

# MINERVA HIGH SCHOOL



# BAND HANDBOOK

MINERVA LOCAL SCHOOLS  
**MINERVA BANDS**  
CONCERT      MARCHING      JAZZ

### What To Expect for 2025-2026

Band Camp will again be hosted at the Minerva Sportsman Club, 9247 Arrow Rd NW, Minerva, Ohio 44657. We will have practices from Noon to 9:30pm Monday through Thursday the week of July 28th. A snack and dinner will be provided by the band boosters each day. We will have an evening activity each night which should wrap up by 9:30pm.

All students interested in participating in marching band **must** complete a tryout by the end of the school year with a band director. RG Drage and Post-Secondary students can sign up for an after school tryout time in the Minerva High School main office.

Please take note of the Band Code of Conduct included in this packet which includes an attendance, tobacco and chemical policy. This has been board approved and is similar to the Athletic Code Of Conduct. These policies and consequences will remain in effect this coming season.

The Final Forms signup **must be completed by the last day of school**. All fees must be paid before the start of band camp.

Concert band students not participating in marching band will have study hall first semester during marching band season. Concert Band band rehearsals will begin second semester in November.

Please review the enclosed schedule and notify Mr. Maxey directly as soon as possible about potential conflicts at his e-mail [maxeyd@minerva.sparcc.org](mailto:maxeyd@minerva.sparcc.org). You can also call the band office at 330-868-4134 x1220. Also include information regarding special arrangements for summer practices including late arrivals or other conflicts such as athletics.

## **Band Fees**

*Band fees are used to keep our uniforms clean throughout the season and pay for band polos, gloves, and uniform bags as well as other items needed to repair the uniforms.*

*Funds are also used to help repair instruments, order music and pay fees associated with Solo & Ensemble and Large Group Contests and Festivals.*

<b>First Year Marching Band</b>	<b>\$210</b>
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<b>Upperclassmen Marching Band</b>	<b>\$150</b>
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\*Due before band camp.

<b>Non-Marching</b>	<b>\$20</b>
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\*Due no later than Oct 1st.

# The Uniform

**Make sure you have all of the following uniform parts before an event:**

- jacket
- pants
- black shoes
- black socks

*Marching Band Only*

- spats
- gloves
- overlay
- hat

## **After an event...**

Hang all parts of your uniform properly and put in garment bag.

Take home, do not leave in band room.

At home, take out of garment bag and hang each on separate hanger to air out.

Let any mud dry and brush off.

Gloves, spats and collar liner should be washed after every performance.

Students will be held responsible for the cost of repairs to damaged uniforms. Lost items will be charged to your account. Replacement parts cost the following:

Jacket - \$263	Hat - \$54	Gloves - \$4
Pants - \$133	Tuba Berets - \$12	Socks - \$3
Overlay - \$126	Spats - \$10	Shoes - \$25

**\*\*Wear flannel or cotton shorts or pants under the uniform along with a neutral color t-shirt, NO Jeans or shirts with collars under the uniform**

## **Cleanings**

The band uniforms are dry cleaned three times a year. Cleaning dates will be announced and uniforms should be turned in on time. Students who miss the turn in may be asked to deliver the uniform to the cleaners on their own time. If the uniform becomes too dirty between cleanings, the directors will decide if a cleaning is needed at your expense.

## ***Summer Marching Band Information***

### **What You Will Need For Practices**

- tennis shoes (no sandals!)
- a pencil
- your instrument
- music (provided by Mr. Maxey)

### **What You Will Need To Buy For Performances**

- black socks
- black shorts (also bring to band camp)

### **Things to Remember**

- Arrive 10 minutes early to all practices so you are prepared to begin at 8am
- Keep your music in your binder
- Stay on school property during band practice time
- Have fun!

### **Summer Practice Schedule**

June 11	Homecoming Parade Practice	5:30-6:15pm
June 10	Summer Homecoming Parade	5:30pm
July 14-17	Drum-Line Camp (Drum-Line Only)	9AM-3PM
July 21	Rookie Practice (First Year Members Only)	8AM-Noon
July 22-24	Full Band Practice	8AM-Noon
July 28-31	Band Camp (at Minerva Sportsman Club)	Noon-9PM
Aug 4-7	Full Band Practice	8AM-Noon
Aug 11-14	Full Band Practice	8AM-Noon

### **After School Dress Rehearsal Practices**

There will be one evening “dress rehearsal” practice per week. Date and time TBA.

### **Home Events**

Arrival time for all Home Varsity Football Games is 6:00pm.

## 2025 Marching Band Events

### Practice/Depart/Return Schedule

The band room/building will be unlocked one half hour prior to the posted practice times. If a student is dropped off earlier than that, or asked to wait after school until practice starts, there will not be adult supervision or a chaperone present. *Departure and Return Times are approximations and may be subject to change depending on game length and traffic conditions.*

Date	Event	Practice	Depart	Return
<b>8/2</b>	<b>Pro Football HOF Parade</b>		<u>Early</u> AM	
<b>8/19</b>	<b>Fair Show Practice</b>		<b>6:00pm</b>	<b>8:45pm</b>
<b>8/22</b>	<b>Away Game @ United</b>	<b>5:00pm</b>	<b>5:45pm</b>	<b>10:15pm</b>
<b>8/26</b>	<b>Fair Show Performance</b>	<b>TBA</b>	<b>TBA</b>	<b>TBA</b>
8/29	Home Game vs Crestwood	6:00pm		
9/5	Home Game vs Springfield	6:00pm		
<b>9/12</b>	<b>Away Game @ Sandy Valley</b>	<b>5:00pm</b>	<b>5:45pm</b>	<b>10:15pm</b>
<b>9/13</b>	<b>Beaver Local Band Show</b>	<b>4:45pm</b>	<b>5:30pm</b>	<b>11:00pm</b>
<b>9/19</b>	<b>Away Game @ St. Thomas</b>	<b>5:15pm</b>	<b>6:00pm</b>	
9/26	Homecoming vs West Branch	5:15pm		
<b>9/27</b>	<b>E. Canton Band Show</b>	<b>5:15pm</b>	<b>6:00pm</b>	<b>10:30pm</b>
10/3	Home Game vs Salem	6:00pm		
<b>10/10</b>	<b>Away Game @ Marlinton</b>	<b>5:15pm</b>	<b>6:00pm</b>	<b>10:15pm</b>
<b>10/17</b>	<b>Away Game @ Alliance</b>	<b>5:15pm</b>	<b>6:00pm</b>	<b>10:00pm</b>
10/24	Home Game vs Carrollton	6:00pm		

## **BAND CAMP ITINERARY**

12-3PM Full Band Practice

3:00PM Snack/Break

4:00PM Sectionals

5:30PM Dinner

6:30PM Full Band Practice

8:30PM Evening Activity

Monday - Capture the Flag

Tuesday - TBA

Wednesday - Skit Night

Thursday - Senior Night Bonfire

# Game Day!

The Marching Band takes pride in being the #1 supporters of our varsity football team. Here are a few tips to help the band work most effectively at these events:

## **“If You’re On Time You’re Late”**

Plan for the unexpected and always arrive early to all marching band events. You never know when you’re going to run into traffic, car trouble, or may have to go back to get something you forgot. Plan on arriving at least 10 minutes early than the posted time.

## **Stay On The Job**

At games we have a job to do: performing great music to encourage the team and the fans. Stay at your post in the stands with your instrument, always ready to play at a moment’s notice. Please tell non-marching band friends you will talk to them 3rd quarter, they are not permitted in or around the band stands.

## **Uniformity Is The Key**

The special part about the marching band is the uniform nature of it’s members. The uniform is formal attire. Make sure long hair is pinned up when wearing the hat and please no face paint or over-sized piercings.

## **Respect**

All band staff and chaperones should be treated with respect. Students who break band rules will lose their third quarter privileges.

## **Field Clean Up**

Our biggest fundraiser of the year is the home football game concession stands. Part of this fundraiser involves cleaning up the stadium on the Saturday after each game. Every band member is required to participate in this fundraiser once per year. The responsibility is split up so each band member is only responsible for attending one Saturday. Please note that participation is required for students to receive full credit for marching band, a Physical Education Waiver and receiving a letter for marching band.

*Please mark this date on your calendar, and notify Mr. Maxey immediately of potential conflicts.*

### **Field Clean-Up Schedule**

Drum-Line - First Home Game  
Seniors - Second Home Game  
Juniors - Third Home Game  
Sophomores - Fourth Home Game  
Freshmen - Fifth Home Game



## ***Stay Informed!***

Subscribe to the Minerva High School text Remind system by texting @mhsohband to the number 81010.

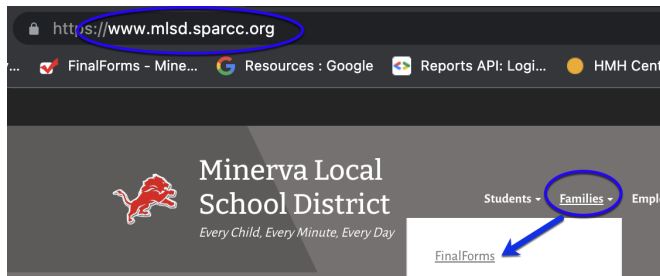
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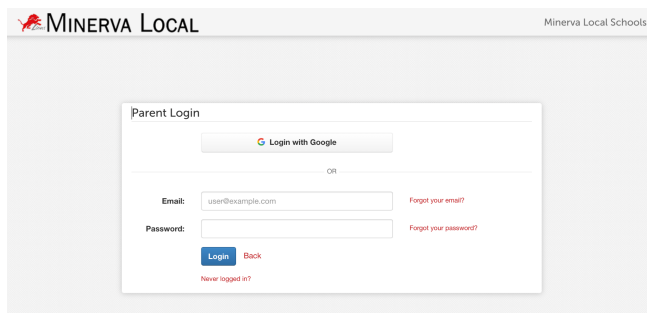
Go to [prideofminerva.com/calendar](http://prideofminerva.com/calendar) to view an updated, complete band calendar. Click the blue "+" plus sign to add it to your personal Google Calendar.

## MHS Marching Band Registration Instructions

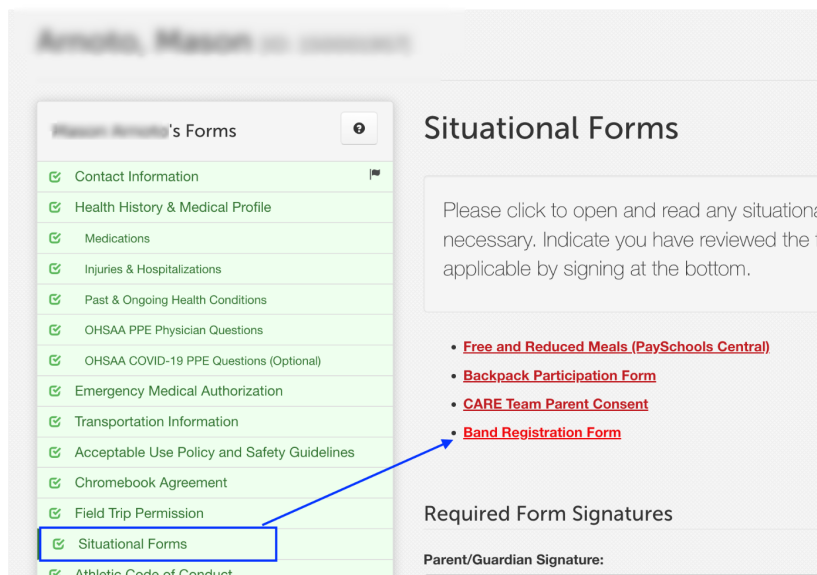
1. This link <https://minerva-oh.finalforms.com/parents/login> will take you directly to FinalForms, or you can access it from the MLSD Website – Families – FinalForms



2. Login with your parent account information



3. From your student's Forms, select Situational – Band Registration Form



4. When your Form is submitted, you will see a confirmation

