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Parent/Student

Handbook

North Hardin High School Band Program

Director

Kelsey Dunn

Assistant Directors

Isaiah Kuamoo

Miles Kellett

2023-2024

WELCOME

This handbook is intended to answer many questions both new and old members may have about the North Hardin Band Program. This handbook is a guide to answer your questions in general. For more specific information as the year proceeds or answers to any questions not addressed in this handbook, **we encourage you to attend band booster meetings**. If your question is urgent, call the band directors or one of the band booster officers. We are all in this together and we all want new band families to feel included and informed so that the entire band year can be enjoyed to its fullest.

This handbook is intended to be used by students, parents, administrators, staff and directors as a convenient source of information regarding the varied aspects of the North Hardin band program. We have tried to cover as thoroughly as possible every facet of the program. **Students and parents should read this handbook carefully and must sign and return all forms upon becoming a member of the band program each year.** Band members will be expected to understand and abide by all rules and regulations set forth in this book. We sincerely hope you find this handbook helpful and refer to it often.

North Hardin Band Program

Principal

Director

Jeff Maysey

Kelsey Dunn

Student Membership: 2023-2024 *Around 175 members*

The North Hardin Band Program

The hard-working students, dedicated staff, involved and active parents, a supportive administration and fantastic community all combine to make it possible for the North Hardin Band program to offer an outstanding array of musical opportunities. Our students are expected to set and reach high goals for themselves and their program, and the rewards of meeting those North Hardin High School Band began with the formation of North Hardin High School in 1962. The program currently involves over 175 students in grades eight through twelve who participate in one of the concert bands – Symphonic Band and Wind Symphony – or one of the other two ensemble classes– chamber winds and percussion ensemble. The marching band is an extra-curricular group with an active performance schedule.

Marching Band, Wind Symphony, Symphonic Band, Jazz Band, Percussion Ensemble, Woodwind Ensembles, Brass Ensembles, Chamber Winds, Winter Percussion and Winter Guard are also options for you! Expectations are immeasurable. Members of the North Hardin Band program develop musically, emotionally, mentally, and socially. The cornerstone and legacy of the North Hardin Band program is striving for excellence through dedication, learning, experience, and a team effort from students, boosters,

and staff. The substantial recognition that the band receives is in no small way a result of the success acknowledged in the past at reaching for and obtaining excellence.

Your Directors

Kelsey Dunn serves as Director of Bands at North Hardin High School. At NHHS, Ms. Dunn is the conductor/director of the Wind Symphony, Symphonic Band and the North Hardin Trojan Marching Band. Ms. Dunn also serves as administrator of the percussion program. She was assistant director of bands in 2021 before taking over the role of head director in 2022. Prior to joining NHHS, Ms. Dunn led a multitude of high school percussion ensembles as an instructor or guest clinician in Kentucky, and was an associate graduate conductor while pursuing her Masters of Music in Conducting at Western Kentucky University. She worked with major ensembles such as Western Kentucky University's Symphonic Band, Percussion Ensemble, and Wind Ensemble while being a teacher of record teaching Music Appreciation courses. She also served two years as WKU Big Red Marching Band's Percussion Caption Head/Arranger. Kelsey received her Bachelor's Degree in Music Education from Murray State University.

Isaiah Kuamoo serves as Assistant Director of Bands at North Hardin High School. At NHHS, Mr. Kuamoo is the assistant conductor/director of the Wind Symphony, Symphonic Band, and the North Hardin Trojan Marching Band. Prior to becoming assistant director, Mr. Kuamoo was on staff with the NHHS Marching Band serving as the Sound Coordinator/Woodwind Tech. Mr. Kuamoo has also worked with numerous high school bands in Kentucky as a woodwind tech. Isaiah received his Bachelor's Degree in Music Education from The University of Louisville.

Miles Kellett is the current Director of Bands at North Middle School and serves as an assistant for North Hardin High School. Originally from Papillion, Nebraska, Mr. Kellett graduated from the University of Nebraska Omaha with a Bachelors of Arts Degree in Bassoon Performance. Afterwards he completed his Masters of Arts in Education degree at Hastings College where he continued his Bassoon playing with the Hastings Symphony. Kellett has performed and worked with various ensembles across the country in both the scholastic and independent settings including Railmen Performing Arts and Blue Stars Drum and Bugle Corps. Prior to his current position, Mr. Kellett spent two years as Middle School Band Director in Hastings Public schools (NE) and one year assisting band at Central Hardin High.

WIND SYMPHONY

The Wind Symphony is a highly skilled group of around 60 musicians selected from the 175+ students in the instrumental music program. The Wind Symphony has received consecutive superior ratings at both district and state music festivals. The Wind Symphony made a second appearance at the Bands of America National Concert Band Festival in late February of 2004. The Wind Symphony made a fourth appearance at the 2004 Kentucky Music Educators Association In-Service Conference in early February. Members of the Wind Symphony are selected every year for the Kentucky All-District and All-State Bands. At the 2003 Midwest Band and Orchestra Clinic, the Wind Symphony was honored as a recipient of the John Philip Sousa Foundation Sudler Flag of Honor. The North Hardin Wind Symphony performed at the 2021 Midwest Band and Orchestra Clinic in Chicago, the only band from Kentucky ever to have performed there 4 times. As a result of the Wind Symphony's outstanding performances at the Midwest Band and Orchestra Clinic the second time, they were invited to play at Carnegie Hall, New York on March 21st, 2006, an honor only offered to the best of the best in all the musical world.

SYMPHONIC BANDS

The North Hardin Symphonic Band is the other concert band in the instrumental music program. This group has received exclusively Distinguished ratings at the district concert festival. In fact, the Symphonic Band has received Distinguished ratings at the district concert festival since the inception of the group. The Symphonic Band has also received Distinguished ratings at the state level, and has received numerous 1+ ratings at both levels. Two classes of symphonic band are offered at NHHS to give specialized attention to instrument families and ages of the group.

MARCHING BAND

The Marching Band has been Grand Champion of many regional competitions, an AAAA and AAAAA state finalist, a Bands of America Regional Champion, and a Grand National Finalist. The North Hardin Marching Band received the prestigious Sudler Shield in 1992. The band recently won a Bands of America 2021 Regional Championship and has in previous years placed second in the nation at Grand Nationals in class 2A. The marching band participates in many community events such as parades, as well as traveling to competitions. The marching band has performed at incredible events such as Disney World Magic Kingdom Parade and Macy's Thanksgiving Day Parade just to name a few.

PERCUSSION ENSEMBLE

The North Hardin Percussion Ensemble was invited to perform at the 2001 and 2004 Percussion Festival sponsored by Bands of America. The ensemble was recognized as a recipient of the Percussive Society Association Citation of Excellence. The ensemble was also invited to perform at the 2001 Kentucky Percussive Arts Society Conference.

JAZZ ENSEMBLE

While being a newer ensemble now, the North Hardin Jazz Ensemble has a history of being the talk of the community-at-large for their professionalism and fantastic up-beat sound. They have been asked to play at many different venues. In 2012 the jazz band played at the Jazz Educator's Network national conference and at the Kentucky State Music Convention. In 2014 the Jazz Band received a distinguished rating at the Kentucky State Jazz Festival.

EXPECTATIONS AND POLICIES

1. Appearance/Behavior

- a. Proper appearance and behavior must be shown at all times. We ask that students and parents accept their responsibilities concerning this manner.
- b. We have additional staff members, guests and other adults that assist the band throughout the season. We expect the same behavior given to them as you would give any other staff member in the school.
- c. Any public display of affection (PDA) is not tolerated.
- d. All school functions outside of normal school hours are under jurisdiction of district and school policies. Students must comply with local Board of Education policies, as well as the state and federal regulations.
- e. All students involved in the band program are expected to excel in the classroom. Failure to do so may result in teacher or peer intervention. If the problem continues to persist, the student may be declared ineligible to participate with the North Hardin Band.
- f. ANY form of drugs or alcohol are NOT TOLERATED.

2. Attendance

- a. Attendance is key to the success of our band program. **Excused absences are illness/injury that requires a doctor's care, family emergencies, death of family members, or a director approved absence.**
- b. Unexcused absences are work, appointments (these must be scheduled around band dates), homework, birthday, trips/vacations (these must be scheduled around band dates), or no ride to rehearsal (let someone know...we can find arrangements for you)
- c. Students are responsible for arriving at each rehearsal and performance on time with all required materials. **On time means 15 minutes early.** Parents please see that your child takes this responsibility seriously. It takes several minutes to get equipment and instruments moved and ready for rehearsal.
- d. Students are required to let us know of immovable events for other classes/extracurricular activities and extenuating circumstances that would normally be deemed unexcused. We must know 1 week prior to conflict. **We will now have a google form attached to the website/google classroom and BAND app that must be filled out to be determined if that is an excused absence. This allows us and you to have written documentation on a google form instead of a text, email or verbal communication.**
- e. **The directors have the right to not allow any student regardless of excused or unexcused absences to not perform at the next competition. This is not only to keep up with rehearsal etiquette, but also if there are many changes that week it can be a safety hazard to your student and the other students performing in a show. This does not remove them from the program, but just that performance.**

3. Equipment/Lessons

- a. Everyone is **responsible for their own personal or rented equipment.** Any damage to an instrument, electronic, uniform or any other equipment will be the responsibility of the

student that equipment was issued to, unless there are mitigating circumstances. Uniforms are cleaned throughout the season and it is the students responsibility to keep their uniform neatly put away and as clean as possible.

- b. All personal items must be put in the proper place and taken home after every rehearsal, and performance. **Any items stolen is not the responsibility of the school, band, band directors/staff or the band boosters.**
- c. Students will help keep the practice field and band room clean, neat and orderly.
- d. Private lessons are critical to the success of your student in band. We have many private lesson teachers that come to the school weekly! We can get you in contact with them or other private teachers in our area. Please do not let money be a reason your student can't take private lessons. Talk to the directors and we will be more than happy to assist you.
- e. Students/parents/guardians **will be responsible for and pay for any damages done to school property. Disrespect of equipment and facilities will not be tolerated.**
- f. All school owned equipment is property of Hardin County Schools. To use these instruments and equipment **students must pay the \$15 fee to go towards the fund to help upkeep and repair the equipment.** Please let us know if you need assistance with this cost. Failure to pay this fee or not communicate with the directors could result in the student not being able to use the equipment.

Transportation – Bus Rules

- 1. No large speakers. We require use of headphones.
- 2. No sitting on the back of seats.
- 3. No throwing objects around the bus or out the window.
- 4. Students are to be completely quiet when crossing railroad tracks.
- 5. No public display of affection (PDA) is allowed. No couples will be able to sit together on a bus after dark.
- 6. No exchanging of seats/buses. Use the same seat/bus coming and going.
- 7. No unnecessary walking while the bus is moving.
- 8. No feet/legs blocking the aisles.
- 9. Students will clean the bus during trips and will not be allowed to exit the bus upon returning to NHHS unless all trash is picked up/disposed of.
- 10. No aerosol spray of any kind is allowed on the bus.
- 11. Avoid excessive use of perfumes/colognes/lotions.
- 12. Noise level should remain moderate. NO EXCEPTIONS.
- 13. No singing loudly. "City limits" is the only time you should go through the show with your bus mates.
- 14. Hands, arms and head are not allowed outside the bus windows.
- 15. Students are to remain seated and quiet while roll call is being conducted. Everyone answers for him/herself.
- 16. No obscene language/gestures will be tolerated.
- 17. Bare feet are not allowed.
- 18. Students will become quiet when a band director boards the bus.
- 19. Students will be given permission to dismiss by band staff only.
- 20. Students will be quiet when reaching city limits of the contest/parade site and will remain quiet until told otherwise.
- 21. No eating or drinking while in uniform. (Uniform shorts included.) *water is okay*

22. No student will be allowed to leave the bus or contest area without written permission from a parent/guardian. Permission to leave must be coordinated between the band director(s) and head chaperone. The bus mom must be positive of the identity of everyone a student leaves with.

Fees and Student Accounts Information

Purpose:

The purpose of Student Accounts is to help assist band students/parents/guardians with expenses related to their participation in the North Hardin Band program.

Policies:

1. Fees

- a. All money owed, whether it is from reeds, gloves, shoes, trips, repairs, fundraisers, band fees, etc., must be paid in a timely manner.
- b. Any student who has not paid any prior year fees or fundraiser money may not be permitted to participate in the marching band. **Failure to pay prior year band fees in full by the last spring practice may result in your child being written out of the show.** If there is a financial hardship, contact the booster treasurer to discuss the situation confidentially and to fill out a financial hardship form as soon as possible. Exceptions to the above policy will be considered on a case-by-case basis, and the band directors have final approval authority.
- c. The debt for any student may not exceed **\$450**. Exceptions to this policy may only be approved by the band directors.
- d. There will be NO refunds for any reason/function after **JULY 15TH. DOWN PAYMENT IS NON-REFUNDABLE**
- e. Late joiners to the Marching Band: If a student joins the Marching Band late, through no fault of his/her own (i.e. just moved to the area), the band directors will determine the amount of fees to be paid on a prorated basis.
- f. You are financially responsible for the loss of or the damage to any part of the uniform or equipment issued to you (Marching, Concert, Guard, Winterguard, etc.).
- g. A charge, \$35.00, for returned checks will be addressed by the treasurers.
- h. The debt for any student may not exceed **\$450**. Exceptions to this policy may only be approved by the band directors.

2. Student Accounts

- a. Student accounts are not refundable and under normal circumstances, student accounts are not transferable to another student; however, accounts may be transferred between siblings who are members of the band program during the same year. Other circumstances in which students desire to transfer their account to another student must be approved by the Band Directors.
- b. Students who are voluntarily or involuntarily terminated from the NH Band program relinquish all rights to their Student Account and the balance will be transferred to the general fund unless the NH Band Director approves an exception.

North Hardin Band Boosters

The North Hardin Band Boosters are the support structure for the North Hardin Band Program. Each band parent is automatically a member of the band boosters. Members can also be any relatives of band members, interested alumni, and “former” band parents.

General Membership Meetings are held at 6:00 pm on the 3rd Tuesday of each month, in the band room. The band booster meetings provide the best opportunity to keep informed of upcoming events, to be involved in decision-making, and to ask questions. All parents who have students in the band program and have accounts in good standing are voting members of the Band Booster organization. Attendance at meetings is highly encouraged.

Your North Hardin High School Band Officer and Coordinator Directory:

Booster President: Sonya Session nhbandpresident@gmail.com

Booster Vice President: Silas Session

Booster Secretary: Megan Akers nhbandsecretary@gmail.com

Booster Co-Treasurers: Tina Drake-Desjourdy & Stephanie Ilams nhbandtreasurer@gmail.com

If you would like to assist on any of these committees please contact the respective committee chairman. The boosters and directors appreciate all and any help you can provide!

Please visit Northhardinband.org and go under the “Volunteers & Committees” tab. There is a google form to fill out if you’re able to assist or need further information on how to volunteer.

Budget & Fundraising

The Band Director develops and submits a comprehensive budget of expenses for the upcoming school year. The budget is funded through the band fees and various fundraisers the band boosters conduct throughout the year. For the marching band, it costs approximately \$130k-\$160k to put each band member on the field. During concert season, additional costs may be incurred depending on the event or special activities.

The financial support of the band program provides both a challenge as well as a considerable opportunity for band members and their families. The School Board provides a limited amount of money. Therefore, the Band Boosters must generate the additional funds that are an absolute necessity in order to have a meaningful and successful program. An important and beneficial part of the total band experience is the opportunity to work together and earn the funds needed to support the entire Band Program.

Although we sometimes get caught up in all the fundraising activities, the most important function the band boosters perform is to be where the band is to show our support. We work hard but have a lot of fun at the same time.

We have two fundraisers that are always active:

Kroger:

1. Start online at <https://www.kroger.com/communityrewards>.
2. Login to your account and click on “Enroll Now”.
3. Search for North Hardin Band or the NPO number “12226”.
4. Select “North Hardin Band Parent Group Inc.” and click Enroll.

Amazon:

1. Visit smile.amazon.com.

The entire shopping experience is the same and most products available on amazon.com are available at Amazon Smile.

2. Sign in and Choose Your Charity

The screen will look slightly different depending on whether you're not or you're already signed into Amazon. If you're already signed in, you'll see a screen like the one below. Simply search for “North Hardin Band Parent Group” or the charity of your choice and proceed to step 3.

If you're not signed, enter your email and password. Then proceed to step 3.

3. Select “North Hardin Band Parent Group.”

After signing in, search for “North Hardin Band Parent Group”.

Once selected, you will receive an email confirmation and you can begin shopping.

4. Begin shopping!

Once you've selected your charity everything else functions the same. Shop for your favorite products or the perfect gift. Most products are eligible on Amazon Smile—if not, you'll be notified. You can checkout normally as well. No extra cost is passed onto you—Amazon will donate 0.5% of your purchase to the North Hardin Band Boosters!

Marching Band Payment Information

Students are asked to make a commitment when entering the band program. Based on this commitment, the program is developed to meet the special needs of these students. This commitment allows us to schedule and budget for the seasons ahead. Students are made aware that a portion of their commitment is financial.

The Marching Band fee for all winds, **color guard (\$625)** and percussion members is **\$600.00**. This partially pays for the cost of uniform cleaning, your band T-shirt, band camp, fall and summer instructional staff, band shorts for parades, music arranging, copyright fees, drill writing costs, show design expenses, as well as supplies and electronic equipment. Any marcher who does not have the appropriate shoes will also pay **\$30.00** in order to cover the additional cost of new marching shoes. We are continuing to offer the sibling discount for families with more than one student in the Marching Band (full fee for the first student and half fee for each sibling).

Please see the payment schedule for this year's payment plan:

Initial Payment due May 15th - \$200.00 (\$225 for Color guard)

Second Payment due July 15th - \$100.00

Third Payment due August 15th - \$100.00

Fourth Payment due September 15th - \$100.00

Fifth Payment due October 15th - \$100.00

Some dates may fall on a weekend and you may pay the next occurring week day.

How Can I Pay?

Online:

Visit Northhardinband.org and under the tab "Payments" will have "Student Payments"

1. Paypal
 - a. You will type your Student's First and Last Name and select "Student Payment" then you'll be taken to where you can type the amount and leave a note for the specific payment.
2. Venmo
 - a. You can pay through venmo @NorthHardinHighSchoolBand-Boos
 - b. Leave a note of the Student's Name and what the payment is for.

In Person:

1. Cash/Check/Money Order
 - a. There is a safe by the printer in the band. Please insert the payment into the envelope above the safe. Put down the Student's name and what the payment is for.
 - b. Check or Money Order please make out to "North Hardin Band Boosters"

Most students/parents honor the above commitment with their time and funds. A few students have neglected their financial responsibility, making no effort to speak with the band director or the treasurer. Therefore, any student making NO EFFORT or NO PAYMENT as agreed in the original commitment toward the band program by July 15th will receive notification that there is a 2 week grace period to complete the payment or to speak to the band director or the treasurer for a payment plan. They will then receive a debt slip and be held responsible by not participating in high school graduation ceremonies per the schools guidance of debt owed.



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2023-2024 Marching Band Contract

Please read and sign at the bottom of the page in understanding that you have read and agree to adhere to each item listed.

1. I will be a dedicated member of the North Hardin Band program. I understand that participation is expected in the 2023 North Hardin High School marching band show. This form expresses my commitment to the organization.
2. I will sign and return all the required forms given to me in the HCS 2023-2024 Athletic Handbook.
3. All rehearsals, camps and performances are mandatory. Unexcused absences may result in removal of the band program or out of the 2023 marching band show. Unexcused absences include but are not limited to work, lack of transportation, appointments, vacations, driver's license exams, etc.
4. If there is an immovable school event parent/student will give at least a 1 week notice, so that student may be excused from rehearsal day of the event.
5. Excused absences include the death of a family member, family emergencies, illness/injury requiring a doctor's care, and exceptions approved by a director.
6. I understand that parent involvement is key to the overall success of the program, and I will do my absolute best to assist in any way that I can. Including being a part of a committee, volunteering at any time or at any fundraising effort.
7. Band will not be utilized as a punishment. Including removing a student from a rehearsal or performance. This hurts the success of the band as a whole! Every member on the field is critical to the success of the program.
8. I am aware of the financial commitment involved (May 15th \$200, July 15th \$100, August 15th \$100, September \$100, October \$100). I also understand there is a \$30 charge for new marching shoes and may have additional costs such as gloves, and other necessities. If I require assistance I understand that I will communicate with the band directors and band boosters as soon as possible. I also understand that the down payment is non-refundable and all payments are non-refundable July 15th
9. I am dedicated to working with each and every member of the band, bringing my best attitude and striving for excellence at each rehearsal and performance.
10. I have read, understand and will uphold all policies as outlined in the Band Handbook.

This contract is due by May 19th 2023 as well as the first payment of \$200 or have discussed alternate payment plans. By submitting this contract I hereby obligate myself to attend ALL rehearsals, performances and related activities of the North Hardin High School Band.

All wind and percussion students in marching band are required to be registered for symphonic band, wind symphony or percussion ensemble. If there is a scheduling conflict you are required to tell the band directors with advanced notice. (We want to help and make sure you are successful in all your endeavors, but we must know!)

Student Instrument: _____ Grade: 7 8 9 10 11 12

Student Signature: _____ Date: _____

Parent Signature: _____ Date: _____



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2023-2024 Band Contract

Please read and sign at the bottom of the page in understanding that you have read and agree to adhere to each item listed.

1. I will be a dedicated member of the North Hardin Band program. I understand that participation is expected in the 2023 North Hardin High School Band. This form expresses my commitment to the organization.
2. All rehearsals, and performances are mandatory. Unexcused absences may result in removal of the band program. Unexcused absences include but are not limited to work, lack of transportation, appointments, vacations, driver's license exams, etc.
3. If there is an immovable school event parent/student will give at least a 1 week notice, so that student may be excused from rehearsal day of the event.
4. Excused absences include the death of a family member, family emergencies, illness/injury requiring a doctor's care, and exceptions approved by a director.
5. Band will not be utilized as a punishment. Including removing a student from a rehearsal or performance. This hurts the success of the band as a whole! Every member on the field is critical to the success of the program.
6. I am aware of the financial commitment involved. There may be slight costs associated with being in band: Reeds, oils, mouthpieces, instrument rental and other necessities.
7. I am dedicated to working with each and every member of the band, bringing my best attitude and striving for excellence at each rehearsal and performance.
8. I have read, understand and will uphold all policies as outlined in the Band Handbook.

This contract is due August 16th 2023. By submitting this contract I hereby obligate myself to attend ALL rehearsals, performances and related activities of the North Hardin High School Band.

Student Instrument: _____ Grade: 9 10 11 12

Student Signature: _____ Date: _____

Parent Signature: _____ Date: _____



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2023-2024 Instrument Rental Contract (if needed)

By signing this document, you are agreeing to the use and care of the instrument rented out to you by the North Hardin High School Band. You also agree to bring payment with signed document:

- I agree to keep the instrument and case clean and free of dirt and debris.
- I agree to keep the instrument maintained with proper items such as grease, oil, and cleaning products. (You may purchase these items from the directors, or Conrad Music Service)
- I will never leave my instrument unattended. I will always be aware of its location and make sure its stored in a cool and safe place.
- I agree to be responsible for any damages that may occur to the instrument. If I am negligent and cause the damages I agree to pay for the repairs to the instrument.
- I agree if the instrument is lost due to negligence, I agree to pay for the replacement of that instrument.
- I will not allow other students to touch, play or take my instrument from me to play for fun. If another student has my instrument it is because a director allowed them too, or I needed help from someone in my section to make sure my instrument is okay.
- I agree to return or rent the instrument out on the date that is listed below.
- I agree to pay the \$15 fee required to rent out this instrument. (This fee is there to help alleviate costs of just normal wear and tear these instruments will incur throughout a school year.) If I require assistance with this fee I will come and talk to the directors.

Cost or not having a personal instrument should never be the reason you aren't a part of the band program. Please let us know and we will do our best to assist you!

Instrument Details:

Instrument: _____ Make: _____ Model: _____

Serial Number: _____

Condition of the Instrument: _____

Replacement Price: _____

Date Instrument Issued: _____ Date to be returned: _____

Student Name (Print): _____

Student Signature: _____

Parent Signature: _____

2023-2024 North Hardin Marching Band Alternative Payment Form

The North Hardin Band requests reimbursement from students each year to help pay the expenses involved in running a national level competitive marching band. Each year, the success of the marching band and the ability of the band to travel is dependent on the timely receipt of student reimbursement; however, it is the philosophy of the band program, that students not be excluded due to the fact that their families may not be able to afford these reimbursement using the normal payment schedule. We hope that families who choose to set up an alternate payment plan are taking this obligation very seriously and are only setting up an alternative plan because there is no other option. Please fill out the bottom of this form and list what type of plan your family can afford. Return this form to one of three people, (1) the head band director, (2) the band booster treasurer, (3) the band booster president. This form is not an exemption of the reimbursement, but rather, an alternative process to paying the balance. Note: Any student with a balance from the previous season must either be on a payment plan or must pay all outstanding debt in full.

Student Name: _____ Prior balance \$ _____

2022/2023 Marching Band Section: Wind Percussion Guard Middle School Sibling

I, _____ agree to pay the following amount \$ _____ according to the payment schedule as listed below:

2023/2024 Reimbursement Plan:	Planned Payment	Payment Received	2022/2023 Reimbursement Plan:	Planned Payment	Payment Received
May 2023			November 2023		
June 2023			December 2023		
July 2023			January 2024		
August 2023			February 2024		
September 2023			March 2024		
October 2023			April 2024		

Parent Signature

Date

Director Signature

Date

Treasurer Signature

Date

Glossary of Terms for Parents and Students

Band Booster Executive Board- The board consists of those officers elected by the general membership and directors. Board meetings are held each month in the band room. Board meetings are open to the General Membership.

Band Camp – Band camp is held each year during the summer. Students and staff concentrate on the new marching and music they must learn for the half-time show and later marching competitions. Band camp is conducted by the band director, their assistants, and special instructors for each instrument, and student leaders selected by the directors.

Color Guard- This term applies to the students who showcase the band during marching performances by dancing, spinning flags, etc. Their uniform is different but the Color Guard unit is a regular section of the marching band.

Directors- The band director or assistant band director. She/He has total control of the band program. Please note that certain sections also require specialists, such as percussion and color guard. These specialists work with the director(s) and are under their supervision.

Drum Majors- The students in charge of all students while on the marching field. All section leaders and all band members must follow their commands. The drum majors are assigned their responsibilities by the director(s).

Feed The Band- (FTB) Feed the band is a parent or alumni sponsored meal. FTB provides meals to the band/guard during band camp, camp days and competitions/trips.

Fundraising- Making money from outside sources for the band program. This is one of the most important of all the band parent activities. We are mostly self-funded. Consequently, students are involved in several fundraisers each year.

General Band Booster Meeting- These meetings are held on the 3rd Tuesday of each month at 6:00 pm, usually in the band room. PLEASE ATTEND!!

Mandatory Meeting- A mandatory meeting is any meeting at which at least one parent's attendance is required. These meetings are rarely called, but are very important.

Marching Band- During the fall marching season, whenever reference is made to the Marching Band, it includes playing members, color guard, percussion and pit. NO distinction is made between groups. Regardless of which group your student is in, be sure to read this entire handbook for the complete information. After the marching season, students continue to be involved in concert bands, pep bands, as well as Winter Guard and percussion groups; all of which are supported by the band boosters. Unlike many other schools, we are family, not separate units. The Marching Band performs at all football games, parades, and contests and is involved in various other performance opportunities in the area. All students at North Hardin have the opportunity to participate in the Marching Band. To participate, the student agrees to attend summer rehearsals and is required to attend band camp. Each member must meet the financial obligations and must attend all rehearsals and performances.

Marching Competition- During the marching season, the band traditionally attends several marching competitions where the band is judged as a whole and on individual sections of the band and their marching, precision, musical ability, general effect, etc. Parents are encouraged to attend, even though they may be held in neighboring states or cities.

Marching Exhibition- Similar to a marching competition, but without the judging. Please note that occasionally we may be asked to do an exhibition at a marching competition, which would mean we participate for the show, not for the awards. Parents are encouraged to attend.

Marching Season- The part of the school year generally lasting from July through mid November.

Payment Plan- Those that need to pay a special payment plan other than the noted monthly plan or seek to find sponsorship for your student to participate in band. Please contact the treasurer to set this up

Pit Crew- Band Boosters who are responsible for equipment for performances/parades/practices both during marching season and concert season. Involves taking equipment on and off the field, loading the Semi/Equipment bus, painting the guard poles, practice requirements of water, saw horse/rope off area, setup and tear down.

Section Leader- Students appointed by the band director(s) who are in charge of their section of the band i.e., flutes, trumpets, percussion, etc). All students must adhere to the orders of their particular section leaders.

Solo and Ensemble- An opportunity for students to perform individually or in small groups.

Squad Leader- Similar to section leaders, students are appointed by the band director(s) who assist their section of the band i.e., flutes, trumpets, percussion, etc) with specific appointed duties. These students must adhere to the orders of their particular section leaders and work together.

Student Account- See Student Account section for details. Student accounts are maintained by the co-treasurers.

Volunteer- No experience necessary, just willing hands. We will guide you as much as possible but, remember, we need fresh ideas – YOURS! Volunteers may be used for chaperones, sewing flags, altering uniforms, fund raising, feed the band, building props and much, much more. Don't be intimidated or shy – WE NEED YOU!

Winter Guard- Students who participate in choreographed indoor performances. The Winter Guard is a select group with membership through audition only. The student agrees to attend all rehearsals and performances. The student must also have all prior financial obligations met before joining the Winter Guard.

Winter Percussion- Students who participate in choreographed indoor performances. The Winter Percussion is a select group with membership through audition only. The student agrees to attend all rehearsals and performances. The student must also have all prior financial obligations met before joining the Winter Percussion.