

*Joliet West High School
Joliet, IL.*

Marching Tigers

Official Handbook



JOLIET WEST HIGH SCHOOL MUSIC AND ACADEMY FACULTY

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Travel Forms and Medical Forms

Each year the Marching Tigers will hold a meeting in which all students and at least one parent must attend. At that meeting, this Handbook, official Joliet Community High School District 204 paperwork, medical forms, Marching Tigers and Music Department policies and booster information will be thoroughly discussed.

HAZING

Joliet West High School does not condone or permit any type of initiation or "hazing" of students. Students involved in initiations and/or "hazing" will be subject to appropriate discipline up to and including suspension or expulsion. All students are obliged to report to responsible school officials any knowledge of violations or potential violations of this policy by fellow students. No student may retaliate against another for making such a report.

TRAVEL

The Joliet West Marching Tigers are an extensive traveling organization and as such are considered "ambassadors" of the entire Joliet West community. All rules and policies of Joliet High School District #204 shall be followed. Anyone found in direct violation of any policies and rules will be subject to disciplinary action at the discretion of the Director. Disciplinary action may include immediate return of the student to the custody of his/her parents at the family's expense and may also include immediate dismissal of the student from the Marching Tigers organization. A permission form must be signed by each student and at least one parent for the student to travel with the Marching Tigers.

We want all parents to feel comfortable that their students are in good care. **Therefore, all members must travel to a performance venue with the Marching Tigers. If, however, a student would like to return home with their parent or guardian after a performance, they must sign out with their respective bus chaperone.**

THE MARCHING TIGERS UNIFORM

The uniform, whether "full dress" or "summer", is a symbol of pride, commitment, and the dedication that is the Marching Tigers. There is a great deal of responsibility and respect that accompanies anyone who wears the Joliet West Marching Tigers uniform.

A set of uniform policies will accompany each uniform when the uniform is assigned during the summer months. **Members who are not in full uniform will not be permitted to perform.**

Uniform jackets and gauntlets are never to be placed on the ground or any place where they may be in danger of getting dirty.

Shakos must always be held upright.

Every performing member must wear the official band t-shirt under the full uniform.

Uniforms must be hung up properly after every performance.

SUMMER UNIFORM

The summer performance uniform is worn when weather conditions suggest that the formal dress uniform would not be appropriate. This uniform consists of the following:

- Band shirt with the band logo
- All-black dress socks
- Black or Khaki shorts
- Black *Drillmasters*
- Marching Band Cap

DRESS AND APPEARANCE

The Marching Tigers is viewed as an ambassador group to other communities, both statewide and nationally. Therefore, we have a dress code for acceptable behavior. The Marching Tigers organization carries with it a strong tradition of style and class, along with a dedication to excellence.

The following Dress Code applies to ALL Marching Tigers members.

1. A student's hair must always be neatly kept when in performance, or any time the student is traveling with the group.
2. Hair must always be pulled up and out of the eyes. Long hair must be able to be pulled up into the shako or summer hat for performances.
3. Students should wear clean clothes that fit appropriately and **adhere to the Joliet parent student handbook** to all rehearsals or performances. **Students should wear their marching shoes to all rehearsals.**
4. Excessive jewelry is not allowed when performing with the Marching Tigers.

ATTENDANCE POLICY

As a member of the Marching Tigers, it is mandatory that you attend all rehearsals and performances on the calendar. **Not only do absences affect the student that is missing rehearsal, but absences severely hinder everyone around them and the ability of the band to improve.** Excused absences will not result in penalty; unexcused absences and tardiness will result in students' performance time being limited. **Special consideration is given for absences in early summer due to other obligations.** Excessive tardiness will be dealt with on an individual basis, with multiple instances of tardiness resulting in an unexcused absence. **An unexcused absence the week of a competition will result in a student not being able to perform that weekend.** An unexcused absence from a performance will result in removal from the Marching Tigers.

Excused absences include:

- Family Weddings/Wakes/Funerals
- School sponsored testing
- School sponsored events (upon approval from both coaches and directors)
- Medical Emergencies
- Absence from school due to illness

Unexcused absences include:

- Work
- Homework
- Transportation to rehearsal
- Non-West athletic events, dances, concerts, etc.
- Any other absence not excused by the directors

A student that must miss part of band camp due to a prior commitment will be "written out" of that portion of the show, depending on the amount of time that is missed and if the absence is deemed "excused" by the directors.

A student that has an excused absence must fill out a "request to be excused" form at least one week in advance. Forms are available at www.jtwestbands.com/forms

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I have read and understand ALL the rules and policies set forth in the Joliet West Marching Tigers Handbook. I agree to abide by the rules and regulations of the Marching Tigers organization, the Music Department, Joliet West High School, and Joliet Township High School District #204 always.

I also understand that I must remain academically eligible to participate in the Marching Tigers. Higher standards will be expected in music classes to maintain eligibility.

Student Name

Student Signature

Parent Signature

Date
