



Farmington High School Bands

"Home of The Phoenix"

Upcoming 2024 Marching Band Season

The Farmington High School Marching Band is one of three teams from Farmington High School that have claimed state championships since the school opened five years ago. The marching band claimed back-to-back 5A state championships in 2019 and 2020. Last year, the marching band placed 3rd overall state-wide and in all of 6A! This year's competition show theme will be revealed at the information step-off meeting on Wednesday, May 8th. It features music by Ludwig Goransson, Phil Collins, and Alan Menken. It's going to be something our state has never seen and heard! We have new percussion and sound design arrangers this year. They truly are the best of the best. This same team helped crown Avon HS grand national champions this past season.

Every year we hope to be bigger, stronger, and better than ever, working hard at every rehearsal, every show, always striving for our very best. 2024 is sure to be an amazing season, but to do this **we need you!** Incoming ninth graders and sophomores are especially needed more than ever in the 6A Open class division. Last year we were still one of the smallest bands in our competitive class. We need this to change if we are going to perform well and be competitive in our class. Our goal is to always strive for the school's first ever 6A state championship. Most importantly, however, is to provide a superior product and experience that the students will remember for a lifetime.

We understand that participating in marching band is a significant time and financial commitment. However, the benefits gained greatly outweigh any sacrifices. Participating in this group will change each student's life positively in countless ways. Most importantly, it's FUN! We hope you will consider this opportunity to become a member of the Farmington High School Marching Band this upcoming season! You simply don't want to miss it. Every year, upper classmen come up to me and wish they had participated as a 9th grader instead of waiting. 8th graders, please don't let this be you in a few years, give it a try- you're really going to love it!

Please review all the information below. Now is your chance to be involved with one of the top marching programs in the state.

Why Join Marching Band?

- The marching band is the most visual performing group in the entire school and community. Thousands of students, parents, and spectators will see the band perform at summer parades, fall competitions, school events, assemblies, and, of course, at football games.
- Marching band is an incredibly fun way to learn and develop important life skills, such as leadership, teamwork, dedication, accountability, and hard work. Participating in the marching band will also help develop social skills, musical skills, improve physical conditioning, and develop a strong work ethic.
- The friends that students make in marching band can last a lifetime. Members of the marching band are typically high-performing students who support each other as they tackle challenges on and off the

marching band field. These students are smart, polite, dedicated, and fun. You'd be hard-pressed to find a better group of kids anywhere else!

- Students can fulfill their FIT for Life PE credit by participating in marching band while concurrently being enrolled in the canvas associated online class.
- Most importantly, it is a lot of FUN!

How to Register and Pay Your Registration Fee

1. Carefully read the entire contract, and then fill out and sign the marching band registration/contract signature form at the following link by **Monday, May 6, 2024**:
 2. Pay your deposit to complete your registration. The deposit is \$250, and must be paid **no later than Friday, May 10, 2024 @ 9:00 am**. Unpaid contracts will be considered incomplete and we will proceed with the show design without you. **Current 8th graders will need to bring their \$250 deposit into the FHS main office. All current 9th-11th grade students will be invoiced for their deposit by Tuesday, May 7, 2024, and will be able to pay through their myDSD account.**
- Continue to pay all other fees (including shoes, instrument rentals, and trip fees) as they are invoiced through your myDSD account. This includes current 8th graders as we will be allowed to start invoicing them through their myDSD accounts after the new financial school begins on July 1. You will be able to choose to pay fees in the main office, or through your myDSD account online. Please do not try to pay fees before being invoiced. This system ensures that marching band fees go to the correct account and will help us keep accurate records.

Communication: After you complete your contract/registration, you will start receiving communications from the band. Please read these messages completely so you can stay informed.

CutTime (formerly Charms): Every band student will be given a CutTime account after registration is completed. We use CutTime to manage our band calendar, communications, inventory, and more. Please make sure your information is up to date as we will be using your contact information to communicate with you and your student. Instructions will be sent on how to login, update, and access your information.

Volunteering: Our band program simply can't function without parent volunteers, so parents, please plan on volunteering in some capacity. Getting involved is fun and easy, you simply sign up on the **HOME or MARCHING BAND** page of our band website, www.farmingtonbands.org. You can also use this direct link to the FHS Band Volunteer Page: [SignUpGenius](#)

Band Website: Almost everything you need to know can be found on our band website. You'll find forms, links, important information, our calendar and much more. www.farmingtonbands.org Select **Performance Groups**, then select **Marching Band**.

Contact Information: Please don't hesitate to reach out and ask questions.

- Director of Bands, Mr. Mangelson, bmangelson@dsdmail.net
- Color Guard Director, Anna Barber, anna.belle0114@gmail.com
- Booster President, Marcie Hayes, marciehayes@gmail.com
- Booster Vice-President, Alicia Christensen, aliciamae85@yahoo.com
- Fundraising Chair, Mindianne Toomb, mindiannetoomb@yahoo.com

See you on the field! -Mr. Mangelson

Fee Breakdown and Payment Schedule

Marching band is funded completely through student fees. Our school district does not allocate any resources for new equipment, staff, music, drill, transportation, etc. Below is a breakdown of the fees associated with participation. Your signed contract and deposit are a binding agreement wherein you acknowledge and accept the designated fees listed and agree to be invoiced and pay by the indicated deadlines. The fees below indicate the expected amount that each student will be charged. Basic marching band fees pay for camps/clinics, custom-arranged music, choreography, drill design, flags, equipment, camp food, staff, and uniforms.

Fee Breakdown/Payment Schedule

Gray boxes are for all students, white boxes are variable amounts depending on needs of the student. The basic fee that every student will pay minimally is \$950.

Due Date	Fee Amount	Description
May 6		Marching Band Contract Due (online- farmingtonbands.org)
May 7-10	\$250	Pay Deposit (invoiced on myDSD starting May 7- MUST BE PAID BY Friday, May 10. Current 8th graders must bring payment into FHS office)
July 12	\$125, If Applicable	Instrument Rental (will be invoiced on myDSD) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Required for all brass & percussion • Piccolo, bass clarinet, tenor sax, & bari sax will likely also need to rent if you don't have your own instrument
July 12	\$50, Guard Only	Color Guard Supplemental Fee More information will be forthcoming for color guard members.
July 12	\$350	Marching Band Payment 2
August 9	\$350	Final Marching Band Payment
October 4	\$450	Trip Payment St. George- Utah State Marching Band Championships; Bands of America Regional Championships *St. George is a required event for all marching band members

Dates and Schedules

Step-Off Meeting

The marching band season begins with our step-off meeting on Thursday, May 8. The step-off meeting is extremely important, so please be there and bring at least one parent. Please arrive at 6:00 pm to get measured for uniform items, turn in your uniform/shoe order form, meet the staff and leadership, and ask questions. The actual meeting will take place in the FHS Auditorium and will begin promptly at 7:00 pm.

Color Guard & Percussion Clinics & Auditions

All students interested in playing percussion or in the color guard should attend the clinics and audition days on the calendar in April/May. Please see the exact dates and times for these events on the band website: www.farmingtonbands.org.

Marching Band Calendar

For the most up to date information, please visit our band website www.farmingtonbands.org and click on the calendar tab.

Important Dates and Schedules

The following tables list important dates and schedules throughout the summer and fall. Please note that, though unlikely, dates are subject to change. See the band calendar for the most current information.

Be aware of all REQUIRED DATES listed on the calendar with an "R." These are camps, clinics, and performances that cannot be missed. If you cannot commit to these dates, please contact and discuss those conflicts with Mr. Mangelson ASAP as it may affect your eligibility to participate.

Pre-Season

Date	Description
April 15	Marching Band Information Meeting & Q&A: 7pm, FHS Band Room (optional)
May 8	<ul style="list-style-type: none">● Step-off meeting at FHS auditorium. Uniform measuring at 6:00 pm, information meeting at 7:00 pm. (Required please)● Shoe/Clothing order form due (you will receive this form during measurements)
May 6	Contracts Due
May 7-10	Deposits Due (see above fee breakdown)
By May 10	UHSAA physical form due. Please begin working on this ASAP. The form is available at www.farmingtonbands.org . Select Groups , then select Marching Band , and then select the red UHSAA Physical button. Turn-in box is in the band room.

Camps and Rehearsals

(*REQUIRED Camps, Students MUST Attend)

Date	Description
April-May 24	Percussion & CG clinics & auditions; Full-band rehearsals as indicated on the calendar
May 11	Rookie Camp: All new marchers & student leadership
May 18	Fundamentals Camp: All students
June 13-15(FHS); 19-21 (AFHS)	Leadership camps: student leadership only
Summer/Fall	Sectionals/Rehearsals: as listed on the band calendar and as scheduled by individual section leaders
July 8-12	Marching basics camp: all students Guard and percussion camp: all guard and percussion members
July 13 & 24	Parades: Farmington City; Days of 47' (SLC)
*July 15-19 *July 29-August 2	Band camps: <u>REQUIRED FOR EVERYONE</u>
*August 24 *September 7, 13-14 *November 1	Drill learning/cleaning camps: <u>REQUIRED FOR EVERYONE</u>
Fall Rehearsals:	Mondays and Thursdays: Afternoons from 3:15-6:00 pm Wednesdays: Evening rehearsals from 5:00 to 9:00 pm Look for exceptions on the calendar indicated with ***
Fall: Football Gamedays	Call time 6:00pm, unless a normal rehearsal is not already scheduled that day (i.e Wednesday or Thursday scheduled game). <i>Note: Football games are not always on Fridays (i.e. 10/16/24)</i>

Competitions

(Dates and locations pending final confirmation. ALL Students Are Expected To Attend ALL Competitions)

Date	Description	Location
*September 21	Nebo Tournament of Bands	Payson High School
*October 5	Bridgerland Band Invitational	Utah State University
*October 12	Wasatch Front Invitational	Riverton High School
*October 26	Mt. Timpanogos Marching Invitational	American Fork High School
*November 2	Davis Cup Marching Invitational	Davis High School
*November 8	UMEA Red Rocks State Marching Band Championships	Utah Tech University, St. George
*November 9	Bands of America (BOA) Regional Championships	Utah Tech University, St. George

Other Important Dates/Fun Activities

Date	
July 10	Corps Encore, University of University (tentative)
June-August	Band Activities & Fundraisers- bowling, pool party, fundraising reward party etc. (see band calendar for these dates as they are booked)
August 10	DCI Finals Streaming Pizza Party
October 14	Family Night (required for student performers): friends and family can watch the marching band perform their field show at the FHS football field.

Farmington High School 2024 Marching Band Contract

The Farmington High School Marching Band members take great pride knowing they belong to a group of talented, dedicated students, all working as a team toward the same goal: musical excellence and having a lot of FUN. Attendance, attitude, and hard work are all paramount to the success of the group. This contract has been developed to explain the rules and requirements for participation in the Farmington High School Marching Band. This contract should be read, discussed, and signed by both the student and their parents.

As a member of the Farmington High School Marching Band, I agree to abide by the following policies and procedures. I further understand that any violation of any one of these policies could result in my spot being forfeited and/or being removed from the group entirely.

1. Attendance Policy

- When a student misses a rehearsal or performance, it places an unnecessary hardship on the entire ensemble. For this reason, it is vital that parents and students work out schedules, as well as any academic/behavioral consequences, that do NOT include missing rehearsals or performances. The attendance policy will be strictly enforced, so please check your calendars carefully and do not commit to the season if you are not able to participate fully according to this attendance policy. Find specific dates on our band calendar www.farmingtonbands.org. Any additional performances or practices not on the current calendar will be part of this contract if at least two weeks' notice is given.
- **Rehearsals/Sectionals:** Practices and sectionals are essential in order for a performance group of this caliber to continue to be competitive.
- **Parades & Football Games:** Members are expected to be at parades and games as they are actual performances. Follow the attendance policy for absences if you need to miss.
- **Competitions:** All competitions are required. No exceptions will be given except for rare, extenuating circumstances. If a competition is missed and prior approval is not received, you will likely forfeit your spot permanently to an alternate or be removed at Mr. Mangelson's discretion.
- **Camps/Clinics:** Camps and clinics are absolutely vital if you would like to receive a drill spot.

2. Absences

School credit is given for participation in marching band, so attendance is required. Participation, preparation, and attendance will not only affect the student's final grade but will also have a dramatic impact on the success of the group as we rehearse and prepare for our performances and competitions.

- **Reasons to miss band:** Sickness and emergencies
- **Not reasons to miss band:**
 - Doctor appointments, getting help at school, music lessons, parties, dates, work or driver's ed (please schedule these at other times). Students should inform their employers of the band schedule and make certain they do not miss any part of any rehearsal or performances.
- **Summer Band Absences:**
 - **ALL STUDENTS MUST ATTEND REQUIRED SUMMER CAMPS**
 - Absences during the summer band season can be accommodated for church camps, family vacations, etc. **unless they occur during a required camp.**
 - Please keep absences to a minimum and make sure allowed absences are excused.
- **Fall Band Absences (after school starts):**

- **ALL STUDENTS MUST ATTEND REQUIRED CLEANING CAMPS & COMPETITIONS**
- No absence at the rehearsal prior to a performance/competition will be excused unless there are extenuating circumstances- these must be preapproved. A student missing this rehearsal will likely result in the student not marching at the competition or game that follows, as well as possibly forfeiting their spot permanently.
- For all other band events, students will be allowed a maximum of zero (0) unexcused absences, and three (3) excused absences during the fall season.
- **How to have an absence excused:** This is for all band events during the entire season
 - Please fill out and turn in an excuse form to a drum major. (Form is on the band website)
 - **A minimum of two (2) weeks' notice is required.**
 - Turning in a form does not guarantee approval. Your excuse form will be returned to you and/or you will be contacted by Mr. Mangelson or a drum major **only if** the absence request is denied.

3. Alternates

Some students in the band may begin the season as “alternates.” An alternate is a band member who is not assigned a permanent drill spot, but who is qualified to participate and may be called on to fill an unexpected void. Just as an athletic team selects more players than can be on the field or court at a given time, in marching band we need to do the same. Alternates are NOT second-class band members who do not perform. On the contrary, alternates are crucial to the success of the band. They are so important that many award-winning programs across the country have as many as 20-30 alternates. This will not be the case at Farmington, but **we may have at least one alternate in each section.** Alternates assist the various sections during the daily rehearsals to double check spots and charts, assist leaders with visual identification, and to help with equipment and props. Alternates will be called on to fill in spots for students who quit, are ill, injured, on vacation, etc. Sometimes alternates are needed simply because the drill design works best with certain even numbers in each section due to symmetry and other geometric factors needed for the show. Historically, alternates eventually get incorporated into the show by the end of the season and often more would have been helpful.

4. Core Band Class Participation

Participation in the marching band at Farmington High School is completely optional. However, all marching band students are required to participate in a “core” band class concurrently for the entire school year. Concert Band, Symphonic Band, and Wind Ensemble along with their respective percussion classes are considered “core” band classes. Violations to this policy will forfeit eligibility to march the following year if they are still enrolled as a student.

5. Music Memorization

All music must be memorized by the designated deadlines. Music must be passed off to their section leaders and/or a staff member. Section leaders and field commanders are there to help you, so please utilize their help. Every student is expected to arrive at camps with his or her music memorized.

6. Drill

Members may be asked at various times throughout the season to perform their drill segments and marching technique for their section leaders, staff, and/or Mr. Mangelson. Drill segments will include proper field position, horn position, body and dance movements, etc. Failure to demonstrate the minimum competence necessary as indicated by Mr. Mangelson could result in losing a drill spot. Students will be asked to fill out a 3x5 sized “dot book” or binder, which they are required to have with

them at **every rehearsal**. While learning the show, students will complete this “dot book” by writing in information about each set of the show.

7. Eligibility

- All students must meet UHSAA eligibility requirements in order to participate.
- Each student will need to get a physical and turn in the appropriate medical forms. These forms can be printed out from the band website. (Go to www.farmingtonbands.org. Select **Performance Groups**, then select **Marching Band**, and then select the red **UHSAA Physical** button)
- Students must maintain a 2.0 GPA. An eligibility check will be performed on all students in June before marching band season starts. Grades will be checked again at the end of first term to determine if students are still eligible to participate in state finals, BOA regionals, and any other trips that might take place after the first term.

8. Fees

- The fees for marching band and any associated trips have been provided and disclosed on the fee breakdown. All fees must be paid by the designated dates and are non-refundable regardless of removal from the group (voluntarily or involuntarily). By “opting in” to be a part of the marching band, I agree to the fees as they have been explained. I also understand that marching band is not a required activity and that by “opting in”, the marching band and travel fees are not waivable, and I am responsible for paying these fees in their entirety.
- **Fee/Fundraising Money Explanation**
 - Marching Band Fees: Basic marching band fees pay for camps/clinics, custom-arranged music, choreography, drill design, flags, equipment, band camp food, staff, shoes and summer uniforms (for new members and those needing a replacement), and fall uniforms.
 - Instrument Rental Fee: This money is used to repair and maintain school owned instruments.
 - Trip Fees: This money is only used towards a trip. It will cover hotel costs, buses, competition fees, food, and any included activities.
 - Fundraising Money: This money is used to pay for all meals and snacks beyond those served at band camp. We also use this money to purchase new equipment, and maintain our trailer.

9. Optional Individual Fundraisers

- The band will provide at least one individual fundraiser per year. This will help students offset their individual fees and trip costs.
- These fundraisers are completely optional.
- Information will be shared for this fundraiser on our band website and through email.

10. Band Fundraisers

- These fundraisers benefit the entire program and participation is strongly encouraged and expected.
- The goal is for each student to bring in at least \$250 worth of donations for the band program. This can be accomplished a few different ways:
 - The student can secure a sponsorship for the marching band from any business. This is the quickest and easiest way to reach your goal of \$250.
 - The student can participate in the marching band’s annual online fundraiser (formerly known as Tag Day). With this fundraiser, students will reach out to friends, neighbors, and family members in order to secure donations.
 - The student can choose to participate in both fundraising opportunities.

- For detailed information about these fundraisers, please visit our band’s website and click on the “Fundraising” tab.
- **Bonus:** If a student is able to raise \$1,500 through Sponsorships and/or the Online Fundraiser, their end of season trip fee will be reduced by \$250.

11. Appearance

- To ensure uniformity of the band, extremes in appearance such as **unnatural hair color**, some facial jewelry, hair over the collar, beards, mustaches, “Jedi braids” (or similar), etc. are not permissible at any time during the season. This will be strictly enforced.

12. Behavior

Marching Band is a competitive activity and as such, has the potential to bring out the best or worse in us. It’s our goal to become a better band and better individuals as we participate in marching band.

Our staff, students, and parents are committed to the following behaviors.

- **We show good sportsmanship and are friendly towards other bands:** We’ll clap and cheer for other bands at competitions. They’ve worked just as hard as we have and they deserve our support. We’ll be friendly towards ALL bands. We’ll say hello, wave, and give words of encouragement to them. Part of being friendly also means that we’ll avoid all negative talk about other bands.
- **We are a band family:** We believe that every member of our band is important. No individuals or sections are superior to another. Color guard, percussion, woodwinds, and brass are all vital to the success of our band. We don’t tolerate negative talk, put downs, or acting like one group is better than another. Instead, we look for ways to support all sections and individuals within our band family.
- **We are not complainers:** Complaining never fixes anything. If we have constructive criticism then we go to the appropriate person to address our concern. We’ll always be respectful and considerate when addressing concerns. If there’s no fix for a complaint then we’ll keep it to ourselves.
- **We are respectful, grateful, and helpful:** We treat everyone with respect. Kind words and actions are always the best choice. When we have the chance to thank someone for their efforts, we do it. We look for ways to be helpful to others. We hold doors open, help with set-up and clean-up, and find ways to go the extra mile.

By signing this contract, we understand and agree to the above stated policies. We realize that the success of the Farmington High School Marching Band is dependent upon our dedication and commitment to these policies. We agree to have the named student removed from the marching band if these expectations are not adhered to. We also understand that this contract constitutes a binding agreement and that the deposit and fees associated with this contract are non-refundable. **We agree to be charged the stated fees in their entirety unless written notice is given to Mr. Mangelson that we would like to have the named student removed from the marching band before May 13, 2024.** We also acknowledge that all fees are non-refundable regardless of the student’s removal from the group either voluntarily or involuntarily after this deadline.

**PLEASE KEEP THIS CONTRACT FOR YOUR
REFERENCE AND RECORDS**