

*** All Sections will report on 9/6**

Thursday: Full Rehearsal 2:35 – 5:00

Friday: Full Rehearsal 2:35 – 5:00

Saturday: (Beginning August 30): Competition (All Day) or Rehearsal (9:00* – 5:00).

***Percussion/Color Guard may need to report at an earlier time as communicated by that staff member.**

MEMBERS ARE EXPECTED TO ARRIVE AT THE BAND ROOM BY 2:30 AND BEGIN WARMING UP INSTRUMENTS FOR ALL 2:35 REHEARSALS.

Any member missing rehearsal “unexcused” will be asked to sit out of rehearsal and performances for the rest of the week. Any member with a second “unexcused” absence WILL BE dismissed for the remainder of the season.

Any member missing a performance “unexcused” will automatically be dismissed for the remainder of the season.

We have read and understand all the policies listed above and in this handbook and have received a copy of the rehearsal and performance schedule for the 2022 - 2032 “Pride of the Eastern Shore” Marching Lions Band. Further more, we understand that failure to meet all standards listed above and herein will result in dismissal from the program.

Member Signature: _____

Handbook Copy - Do Not Sign

Parent Signature: _____