

**Marching Pride of Lawrence Township
Marching Band Performer Contract
Return to Director by Monday, May 15, 2017**

Student's Name:(PRINTED)_____ Grad Yr. _____

School – Fall of 2017 (please check one):

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Being a member of the *Marching Pride of Lawrence Township* is an exciting opportunity as well as a privilege. The performance opportunities you will experience will be special and the benefits long term.

- I. **Attendance** - Attendance at rehearsals is mandatory. This is crucial to ensuring that the ensemble is able to progress and achieve high performance levels. We understand that there may be an occasion, particularly in the summer when a student may need to miss a rehearsal or arrive late. However, we also must make decisions regarding who receives a permanent performance slot based on attendance and work ethic. In instances where a student misses significant rehearsal time it may result in the student sharing a performance slot in the show with another student or not being assigned one at all. Please understand, once the school year begins, students receive a grade in band based largely on attendance at rehearsals and performances. If a student misses a performance it will significantly impact their grade unless it is excused. Please take a moment to review the entire marching band calendar and if you must miss a rehearsal or performance, indicate any anticipated absences by writing them in the space provided:

- II. **Code of Conduct** - We expect that students in the Marching Pride will conduct themselves in exemplary fashion at all times. This includes showing up for all rehearsals on time and working hard during rehearsal. It also includes maintaining a clean school disciplinary record (no referrals), maintaining an average to above average academic record, and treating our fellow members with dignity and respect. In addition, we expect that students will react positively to staff instruction, and show respect for school facilities and property. A student having trouble in any of these areas may have their performance eligibility revoked at any time.
- III. **Performance Readiness** - Marching band is about working together to achieve a high level of excellence. We work as a team at all times. Therefore, it is important that each and every student give their best at every rehearsal. This means preparing music, movement/choreography, equipment work (color guard) and working hard during rehearsals.
- IV. **Physical Shape** - You receive a PE Waiver for one semester. That being said, it is important that all members take care of their bodies and be physically fit. We will do some exercising, running & conditioning to enable all performers to be at their best physical shape for a ten minute performance. Every member should work to stay fit, eat right and exercise.
- V. **Grades/Academic Standing** - It is the expectation of the staff that all student performers will be good students and maintain their grades at a satisfactory level (C average). Marching band is not an excuse for poor grades!
- VI. **Performances and Contests** - The band is judged on how it sounds and by how it looks. Missing students create holes in the sound (music) as well visually (drill or guard choreography). Therefore, students must be at all performances and contests. If a student has to miss a performance or contest, it may result in the student not being assigned a marching spot in the show.

VII. What You Can Expect from the Staff - The marching band staff will always commit to giving students the best quality instruction and product possible. Every effort is made to design a highly competitive program that will be recognized if it is performed and achieved. Countless hours of work and passion go into designing shows that students will enjoy performing.

VIII. Financial Obligations - I understand that my parent(s) and/or guardian(s) and I will be held responsible for all financial obligations outlined below. I also understand that I can participate in fundraising activities designed to assist me with these expenses/fees and make special payment plan arrangements providing items 1 & 2 below are completed. However, all scheduled payments must be made on time as indicated below or as indicated by my payment plan if I am to maintain my spot in the ensemble.

Financial Obligations and Payment Schedule

- 1) All performers must have all previous years' fees PAID IN FULL to their home school as of May 25, 2017 (last day of school) in order to be eligible to participate in MPLT for the 2017 season
- 2) 2017 performers must pay a \$200 down payment toward 2017 fees by May 25, 2017 (last day of school)
- 3) 2017 performers must pay an additional \$100 on or by mandatory parent meeting in June in order to continue to participate in 2017 June Rehearsals.
- 4) 2017 performers must pay an additional \$100 on or by band camp check-in in order to participate in 2017 band camp
- 5) 2017 performers must pay \$100 on or by the last day each of August, September and October in order to continue participation in 2017 MPLT activities
- 6) Performers across all performing arts groups will not be able to participate in any 2017-18 performing arts ensemble, production and/or activities unless balances are paid in full by the end of the current school year.
- 7) Marching Pride performers who have not made payments are welcome to attend practices, but may not actively participate until payments are up to date
- 8) If terms of prior payment plans were not followed or a balance is owed, no payment plan will be considered. We can no longer extend credit to those who do not pay. If performer is paid up to date by the end of the current school year and has faithfully followed all payment plans during prior years, a payment plan may be considered.
- 9) If you have any questions or concerns about the above payment schedule, please share them with one of your directors.

My signature below affirms my commitment to being a valuable member of the "Marching Pride of Lawrence Township."

Furthermore, I understand and agree to the items outlined in this performance contract.

Student Signature: _____ Date _____

Parent Signature: _____ Date _____

Student's t-shirt size (adult) (circle one): S M L XL XXL XXXL