

# *Frequently Asked Questions, 2018*

## *RHS Marching Band and Color Guard*

*The Marching Band and Color Guard has a summer parade season, but the main focus of the program is preparation for the fall competition season. The majority of our time and fees go to support a successful field show. Rehearsals for the fall begin August 1 and continue through tour. Students must be fully committed and available to be a contributing member of the ensemble. Students are making a commitment to the full group, just as they would to any team.*

### *Could you give me some more information about band fees?*

- All fees will appear in the student's Skyward account.
  
- Camp and Clinic Membership Fee - Marching Band Fees which are charged in the summer. This fee pays for the staff, the music, the drill, food for band camp, shirts, uniform upkeep, instrument upkeep, and show registrations.
  - \$150 due June 8
  - \$150 due July 2
  
- Tour Fee - Pays for tour, hotels, food, transportation, activities, shows.
  - Approximately \$400 for this year's trip to St. George. Fees are due in two installments. Final cost is based on size of membership and transportation needs. (Amount will be finalized prior to September 14.)
    - +/- \$200 due September 14
    - +/- \$200 due October 12
  
- District Participation Fee - Pays for buses, insurance, and activities. This is charged by Jordan School District, not the band program. This fee does not duplicate, so if students are in more than one music activity at RHS they do not have to pay the "District Participation Fee" more than once.
  - \$150 for Marching Band due at the start of school
  - \$50 for Concert Ensembles due at the start of school (again, if students are also in MB, they don't pay this one)
  
- In-school Music Class Fees
  - \$20 - "Club Fee" pays for their band or orchestra shirts, show and festival registrations, and group socials. Due at the start of school.
  - \$80 - Instrument rental fee; this is only for students using school instruments (including percussion instruments). This is very inexpensive for a school-year rental. Due at the start of school.

You can see the JSD list of fees here: <http://jordandistrict.org/schools/fees/>

Other things you may have to pay for (if you do not already have them)

- Marching shoes - \$35 (once you have bought these high quality marching shoes, they will not need to be replaced unless your feet grow or the shoes wear out)
- Gear for rehearsals, parades or competitions - any water jug, any khaki shorts, any athletic shoes, any athletic shorts and shoes, any sun hat, sunscreen, bag or cinch sack to carry your stuff; black socks; any Under Armour-type briefs to wear under the uniform (boys and girls); method for keeping longer hair tucked under the shako (bobby pins and elastics or compression beanie)
- for Color Guard see separate lists

### *How do we pay fees?*

Per JSD policy, ALL MONEY goes through the school. When you sell items for a fundraiser or are paying fees, all money is deposited to your student's account. Most charges will appear in your student's Skyward account under 'Fee Management.' You may pay those charges online with a credit or debit card.

If you prefer to pay in person or have an amount that does not appear in Skyward (for a fundraiser, etc) go to the main office and ask the secretary to deposit the money into the student's account with a memo that states what it is for (marching band shoes, marching band potato fundraiser, marching band tour, etc). You will receive two receipts -- one goes to Mr. Weimer and one is your copy. After a few days, you can check on Charms to see if the money has been credited to your marching band account as you expected.

If you have an unusual amount and cannot make it to the school during school hours, you can call the front office and ask to have a specific amount placed in your student's Skyward account as an amount due and then you can pay that amount on-line.

For fundraisers, many parents find it convenient to ask 'customers' participating in the fundraiser to pay via Venmo or some other money transfer app, and then the parent deposits the full amount to her/his student's account. Remember ALL money is deposited, and then the earned amount is credited toward fees. (This sometimes gets confusing so here is an example: A box of potatoes might cost \$28 and the student will receive \$10 credited toward fees. Students should deposit all \$28 toward the 'potato fundraiser' and the office will credit \$10 toward fees. There is always a booster parent who oversees fundraisers and tells the office the exact amounts to credit. But, we advise students to keep an eye on Skyward because every once in a while there will be a mistake.)

### *Can you remind me about fundraisers?*

There are several fundraisers for students --

- Coca Cola fundraiser (in June)
- Fatboy Ice Cream novelties (in August)
- freshly-dug Idaho potatoes (sale in mid-September, delivery in late October, students are credited \$10 per bag; details to follow)
- ad sales for the printed program for the WFI (more information to come, or email [bandboosters@rivertonband.com](mailto:bandboosters@rivertonband.com); students are credited 50% of all ad money collected)

## *What paperwork does my student need to turn in to participate in Summer Parade season + Fall Competition season?*

- CHARMS info sheet
- marching band contract
- medical and insurance form (*this is the form that must be notarized*)
- parade camp disclosure/registration form
- Fall camp disclosure/registration form
- photo/media release
- band trip parent ballot

all forms can be found at <http://www.rivertonhighmusic.com/forms.html>

**\*\*\* ALL FORMS DUE JUNE 8 \*\*\***

***Students cannot participate in competitions until all fees are paid and forms are turned in.***

## *Tell me about parades.*

Parades are a fundraiser for the program -- parade organizers make a donation to the band when RHS participates. Parades are a fun way to get in a little better shape and spend some time together, but they are not mandatory. If you are in town, make every effort to participate and support our school and community.

Saturday, June 23	Strawberry Days Parade in Pleasant Grove, morning
Tuesday, July 3	Riverton Town Days Parade, evening
Wednesday, July 4	Murray Fun Days Parade, morning
Saturday, August 11	Bluffdale Old West Days Parade, morning

## *How important are rehearsals?*

Rehearsals are critical to the band's success and students sign an attendance contract at the beginning of the season. Any absence affects not only the missing student, but the entire ensemble. It is very difficult to work on drill and music with missing students. Please make every effort to be to every rehearsal. Parents can support their students by encouraging them to attend rehearsal, and not scheduling competing activities.

Rehearsals follow this pattern:

May 16, 23, 30	after school rehearsals to begin work on parade block
June 4 to 8	"Parade Camp," mornings, to learn the parade tune
June 20-22, July 30-31	percussion sectionals
the day of or before a parade	rehearsal
August 1 and 2	pre-camp rehearsals, 9am to 1pm
August 6-15	BAND CAMP! Monday-Friday, Monday-Wednesday, 8am to 8pm
August 21	school starts
August 20 - October 24	regular rehearsals: Mondays, 3:15 to 6:15pm Wednesdays, 3:15 to 6:15pm Thursdays, 5:30 to 9:00pm

Also add this date to your calendar:

Thursday, June 7, 6-8pm

Marching Band social at Denton Bowling

### *How can I see the band perform the field show? Do I have to buy a ticket?*

**Spectators must pay admission to football games and all the marching band competitions.** Each venue charges \$6-8 per person -- including the WFI. These shows must cover their costs, and use their events as fundraisers. **If you are a signed-up volunteer helping the band as a chaperone and ride the bus or pull the trailer (to supervise, help with uniforms, and move the frontline ensemble equipment on and off the field) you don't have to pay to get in, which is a pretty good reason to volunteer!**

Family Night on Friday, September 14 in the RHS stadium is free of charge. This will be a fun opportunity for the band and color guard to show off the entire show to friends and family on the RHS football field. Concessions will be sold near cost if you want to feed your family a hot dog or hamburger dinner that night.

### *When and where is the band performing and competing?*

Friday, Sept 14	Family & Friends Night (@RHS)
Aug 17, 24; Sept 7, 28	football pep band, one will include the halftime shows (TBA)
Saturday, Sept 15	Orem Showcase (@Orem HS)
Saturday, Sept 22	Nebo Invitational (@Payson HS)
Saturday, Sept 29	Bridgerland Band Invitational (@Utah State University)
Tuesday, Oct 2	Salt Lake Valley MB Preview (@Bingham HS), free admission
Saturday, Oct 6	Mt Timpanogos Invitational (@Pleasant Grove HS)
<b>SATURDAY, OCT 13</b>	<b>WASATCH FRONT INVITATIONAL, hosted by RHS (@HHS)</b>
*** October 18-20 ***	*** FALL BREAK, no events ***
Tuesday, Oct 23	Davis Invitational (@Davis HS)
Thurs, Oct 25 - Sat, Oct 27	Marching band tour to St. George: UMEA Red Rocks State Championships and Bands of America Regional Competition

### *Is there a way to figure out performance times at the competitions?*

Mr. Weimer will not know our actual performance times until a few days before each competition. It takes the organizers that much time to juggle the bands and line up the performances. Saturday competitions generally run from early afternoon into the evening. Mr. Weimer posts call times and performance times on the calendar as soon as he has them. Check the band calendar for updated times as they become available:

<http://www.rivertonhighmusic.com/calendar.html>

Details will also be emailed out several days prior to the event, so make sure you sent your email to [bandboosters@rivertonband.com](mailto:bandboosters@rivertonband.com) and have added yourself to the REMIND app. (Instructions are at the end of the packet.)

## *How do parents volunteer to help?*

The band and color guard need a lot of parent volunteers. Go to the volunteer page on the department website to be directed to the SignUp.com pages: <http://www.rivertonhighmusic.com/volunteer.html>

There will be at least five rounds of sign-ups and occasional calls for assistance by Mr. Weimer and Mr. Meyer:

- parade volunteers
- band camp volunteers (August 6-15)
- fall competition volunteers
- WFI volunteers (this is the competition we host on October 13 and is a big fundraiser for the marching band; it is a large undertaking and the hope is that each student will be represented by at least one parent volunteer for a 4-hour shift)
- tour chaperones (chaperones accompany the band on tour, riding the bus and offering assistance and supervision; chaperones pay their own way)

## *How do I stay informed?*

### **Get added to the email list:**

The simplest way to get added to the EMAIL lists is to email or text the following info to [bandboosters@rivertonband.com](mailto:bandboosters@rivertonband.com) or 801-651-0979

- student name and email
- parent name(s) and email address(es)

### **Join the REMIND texting group(s) that apply to you:**

- **every student and every parent** (leadership, woodwinds, brass, color guard, percussion, etc)
  - text @systmgrape to 81010
- **percussion students and parents, only**
  - text @percgrape to 81010
- **color guard students and parents, only**
  - text @colorgrape to 81010
- **leadership students and parents, only**
  - text @leadrgrape to 81010

## Special information for students entering 8th grade in August 2018

Students who have just finished 7th grade and will be beginning 8th grade in the fall of 2017 are invited to participate in the summer parade season with the RHS Marching Band and Color Guard. The hope is you will enjoy your experience and return for the full summer/fall season next year!

### DATES:

June 4-8	summer marching band camp, 9am to 2pm (pack some food to eat on breaks!)
June 7	social at Denton Bowling Lanes
Friday, June 22	rehearsal, 9am
Saturday, June 23	Strawberry Days Parade in Pleasant Grove, morning
Monday, July 2	rehearsal, 9am
Tuesday, July 3	Riverton Town Days Parade, evening
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All other dates on the calendar have to do with the fall field show.

### Paperwork - due June 8

- CHARMS info sheet
- parade camp disclosure/registration form
- photo/media release

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### Fees

Camp and Clinic Fee  
\$150 due June 9

### Items Needed for Rehearsals

- athletic shorts and shoes
- light colored t-shirts (logos okay)
- 1-gallon insulated water cooler (Coleman-type available at big-box stores)
- hat
- sunscreen
- lip balm with SPF (but without menthol -- no Carmex or Savex, etc.)
- instrument/equipment
- bag, backpack or cinch sack to carry your stuff
- for color guard: see separate lists

### Items Needed for Summer Parades:

- khaki shorts; color guard wears different clothing
- athletic shoes
- white socks

- purple polo shirt (provided by Mr. Weimer)