

Frequently Asked Questions, 2020

RHS Marching Band and Color Guard

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.

These are unprecedented times as the world grapples with COVID-19 . We will follow all Jordan School District, Utah State Health Department and Utah High School Activities Association guidelines as we move forward. Please be flexible in your expectations. We are all doing our best.

How do I stay informed?

- Join the REMIND texting group:
 - **every student and every parent**
 - (preferred) open the internet browser on your phone and go to rmd.at/systmgrape
 - OR visit rmd.me/join and enter @systmgrape and follow the instructions
- Become familiar with the calendar:
 - Go to RivertonHighMusic.com and click on the 'Calendar' tab.
 - You will find the calendar instructions on how to add the band calendar to your Google calendar.
- Email a director or Melinda Van Komen (bandboosters@rivertonband.com) with questions.

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 the first part of June
 - \$150 due the first part of July
- Tour Fee - Pays for tour, hotels, food, transportation, activities, shows.
 - Approximately \$300 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.
 - Due September 30

- 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)

- Other things you may have to buy (if you do not already have them)
 - Marching shoes - \$40 (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; Mr. Weimer will organize orders)
 - 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

You can see the JSD fee information here: <http://fees.jordandistrict.org/>

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 Skyward 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. This works for fundraisers if you cannot go into the school.

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?

We will hold these fundraisers if we have parent volunteers to coordinate each one --

- 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; students are credited 50% of all ad money collected)

What paperwork does my student need to turn in to participate?

- marching band membership contract
- medical and insurance form (*this is the form that must be notarized*)
- spring training disclosure/registration form
- fall training 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 12 *****

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.

Friday, July 3

Riverton Town Days Parade, evening

Saturday, July 4

Murray Fun 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

after school rehearsals on Wednesdays

June 8

Spring Training -- Rookie Day

June 8-9

Leadership Retreat

June 9-11

Spring Training -- All Members

June - July

weekly rehearsals and sectionals for students who are in town

the day of or before a parade

rehearsal

July 29 - 31 & Aug 3-7

BAND CAMP!

August 17
August 10 - Oct 28

school starts
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:

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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 to the marching band competitions. Each venue charges \$6-8 per person -- including the WFL. 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 Saturday, September 5 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?

Saturday, Sept 5	Family & Friends Night (@RHS)
Saturday, Sept 12	Orem Showcase (@Orem HS)
Saturday, Sept 19	Nebo Invitational (@Payson HS)
Saturday, Sept 26	WASATCH FRONT INVITATIONAL, hosted by RHS

(@HHS)

Saturday, October 3	VOLUNTEERS NEEDED Bridgerland Invitational (@USU)
Saturday, Oct 10	Mt Timpanogos Invitational (@Pleasant Grove HS)
Tuesday, Oct 13	Salt Lake County Preview Show (@Bingham HS)
Saturday, Oct 24	Davis Cup (@Davis HS)
Thurs, Oct 29 - Sat, Oct 31	Marching band tour to St. George: UMEA Red Rocks State

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 sent out several days prior to the event, so make sure you have added yourself to the REMIND app.

How do parents volunteer to help?

The band and color guard need a lot of parent volunteers. Go to the volunteer page on RivertonHighMusic.com and click on 'more' to see the 'Volunteer' tab. There will be at least five rounds of sign-ups and occasional calls for assistance by Mr. Weimer and Mr. Jessee:

- parade volunteers
- band camp volunteers
- fall competition volunteers
- WFI volunteers (this is the competition we host on September 26 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)

What gear do I need?

Items Needed for Rehearsals

- athletic shorts and shoes
- comfortable and light t-shirts
- 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)

Items Needed for competitions:

- 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)
- marching shoes
- show shirt (provided by Mr. Weimer)
- always pack adequate water and snacks for a long day
- for Color Guard see separate lists