

**2018-2019**

**NEWNAN HIGH SCHOOL  
MARCHING BAND**



**GENERAL POLICIES  
CONTRACT  
and  
CALENDAR  
for**

**COLOR GUARD**

## **General Policies**

### **Eligibility**

Students are required to be passing 3 of 4 classes to be eligible to be part of Newnan High School Marching Band. A regular grade check will be done for every student to ensure eligibility. Students in danger of losing eligibility may be suspended from performance privileges until all grade requirements have been met. Students must have a completed physical on file with the school prior to Band Camp in July.

### **Suspensions**

A school suspension of a student may result in the loss of some, if not all, privileges and continuation in Newnan High School Marching Band and will be left up to the discretion of the Band Directors and/or school administration.

### **Behavior**

All Student Members of Newnan High School Marching Band must exhibit a good, respectful and positive attitude about themselves, their fellow High School Marching Band members and supporting parents!!! Absolutely no insubordination will be tolerated. Poor attitude and behavior will not be tolerated. If you have been a band and/or guard member before and have exhibited poor behavior and attitude, you need not audition.

### **Refunds/Fines**

If a student is asked to leave the program because of failure to follow the rules and policies outlined by this handbook, they are still responsible for the **full cost** outlined in this contract. If the student quits the program, they will also be held financially accountable for the items given to, as well as, ordered for them.

If any Student Member of Newnan High School Marching Band is dismissed for any of the reasons described, or **quits the program**, and still has an outstanding balance on their account, **that amount will still be due and payable**. If no payment is made, the proper arrangements will be made with the school administration.

## **Rehearsal Policies**

### **Attendance**

It is the expectation that members attend **ALL** scheduled rehearsals, arriving and departing as stated in the calendar. Absence from a rehearsal during the week prior to a performance may result in the loss of performance privileges for that upcoming show. **Only emergency and illness situations will be excused. If the student is at school, they must be at rehearsal.** Every team member is important to the success of the program. Missing rehearsals will cause the student to miss staging and choreography being taught and will put us behind. If you miss rehearsal, you may be written out of that part of the show that we covered during that rehearsal. Because of the group's limited rehearsal schedule and the important role every member plays in the program, **we ask that you please schedule doctor, dental, orthodontist and any other appointments for dates and times other than our rehearsals as they are not valid excuses for missing rehearsal.**

### **Dress Code**

Students are expected to wear "exercise-type" clothes. More information will be given at a later date. Hair must be pulled back in a ponytail and out of the face. **Hair must be of your natural color.** Please consult the directors before any hair changes. Necklaces, bracelets, anklets, and hoop or dangling earrings should not be worn during rehearsal.

### **Friends, Etc.**

During rehearsal times, Newnan High School Marching Band will follow a CLOSED REHEARSAL RULE; (meaning) please inform your friends that rehearsals are closed to all but staff and High School Marching Band members. While at rehearsal, members will be restricted from "hanging out" with friends, etc.

### **Personal Belongings**

Cell phones must be on the silent or vibrate position. Students should leave cell phones, mp3 players and all other valuables in a safe place during rehearsals. Cell phones are not to be on you during rehearsals. The program is not responsible for the loss or theft of these items but will make every effort to ensure the items are secure during rehearsals/trips.

### **Food and Drink/Medication**

Students who require medication or other health aids should have those items with them during rehearsal (inhalers, etc). **Students should not consume soda, coffee and/or energy drinks during or before rehearsal.** Students should bring bottled water or Powerade type drinks to rehearsal.

## **Performance Policies**

### **Attendance**

**MEMBERS ARE REQUIRED TO ATTEND ALL SCHEDULED COMPETITIONS**, arriving and departing at the times and location stated in the calendar. Students are required to stay through the end of the competitions unless other arrangements have been made with Mr. Reynolds **prior** to the performance day. Absence from a performance may result in the loss of performance privileges for the following performance. **If two performances are missed, the member will be dismissed from the program and must follow the guidelines discussed under “Refunds/Fines.”** Everyone must be in the show to put on our best performance.

Saturday practices are very important. These rehearsals are very important, because you will learn drill, choreography, dance, and equipment techniques. Newnan High School Marching Band is a visual and musical learning activity which requires muscle memory and mental memory. We do not have a “class” like the concert bands; this is why we must have the rehearsals outside of school. The pre-season rehearsals are perhaps the most important times of our season together.

### **Dress Code**

Students’ attire will vary for each show depending on the day’s schedule, performance venue, etc. Students are responsible for bringing their uniform, undergarments, and their own hair and make-up supplies for every show. Individuals who come without one or more of these items may lose performance privileges at that show unless they can provide these items prior to performance time.

## **Fundraisers**

We will all be benefiting from the fundraisers available to the Band Program to cover the cost of dues. If a student is unable to participate in a fundraiser, that student should find someone to do it for him/her. This can be a friend, relative, or a parent. **If a student does not participate in the fundraiser, he or she will not receive assistance from the funds raised and must pay the owed funds out of pocket.** Fundraisers and the dates will be discussed when made available.

**Please take full advantage of these fundraisers; they can only benefit you!!**

## **2018-2019 Newnan High School Marching Band Contract Information**

As a member of the Newnan High School Marching Band program, I realize that the expectations, responsibilities, and roles expected of me are above and beyond those of most high school students. I further realize that, in being part of a team, *the team comes first*. I must put aside my individual concerns and do what is best for *the team*. Following is a list of behaviors that will be expected from a Newnan High School Marching Band member. This list is not all-inclusive, and other things may be considered, with the backbone of all decisions being- *What is best for the team?*

### **I will be a positive force on and off the performance/practice field.**

- Encourage teammates to do their best on and off the field.
- Be a positive role model in school.
- I will represent myself and my team positively and professionally.
- If I am not in a part of the show, I will accept this and not let it affect my performance and attitude.

### **I will attend all rehearsals.**

Attendance is **mandatory** for **ALL** rehearsals. We will make an exception for emergency situations only. Every member plays a vital role in the overall production of the show. Without one member, it hurts the whole group. Also, it can be very hard to catch up if you miss a day of new drill and choreography. Having to stop and show you what you missed can delay rehearsal causing the other members to lose valuable rehearsal time. **You get the show and rehearsal schedule well in advance. Do your best to plan around the Newnan High School Marching Band schedule. A detailed attendance policy will be issued at the beginning of summer rehearsals. If you miss FOUR or more rehearsals, you will be removed from the High School Marching Band program. You will be required to pay all outstanding fees.**

### **I will participate in all shows/competitions.**

All competitions are absolutely mandatory. The competitions do not release until 9pm-10pm (depending on the location and length of show. All Saturdays from September through early November must be cleared for these competitions unless noted as "OFF" on the calendar. **THESE ARE ALL DAY EVENTS!!**

I understand that the dues for woodwinds, brass, percussion, and Drum Majors in the Newnan High School Marching Band are **\$425.00**. These dues cover most of the Newnan High School Marching Band expenses. They also help cover instructor's fees, arranger's fees, uniforms, and equipment & equipment upkeep costs. Also, band camp costs of instruction and meals are included. These membership dues are to be paid in full or 4 monthly payments. This fee does NOT include guard uniform shoes. There is a separate fee for guard uniform shoes.

I understand that uniform tops are custom-made and will cost approximately **\$150.00** (included in dues stated above). Once ordered, the uniform is to be paid for regardless of member status and will not be issued a refund. (Meaning if a member quits, the member/parent is still responsible for payment of his or her uniform once it has been ordered and put into production.)

### **ALL NEWNAN HIGH SCHOOL MARCHING BAND FEE CHECKS ARE TO BE MADE OUT TO:**

**Newnan High School Band**  
190 LaGrange Street,  
Newnan, GA 30236

**Please do not let the costs overwhelm you or discourage you from allowing your child to be a part of this program.**

**(SEE PAYMENT SCHEDULE IN PACKET)**

## Newnan High School 2018-2019 High School Marching Band Contract

I agree to cooperate with school faculty, my instructors, chaperones and teammates at all times. I realize I am a representative of Newnan High School and will conduct myself in a respectful manner at all times. I/we understand all subjects discussed within the handbook and contract. I/We understand the consequences in the event that if my attendance, conduct, grades are not as they should be, I may be removed from the program.

By signing this contract we (my parent/guardian and I) are ready to make the commitment necessary to be a member of Newnan High School Marching Band for the 2018-2019 summer/fall season.

\_\_\_\_\_ I/we have received the payment amounts and due dates document enclosed in the member handbook.  
(INITIAL)

\_\_\_\_\_ I understand that if a rehearsal is missed, I may not be in that part of the show learned that day. I  
(INITIAL) also understand that if a Saturday drill/choreography rehearsal is missed for any reason, I **WILL NOT** be in that part of the show learned that day.

\_\_\_\_\_ I/we give NHS Bands permission to photograph and video my student (for show videos, website and  
(INITIAL) competition programs).

In signing the contract, you agree that as a member, you are committed to the organization and all of its financial commitments. You are also signing that you are aware of the payment due dates, rehearsal dates, and all competitions. All fees paid to Newnan HS Band, should the member not fulfill the contract or quit, **will not be refunded and remaining fees are still due to Newnan High School.**

Please sign and return this contract page, along with the Student Information/Contact page of the handbook, and the \$50 deposit by **Monday, May 14, 2018.**

Parent/Guardian Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Student Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Guard Instructor Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Band Director Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

**\* Upon acceptance into the program, the student is officially a member of the Newnan High School Marching Band Program and all fees, agreements of said fees, and any other before mentioned commitments are due to Newnan High School Band. This contract is only valid upon acceptance and with a signature from the Band Director.**  
**They will sign the contract on or before Monday, May 14, 2018.**

# NEWNAN HIGH SCHOOL MARCHING BAND 2018 – 2019

## Student Information and Emergency Contact Form

### Student Information

Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
*First* *Last* *Grade (As of FALL 2018)*

Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
*Street Address* *Apartment/Unit #*

\_\_\_\_\_

*City* *State* *ZIP Code*

Home Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Cell Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail Address: \_\_\_\_\_

### Emergency Contact Information

Full Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
*First* *Last*

Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
*Street Address* *Apartment/Unit #*

\_\_\_\_\_

*City* *State* *ZIP Code*

Primary Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Cell Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Relationship: \_\_\_\_\_

Email Address: \_\_\_\_\_

**Allergies or Health Concerns:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Medications and Dosage:** \_\_\_\_\_

(Please note, cell numbers and email addresses are used for High School Marching Band Info. and EMERGENCY issues only)

**Newnan High School Marching Band**  
**2018-2019 Payment Dates**  
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- ❖ May 14, 2018 - \$50.00 – Deposit (to hold your spot)
  
- ❖ June 4, 2018 - \$125.00 – First Monthly Payment
  
- ❖ July 16, 2018 - \$125.00 – Second Monthly Payment
  
- ❖ August 2, 2018 - \$125.00 – Third Monthly Payment

Total: \$425.00

\*This amount not include guard uniform shoes