

# **ARLINGTON HIGH SCHOOL MARCHING BAND** **WELCOME NEW BAND PARENTS 2023**

**If you have not yet read the Marching Band Handbook, make sure you do.  
There is important info for parents as well as students**

**Check Arlington Marching Band website and calendar often - at least once a day! [www.arlingtonschools.org/marchingband](http://www.arlingtonschools.org/marchingband).**

**The Arlington High School Marching Band (AHSMB) consists of:**

**Color Guard - flags, rifles and sabers**



**Winds - all brass and woodwind players**



**Battery - marching percussion (drum line)**


**Front Ensemble - all instruments on front sideline (pit)**

**Drum Majors - conduct the band**

## **BAND CAMP/REHEARSALS**



  **BE ON TIME** to practice means - drop off early, count on traffic on Route 55, they need to be **ON** the field ready to go at start time.



  Always bring instruments and equipment unless told otherwise.



  3 ring binder with sheet protectors for music, pencil.



  Ziplock bag for Dot book

  Waterproof backpacks

  **Water, Water and more water!** They will each drink 1/2 gallon to a gallon or more. Better to have too much than to run out.

  Always eat something before practice. Especially for full day rehearsals. Even if you are not a breakfast eater you need to have something nutritional in your stomach.



  Lunch and snacks. They almost always eat more than they think they will, don't be afraid to overpack.

  Wear comfortable sneakers and socks as well as loose clothes

  Sunscreen, sunglasses, hat, bug spray and a small towel.

Apply sunscreen before full day practices and reapply during breaks.

  Wear layers, it can warm up and cool down fast (especially on turf)

  Rain gear- will practice outside in the rain unless heavy rain or thunder. If inside, dress appropriately, it gets warm any time of year.

## **Competitions/ Trips/ Parades/ Football Games:**

♪♪ AHSMB website usually posts links to itineraries for each event. Includes directions and list of bands that perform and at what time. We typically perform near the end of competitions. We are a National class band which is the last class that performs.

♪♪ Most parents wear spirit wear or school colors to events.

♪♪ Spectators usually sit in bleachers. Bring blankets and or stadium chairs, it can get cold.

♪♪ Schools hosting competitions sell food and drink or you can bring your own.

♪♪ The band, instructors and chaperones travel on school buses all season. With the exception of State Championships in Syracuse (which everyone calls Dome), the buses do not stop for food or bathrooms.

♪♪ Good idea to pack the night before for ANY event, so that gloves, socks, body stockings, shoes, tour shirts and instruments are not forgotten.

♪♪ Pack a small flashlight in the bus bag. School buses get dark and it's hard to find stuff (especially black socks & shoes, body stockings, gloves..)

♪♪ Pack a portable back-up battery for bus trips.

♪♪ Always pack plenty of food, water and snacks!

♪♪ Students should pack a change of shoes and comfortable clothes/pj's for bus ride home.

♪♪ Drop off/pick up in front of school at main entrance.

♪♪ At football games the band plays the national anthem at kick off, and performs their entire show during halftime. The band stays in the end zone until the end of the game and then marches back to the school. Pick students up by the music lobby entrance where they were dropped off.

♪♪ When in full uniform never eat, only water is allowed.

♪♪ No perfume, body spray, hairspray or any kind of spray can be used on the bus or near the Band uniforms. Color guard can use hairspray but not near band uniforms or on the bus.

♪♪ Arlington families cheer for all groups. We know how hard the kids have worked!!

**Always check [arlingtonschools.org/marchingband](http://arlingtonschools.org/marchingband) the night before and day of an event. Report times sometimes change.**

## **Important Links and Contact Information**

[arlingtonband.com](http://arlingtonband.com) - Marching Band webpage. Important updates will be posted here. Calendar is on the home page. As the season progresses detailed schedules and itineraries will be added to the events posted on the calendar.

[abbimusic.org](http://abbimusic.org) - ABBI webpage. This is an important link even beyond marching band season. ABBI will post information about all band, jazz band, winterguard and winter percussion events. Including concerts, fundraisers, scholarships and volunteer opportunities.

### **Make sure to Like and Join the following pages on Facebook**

Arlington Marching Band, NY  
Arlington Band Boosters, Inc  
Arlington HS Admiral Winterguard  
Arlington Admiral Winterguard Parents -this is a closed group for parents of current guard members only  
Arlington HS Admirals Percussion Section - this is a closed group, ask to join if you are in the percussion section

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