

Karns High School Band Handbook



2017-2018

Dear Karns Band Students and Parents,

Welcome to the Karns High School Band Family and congratulations on your decision to be a part of the longstanding tradition of excellence that is the Karns Band. There are a few organizations of any kind so rich in tradition and success that also include so many real-world experiences for student and parent alike. The 2017-2018 school year give us all the opportunity to carry on this outstanding tradition of excellence. The Karns Band provides musical activities that encompass a wide scope and allows everyone a chance to reach the highest possible level of success.

While the musical activities are the core of our program, the total band experience provides the student far more opportunities. During the year, the student will be able to build leadership skills, learn and apply planning, financial budgeting, and team building skills; and spend time with other students and adults who have direction and goals as an integral part of their lives.

The fall season emphasizes the excellence of our Marching Band. Our performances include a schedule of football games, marching competitions, as well as area parades.

The Karns Band program features an outstanding symphonic organization that has developed a reputation for musical excellence through concert and festival performances. The Symphonic Band will present several public concerts.

The success of our Winter Guard and Indoor Percussion ensembles has offered more performance opportunities for our students and has enhanced the entire band program. Programs such as these involve select groups of students who will perform locally and travel to regional and national competitions during the winter months.

The centerpiece of the Karns Band program is striving for excellence through dedication, learning, experience, and a team effort from students, parents, and staff. The substantial recognition that the Karns Band receives is largely a result of the successes of the past at reaching for and obtaining excellence. The coming year offers an exciting opportunity to build on that legacy. It is also important to note that one side benefit to the total band experience is the fun and lasting relationships and memories that are developed by both students and parents.

Hard-working students, dedicated staff, involved and active parents, and a supportive administration and community all combine to make it possible for the Karns 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 expectations are immeasurable. Members of the Karns High School Band develop musically, emotionally, mentally, and socially. The program is proud to have the highest GPA of any group at KHS.

This handbook is intended for use by students, parents, administrators, staff, and directors as a convenient source of information regarding various aspects of the Karns Band. We have tried to cover as thoroughly as possible every facet of the program. Students and parents should read this handbook carefully. Band members will be expected to understand and abide by all rule and regulations set forth in this book.

Sincerely,

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Organization Membership Requirements

Marching Band

To be a member of the Karns High School Marching Band, the student must be enrolled in the proper Marching Band period during the fall semester. Each student must comply with all rules and regulations for that particular organization. The student agrees to attend rehearsals (exceptions through director approval) and is required to attend band camp (2 weeks). The directors must approve exceptions in advance. Each member must meet all financial obligations and must attend all rehearsals, sectionals, and performances (competitions, parades, and football games).

Fall Color Guard (Fall Semester only)

As a specialized part of the marching band, students selected *by auditions* to the color guard will enroll in the Marching Band. This class will offer members of the Fall Color Guard the opportunity to master basic techniques in body movement, flag, and weapons as well as exposing the student to more advanced techniques later in the semester. This class will also prepare students to audition for the competitive Winter Guard.

Symphonic Band / Concert Band (Spring Semester Only)

To be a member of the Symphonic Band (11th-12th grade) and Concert Band (9th-10th grade), the student must be enrolled in their respective band during the Spring Semester and must meet all financial obligations. Each student must comply with all rules and regulations for that particular organization. The student agrees to attend all after school rehearsals (including sectional rehearsals) and all performances (exception through director approval only). Rehearsals and sectionals will be scheduled in advance to accommodate transportation plans. Students are expected to maintain a high level of preparation as members of the Symphonic Band and Concert Band. Private instruction from a specialist is highly recommended. Private instructors can be recommended on request.

Percussion Ensemble (Spring Semester only)

All percussion students will enroll in Percussion Ensemble class for the Spring Semester. Percussion Ensemble will focus on developing skills and techniques specific to percussionists. As well as developing the fundamentals of performance, students will also get experience performing a varied style of concert percussion repertoire. Students will also prepare music selections for performance with the Symphonic Band. The student agrees to attend all after school rehearsals and performances. Rehearsals with the Symphonic Band will be scheduled in advance to accommodate transportation plans. Students are expected to maintain a high level of preparation as members of the Percussion Ensemble. Private instruction from a specialist is highly recommended. Private instructors can be recommended on request. Note: This is an **Intermediate** to **Advanced** level percussion class, non-percussionists will not be allowed to enroll without director approval.

Indoor Percussion Ensemble

The Indoor Percussion Ensemble is a select group with membership through audition and/or director invitation only. The student agrees to attend all rehearsals and performances. The student must have been a member of the fall marching band and must have met his or her financial obligations for the fall (exceptions through director approval only). Each member must meet all financial obligations (second semester budget plus indoor fees) and must be a member in good standing of their respective band class. Cooperative Fee for Indoor Drumline — TBA

Winter Guard

The Winter Guard is a select group with membership through audition. The student agrees to attend all rehearsals and performances. The student must have been a member of the fall guard and must have met his or her financial obligations for the fall (exceptions through director approval only). Each member must meet all financial obligations. Cooperative Winter Guard Fee — TBA

Jazz Band

The Jazz Band is a select group with membership through audition and/or director approval. The student agrees to attend all rehearsals and performances. Jazz Band meets every day for 45 minutes throughout the school year. Students will receive credit for this class.

The Band Curriculum: A YEAR-LONG Course of Study

The successful development of our student musicians is a YEAR-LONG process. Performance opportunities offered during the academic year are designed to enrich students' overall academic experience, build life-skills, and to reach their full potential as a student musician. Due to the sequential nature of the band curriculum, it is very important for student musicians to remain in the program for the ENTIRE YEAR. Exceptions will be made ONLY when there is a time conflict between the proper band class and courses necessary for graduation (with proper written notification from a guidance counselor or an administrator). Any student who does not satisfy these requirements will not be allowed to rejoin the band program without director's approval.

Any student who drops out of any of these organizations during the semester will not be allowed to rejoin at any time and must drop that specific class immediately or as soon as the administration deems possible.

The director and principal must approve any exceptions to the requirements above.

Requirements for New Membership

New members of the Karns High School Band must meet the following requirements before beginning their first semester in the high school band program:

- positive recommendation from previous band director (attitude, effort & ability)
- attend New Member Orientation
- have enrolled in Marching Band – Fall
- have enrolled in Symphonic Band, Concert Band, or Percussion Ensemble - Spring

New Member Orientation gives parents and students the —inside scoop on the band program. Everything from band camp to boosters will be covered in this informational event. Come ready to take notes and ask lots of questions! One parent from each family is required to be present—it is that important!

Requirements for Returning Members

Returning members of the Karns High School Band must meet the following requirements before beginning their next semester in the high school band program:

- Directors recommendation
- Attend Returning Member Orientation
- Have enrolled in Marching Band – Fall
- Have enrolled in Symphonic Band, Concert Band or Percussion Ensemble - Spring

Grading Procedures

Band is a unique course at Karns High School. It has curricular requirements, just as any other academic discipline, but it also has out-of-class time requirements. The strength of our band program is the consolidation of these requirements into one performance based, academic course of study. The level of commitment from each individual student is the driving force behind the organization and is reflected in the level of achievement reached by the individual and the program.

Marching Band Rehearsals

The rehearsal schedule is normally set well in advance, allowing students to plan other activities and obligations around the established schedule. For Fall 2017, the marching band will rehearse **every Tuesday and Thursday during the season from 4:00 PM - 6:00 PM**. Guard and Percussion **rehearse until 7:00 PM**.

Punctuality is a trait that will serve you well in any endeavor. Plan to arrive well in advance of the beginning of rehearsal (at least 15 minutes) – do not try to sneak in at the last second. It is essential that we make efficient use of the rehearsal time we have. This can only happen when every band member is present and working to improve. The band member that misses rehearsals cannot improve, and the other band members around them have a less effective rehearsal due to the absence. We all depend on each other to carry our fair share of the load in order for us to achieve the level of proficiency for which the Karns Band has become noted.

Rehearsals are **never cancelled** due to inclement weather. Students should dress for the weather. Not having the proper attire is not a satisfactory reason for having a poor rehearsal. Students should wear tennis shoes for rehearsals. Boots and sandals are not permitted. This is important in that the style of marching step we use requires the foot and ankle be permitted to move freely. Hats and sun block are recommended.

Directors should be notified **IN ADVANCE** if a student is going to be absent from a rehearsal or performance. Absences from band rehearsals or performances are unexcused unless due to (a) personal illness, (b) death in the family, (c) an emergency, or (d) special permission of the director obtained in advance by the parent or guardian. Students must exhibit consistent responsibility in these areas. Excessive absences **for any reason** may result in the student being removed from the performing group. **Non-emergency dental and/or orthodontist appointments should be made at times that do not conflict with rehearsals.**

Rehearsal Attendance

Band is a learning activity. Rehearsals, whether during or after school, are the means by which students learn, and by their very nature cannot be reproduced or made-up. Therefore it is imperative that students be present unless the absence is absolutely unavoidable. Excessive rehearsal absences will undoubtedly affect a student's performance. Although we frequently function as conductors, we are primarily teachers responsible for the musical and aesthetic education of each student in the band program. This is the reason we are absolutely insistent upon each student's daily participation. Rehearsals are not optional, and are heavily weighted in the student's final grade.

Performance Attendance

Performances are viewed as major tests. A performance is a learning experience that cannot be duplicated in a rehearsal hall or practice room. The level of concentration required in a public performance assists each student in developing an insight into his or her own level of performance. A performance is also an important evaluative tool, allowing comparison of a student's performance in relation to classroom objectives presented and with past performances. Absences from performances are only excused in the event of an extreme emergency: serious illness or hospitalization of the student, death in the family, religious holiday, or other reasons deemed excusable by the director. The band director must approve all absences from performances or rehearsals **IN ADVANCE**. Unexcused absences may result in the student being removed from the performing group. Absences from a class must follow the policies and procedures set forth by Karns High School and Knox County Schools.

Make-Up Work

When a student is absent from class or rehearsal with an excused absence, they must turn in a signed form from their parent/guardian.

Grading Rubric

The grading rubric for band class has been designed to evaluate each student's performance, quality of participation, daily attendance, and preparedness for rehearsals and performances. Each student is expected to be on time and to bring the proper equipment (pencil, music, instrument, dot book, etc.) to every rehearsal and performance. Grades will be determined by the evaluation of both individual performance and quality of participation in the program.

Grade Deductions

1. No Practice Time Sheet for Excused Absence: 3 points per occurrence deducted from attendance grade.
2. Unexcused tardies from class, rehearsal, or performance will result in points deducted from daily attendance grade.
3. Unexcused absence from rehearsal and/or sectional will result in 10% deducted from Daily Attendance grade.
4. Unexcused absence from a performance: 15% deduction from Daily Attendance and Performance grade
5. Unexcused absence from 2 performances: 2-Letter grade deduction, Suspension/Removal from the performing organization (alternate graded assignments will be given for remainder of semester).

Grade Calculations:

- Marching Band (includes winds, percussion, and color guard)
 - 90% Daily Grade - Daily Attendance (punctuality), Quality of Participation (effort), Preparedness
 - 10% Final Exam - Playing and Written Exams
- Symphonic Band (includes winds and percussion ensemble)
 - 90% Daily Grade - Daily Attendance (punctuality), Quality of Participation (effort), Preparedness
 - 10% Final Exam - Written Exam

Attitude

Those students who have a positive mental attitude, regardless of their individual skills, will always have a place in the Karns Band. Regardless of your ability, if your attitude is not positive and you are not doing your personal best to make the group successful, you should not be a part of this organization. In fact, students who do not project an attitude that is positive and cooperative will be given the opportunity to change their personal perspective or else leave the organization. Those who have pride in themselves will generally project a positive mental attitude.

Characteristics of a positive mental attitude include a generally cheerful outlook toward rehearsals and performances, cooperation in the preparation and maintenance of equipment and facilities, and an eagerness to do what is necessary to be successful. In short, the total band member is someone who is always willing to give his or her best for the good of the organization.

Cooperative Fees and Fund Raising Opportunities

There is a tremendous cost associated with the operation and maintenance of a total band program. With little or no financial support coming from Knox County Schools, the responsibility for meeting the financial needs of our band program rest on the shoulders of the band members and band boosters. These funds are an absolute necessity in order to have a meaningful and successful program.

The directors develop a budget each year to cover expenses such as instructional staff, travel, music, visual design, instrument and equipment needs, maintenance/repairs, etc. This budget is carefully amended to be as efficient as possible while still meeting the needs of a thriving and successful band program. Priorities are set based on the needs of the students first. The final budget is then divided by the projected number of students participating in the activity. The individual student's financial responsibility is referred to as the cooperative fee. All cooperative fees are based on one per family (to help families with more than one child in the band program).

In an effort to reduce the out-of-pocket expense of cooperative fees, students and their families are asked to support the band through various fundraising activities. The band boosters will sponsor several fundraisers during the year. Families that take advantage of these opportunities will have no further out-of-pocket expenses. Fundraising is not mandatory, however, those who do not wish to take part in the fundraising activities will be asked to make a donation representing their fair share.

Families with financial hardship will not be turned away from the Karns Band program. Financial waiver forms are available in the school office for those who qualify. Alternate payment schedules can also be worked out with advanced notice.

NO STUDENT WILL BE DENIED PARTICIPATION DUE TO FINANCIAL HARDSHIP.

Cooperative Dues List:

2017 Marching Band Cooperative Dues: \$350

- First Payment: May 17 (\$50) - This payment guarantees a spot in the competitive marching show.
- There will be a payment plan available of \$50 a month from May through November. **Payment is due on the 1st of every month.**
- Payments will be accepted throughout the semester of any amount.
- There is also a \$60 user fee for students using school-owned instruments.

2018 Symphonic Band/Percussion Ensemble Cooperative Dues: \$100

- Due Tuesday, January 9, 2018
- Payments will be accepted throughout the semester of any amount.
- There is also a \$60 user fee for students using school-owned instruments.

2018 Winter Guard Cooperative Dues: TBA

- Payment Schedule: TBA

2018 Indoor Percussion Ensemble Cooperative Fee: TBA

- Payment Schedule: TBA

School-Owned Instrument Fee

A small user fee is assessed to any student who uses a school-owned instrument. This fee is used to help cover the expense of maintaining each instrument. **Percussionist are to provide all of their own sticks and mallets.** Students who use a school-owned instrument must submit a completed rental contract with payment upon instrument check-out. Percussionist are responsible for this fee as well.

- It should be understood students will be assessed all cost associated with the abuse and neglect of instruments/equipment left in their care. This includes replacement of the instrument/equipment due to loss or theft.

User Fee (Fall Semester): \$60
User Fee (Spring Semester): \$60

Band Uniform Guidelines

Summer Uniforms:

The first part of the school year is always very warm. Wearing the full uniform would be quite uncomfortable and even dangerous in certain conditions. In order for students to be more comfortable, a summer uniform has been designed. This uniform consists of a blue band polo with the band logo on it. Also, each student is required to have a pair of khaki shorts. This will serve as the dress for at least the first two ballgames. The shirt will also be required as part of dress at away trips.

- **Blue Band Polo:** Each member is required to have at least one blue band polo. They will be available for \$27 each. **Please indicate student's shirt size on the permission form.** No money will be collected until shirts have been delivered (check or money order made out to Karns High School Band). Additional shirts will be available for purchase by family members to show your affiliation with and support of the band at ballgames and competitions.

Traditional Uniforms:

1. Black "Drill Master" Band Shoes: shoes will be ordered at band camp, Lunsford's Music, or Rush's Music. Cost is approximately \$40.
2. Black Dress Socks
3. Black Gloves. Purchase in band office for \$5/pair. Each band member except percussion and color guard is required to have at least one pair of gloves. Woodwinds with open keys will have to cut the ends from the fingers. See Mr. Crawford or Mr. Foster for these.
4. Plain Black T-shirt for wearing under your uniform. No sleeveless shirts.
5. Each student will be issued a band coat and pants for the best possible fit from the current inventory. Uniforms will be issued at the beginning of the fall semester.
6. No alterations are allowed to the uniform without the director's permission. Material should NEVER be removed from the uniform.
7. Each student is responsible for keeping up with all parts of the uniform.
8. Take pride in your appearance! Uniforms that are wrinkled and/or soiled are a disgrace to our program, our school, and the community we represent. Uniform will have to be properly and neatly hung after each use and dry cleaned when needed.
9. Do not leave the uniform in cubbies/lockers unless instructed to do so. They are to be taken home after performances.
10. Do not leave uniform in an unlocked vehicle unattended. This could be a very expensive mistake!
11. Replacement Cost: Coat - \$350, Bibbers - \$125, Hat - \$50, Plume - \$24
12. All plumes will be taken up and stored immediately following each performance. Do not cram a plume into your hat box - you will buy it!
13. No one is allowed in the uniform room without permission from a uniform officer or the directors.
14. Abuse or neglect of the uniform may result in costly repairs or replacement as well as removal from the performing group.
15. Any costs associated with the damage or loss of any uniform part are the responsibility of the student and parents.
16. Section leaders will check with each person in their section to make sure each has his or her instrument and all parts of their uniform.
17. Remain in full uniform at all times at performances, unless otherwise directed.
18. On performance days, all band students should wear boxer shorts or gym shorts to make it easier when changing clothes.
19. No jewelry, nail polish, unnatural hair color, or excessive make-up is allowed when in uniform.
20. No T-shirts, hats, or any type of clothing with alcoholic beverages, drugs or other vice advertising are to be worn during any band activity.

Special Units/Guard Uniforms

The guard uniform will be determined by the directors in consultation with the visual design coordinator and color guard instructors. Color guard members will purchase their own special type of shoes, warm-up suit, and carry on bag. Prices are TBA. These will be ordered at band camp.

The Directors will make all final decisions regarding style, color, and fabric of uniforms. Students' suggestions are welcome and will be considered.

Uniforms for Indoor Percussion and Winter Guard will be determined by instructional staff and directors. Members will be responsible for all costs associated with the uniforms.

Rules for Classroom/Rehearsal/Performance/Trips

Karns High School Band operates under the rules and regulations set forth by Knox County Schools and Karns High School. These rules can be found in the student handbook issued to each student at the beginning of the school year. In addition, certain classroom and rehearsal rules are necessary to maintain a safe and productive work environment. Each student is expected to comply with all rules set forth as terms of participation in band. Any student who fails to abide by the rules will be disciplined accordingly. Flagrant disregard for rules will result in point deductions, extra work assignments, detentions, and/or other punishments. All punishments will be in accordance with established rules of Knox County Schools and Karns High School.

Classroom Procedures

- Students should treat other students, staff, and directors with respect at all times.
- There should be silence when the director gets on the podium.
- Bring a pencil to every rehearsal.
- Warm-up is a very important part of each rehearsal. This is when we focus on the fundamentals of our playing so that we may improve both as a group and as individuals.
- Brass players should have all necessary mutes. Trumpet and trombone players should have straight and cup mutes.
- Reed players should have at least one spare reed at their seat during rehearsal. Ideally, you should have four to five reeds that all play that you rotate using from day to day.
- Percussionists should each have a stick/mallet bag with a collection of:
 - Snare sticks
 - Acrylic Mallets
 - Hard Rubber Mallets
 - Soft Rubber Mallets
 - Cord Mallets
 - Yarn Mallets
 - Timpani Mallets
- Percussionists during marching season needs to make sure they have all of the required equipment needed to perform the assigned instrument.
- Cases should be left in the instrument storage rooms.
- At the end of rehearsals, put all of your equipment away. Music that is not being taken home should be placed in the proper place with your instrument.
- Percussion equipment is to be put away at the conclusion of rehearsals. Timpani and mallet instruments should be covered. Small equipment should be returned to the percussion storage room.
- Problems of an individual nature (missing music, problems with instrument, etc.) should be taken care of outside of class time, not during.
- Talking during rehearsals must be kept to a minimum. Talking should always be about music we are studying and should never be a distraction to the conductor or other students.
- Do not leave money, purses, wallets, or other valuable unattended during rehearsals or during the school day. We are not responsible for valuables left in unsecured areas.

Instrument Care

School-owned instruments become the responsibility of the student to whom they are issued. A small user fee is assessed to any student who uses a school-owned instrument (\$60 per semester). See Mr. Crawford for a School-Owned Instrument Rental Form. This form should be completed and returned with the user fee on the first day of classes each semester. Any damage will be repaired at the student's expense.

Individuals instruments must always be maintained in top playing condition. Always show the directors your instrument before taking it in for repairs. Remember that horseplay can cause damage to instruments and equipment. Be careful with your own instrument and place it out of harms way if it is necessary for you to put it down.

General Rules

1. Be courteous and respectful at all times.
2. Couples - this is a band function, not a date.
3. Do not eat or drink in the band room.
4. Uniforms will be properly and neatly hung after each performance.
5. Make sure your name is on all equipment (shoes, instrument case, uniform bag, etc.).
6. Instruments and equipment should be stored in the proper room or taken home.
7. All band members are to remain until the band is dismissed.
8. Leave your valuables at home.
9. No unnatural hair color.
10. Flip-folders and music should be taken to all football games.
11. Always do what chaperones ask.
12. Keep your language clean.
13. If you miss a rehearsal for a doctor's appointment, you must bring a note from the doctor following the appointment.
14. Always cheer for the other bands.
15. The purchase, use, or possession of narcotics or alcohol in any form is strictly prohibited. The use of alcohol as a medication is not acceptable. If the student is taking a prescription drug, the directors must be notified in advance.
16. Always conduct yourselves as ladies and gentlemen.

Stands Rules

1. No food or drinks while playing in the stands. Water will be provided.
2. Do not wear hats in the stands or with your uniform, except regular marching band hat. If it is cold, stocking caps, earmuffs, or something for warmth is permissible.
3. There is to be no random playing in the stands.
4. The band will remain standing during the game.
5. No outsiders allowed in the band section.
6. No screaming. Yell for the team - not at each other.

Bus Rules

1. Do not change buses.
2. Keep noise to a minimum. No screaming, radios, etc.
3. Do not play your instruments on the bus.
4. Do not throw anything out of the windows. Keep arms, head, etc. inside at all times.
5. Answer roll call for yourself only.
6. Put trash in garbage bags.
7. When we return, be sure to say "Thank you" to the driver and chaperones. Remember to close windows.
8. At away games and competitions, you must return with the band, unless your parents pick you up in person. Parents must provide a signed permission note for the director in advance.
9. Get your equipment off the truck when we return to the school.

Competitions and Festivals

Competitions, festivals, and other adjudicated activities are important features of the Karns Band program. It is through these activities that we obtain valuable feedback about our progress as individuals and as a program. Although our season is not defined by any one judge's opinion of our performance, it is important that we learn the value of giving maximum effort and standing by the results as our best possible effort that day.

Competitive performances are packed with emotion. Because of the amount of time, work, and discipline required to produce award-winning performances, we develop great camaraderie within the organization. We share hardship, discomfort, fatigue, oppressive heat, chilling cold, long bus rides, disappointment, tears, success, and joy.

Individual Opportunities

East Tennessee School Band and Orchestra Association (ETSBOA) and Tennessee Secondary School Band Directors' Association (TSSBDA) sponsor several events throughout the school year. These give students the opportunity to excel individually on their instrument and to receive recognition for their musical achievements.

A list of opportunities will become available when the respected association releases dates and fees. To be eligible for auditions and/or participation, students must be members in good standing of the Karns High School Band and pay the audition fee. There are always outstanding musicians in the Karns Band, and we strongly encourage widespread participation in these activities.

Student Leaders

The Band Officers are a group of leaders that work with the directors in an advisory capacity. The students will also be called on for special presentations to accept awards, have pictures taken with political representatives, etc., on behalf of the band. The Band Officers include the Band Captain, 1st Lieutenant, Class Representatives, Drum Majors, Guard Captain, and Drum Captain. To be eligible for an office, candidates must be full participants in the band program (both semesters), exemplary in attitude, loyalty, dedication, and willingness to give their personal time for the betterment of the Karns Band.

Section Leader/Guard Captain/Drum Captain

Directors select these leaders on the basis of music and marching ability, service, dedication, loyalty, and leadership qualities. All student leaders will carry out the policies of the band, directors, school, and school administrators to the best of their abilities. Any time you question or disagree with specific instructions from a student leader, please avoid confrontation and discuss the matter with the directors as soon as possible. Student leaders do not handle money or fund-raising merchandise for any other student and cannot be held responsible. Student leaders cannot give you permission to miss a rehearsal or performance, be tardy, or leave early.

Private Lessons

Private lessons are key to developing an outstanding musical organization. Students engaged in private instruction with a professional show rapid improvement in individual musicianship. As these students improve, their excitement towards practicing increases, they continue to improve, and they become a stronger contributor to the overall success of the band.

Private instruction has a great impact on the individual student and on our band program both this year and in the future. Directors will assist you, if needed, in selecting a private instructor. The key to satisfactory results from private instruction is to start as soon as possible.

Instructional Staff

Anyone on the staff of the Karns Band has been selected due to the skills and qualities they possess and for the benefit they can bring to the program. They should be considered an extension of the directors.

Chaperones

Chaperones are also extensions of the authority of the directors. Without the dedication of our chaperones and other adults that assist the band, we could not travel or perform in the way we do. They work hard and the only payment they receive is our appreciation. Be respectful, polite, cooperative, and remember the words "Please" and "Thank You."

If you disagree with something a chaperone asks you to do, you are not to argue with them. You are to do as you are asked and then inform a director as soon as possible. This policy will be strictly enforced. In the extreme unlikely event that a chaperone's instruction would cause you to violate civil law or moral standards, the student should ask to be taken by that chaperone to the director immediately. If a chaperone has to report a student for being uncooperative, disrespectful, or for any other reason, that student will be subject to severe disciplinary action.

Parental Involvement

Parents are an important part of the Karns Band and have a vital role to play. Without the assistance and cooperation of band parents, there would be no chance for the level of success we want the band to reach. There are many things parents can do.

- Attend Karns Band Boosters meeting (Second Monday of every month at 6:30 PM in the Karns High School Band room)
- Volunteer for parent committees. There are many different tasks with which we need your assistance and everyone can find their niche.
- Be supportive of the band program and your child's participation by:
 - Assisting your child to be prepared and punctual for every rehearsal and performance.
 - Notifying directors if your child is to be absent or late for a performance or rehearsal. This should be done in advance unless an absolute emergency.
 - Encouraging your child to practice at home and help them find a quiet place to do so.
 - Showing your interest and support in your child's music study by enthusiastically attending every performance possible.
 - Discussing with directors and staff anything that will help them understand and better serve your child.
 - Arranging for private lessons for your child, if at all possible.
- We welcome visitors to rehearsal but request they remain quiet so as not to disturb the focus of the students of staff. Cheering at appropriate times is welcome!

Values KHS Band Students Learn

- 1. Band students learn dedication, commitment and that striving for excellence is a worthy goal.**
- 2. Band students learn the value of, and respect for chain of command.**
- 3. Band students learn to cooperate and collaborate with those from different backgrounds and capabilities.**
- 4. Band students learn good sportsmanship.**
- 5. Band students learn to commit, persevere and endure.**
- 6. Band students learn that there are no shortcuts to success.**
- 7. Band teaches responsibility and accountability.**
- 8. Band students learn that they are individually important.**
- 9. Band students learn to accept criticism, and that self-esteem is raised through the achievement of excellence.**
- 10. Band students learn time management skills.**

2017 Football Schedule

(All Games begin at 7:30 p.m.)

August 18	Cocke County - Location TBA
August 25	Halls - Location TBA
Sept. 1	@ West
Sept. 8	Powell
Sept. 15	Fulton
Sept. 22	@ Scott County
Sept. 29	@ Oak Ridge
October 6	Campbell County
October 13	Bye Week - No Game
October 20	@ Seymour
October 27	@ Clinton

2017 Competition Schedule

Sept. 30	Karns Marching Invitational	Karns High School
October 7	Foothills Classic	Seymour High School
October 21	Volunteer Classic	Heritage High School
October 28	Possible Contest	TBA

Important: Please keep these dates open and we will let you know additional competition information as soon as it becomes available.

Band Camp Schedule

July 13-14

8:30 AM - 11:30 AM

11:30 AM - 1:00 PM

1:00 PM - 4:00 PM

Color Guard and Percussion Camp

Rehearsal

Lunch (not provided)

Rehearsal

Week #1

July 17

8:30 AM - 11:30 AM

11:30 AM - 1:00 PM

1:00 PM - 4:00 PM

All New Members, Color Guard, and Percussion

Rehearsal

Lunch (not provided)

Rehearsal

July 18

8:30 AM - 11:30 AM

11:30 AM - 1:00 PM

1:00 PM - 4:00 PM

All New Members, Color Guard, and Percussion

Rehearsal

Lunch (not provided)

Full Band Rehearsal (Every Karns High School Band Member)

July 19-21

8:30 AM - 11:30 AM

11:30 AM - 1:00 PM

1:00 PM - 4:00 PM

6:00 PM - 9:00 PM

Rehearsal (Full Band)

Lunch (not provided)

Rehearsal (Full Band)

Free Band Pool Party @ Karns Community Center on July 21!

Week #2

July 24-27

8:30 AM - 11:30 AM

11:30 AM - 1:00 PM

1:00 PM - 4:00 PM

4:00 PM - 6:00 PM

6:00 PM - 9:00 PM

Rehearsal

Lunch (not provided)

Sectionals

Dinner (not provided)

Rehearsal

July 28 - Friday

8:30 AM - 11:30 AM

11:30 AM - 6:00 PM

6:00 PM

6:30 PM - 8:00 PM

8:00 PM

This day may change.

Rehearsal

Go home, eat, and change clothes.

Band room opens

Pictures

Parent Performance - Location TBA

CAMP ENDS!!!

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Karns High School Band
2017-2018 Permission/Emergency Information Form

Student's Name _____
Date of Birth _____ Graduation Year _____
Concert Instrument _____ Marching Instrument _____
Where did you attend middle school? _____
Shirt Size (S-3X) _____
2017-2018 School Year Ensembles Check all that apply.
___ Marching Band ___ Winter Guard
___ Fall Guard ___ Indoor Percussion
___ Symphonic Band ___ Music Theory
___ Percussion Ensemble ___ Jazz Band
Home Phone _____
Parent Preferred Email _____
Mother Cell Phone _____ Father Cell Phone _____
Mailing Address _____
City _____ Zip _____
Mother's Employer _____ Phone # _____
Father's Employer _____ Phone # _____
Family Physician _____ Office # _____
Medical Conditions _____
Medications _____

_____ has my permission to participate in all activities sponsored and sanctioned by the Karns High School Band, Karns High School, and Knox County Schools. I understand that my child must abide by all rules, regulations, and policies set forth by Karns High School Band, Karns High School, and Knox County Schools, and that all infractions of the above will be dealt with according to stated policies. Should my child's behavior jeopardize the health, safety, and/or welfare of the band, I understand that he/she will be sent home immediately. I accept full responsibility for all cost associated with my child's misbehavior and subsequent damage to property and personal injury. I understand that any fees paid for membership in the band program will be forfeited in the even that my child can no longer participate for any reason.

In case of illness or injury, I give the band director and assistant band directors the authority to act on my behalf in seeking medical attention for my child. I will accept the financial responsibility for all medical treatment and associated costs. I will not hold the directors, any staff members, chaperones, Karns Band, or Karns High School responsible for any costs associated with the treatment of my child. By signing, I acknowledge I have read and understand the rules/policies stated by the Karns High School Band Handbook.

Parent Signature _____ Date _____

Notary Seal _____ Date _____

This form must be notarized.
Please attach a photocopy of a family insurance card. Thank you.