

*Joliet West High School
Joliet, IL.*

Marching Tigers



*Official Handbook
2021 Season*

JOLIET WEST LOYALTY

WEST HIGH LOYALTY FIGHT...FIGHT... FIGHT! FIGHT! FIGHT! GO! WEST HIGH - GO!
TIGERS!! FIGHT, SHOW THE FOE OUR MIGHT VICTORY AND GLORY BRING EVERY
LOYAL SON WILL SING!! RAH! RAH!! RAH!! BLACK, GOLD, AND WHITE, WEST IS BEST
THAT'S OUR BATTLE CRY LOYALTY AND HONOR TO THE MEN OF JOLIET WEST HIGH
T - T...T - I - G E - E...E - R - S T- I- G- E- R- S GO TIGERS!

FOREWORD

From Randy Kummer, LW band director, retired (1976) ·

Music is the most widely used art. Just about everyone listens to music on television, radio, movies or records. And, central to the appreciation and understanding of music is music performance. The student who has learned to play an instrument will always enjoy music more than if he had not. Our Band performs superior music in order to give its members a worthwhile musical experience and heritage. The purpose of the Joliet West Bands is not only to serve the school and the community but also to furnish each member with an invaluable experience. The disciplines of a good band, both marching and concert, are often like those acquired in athletics. Both develop coordination, cooperation, teamwork and self-discipline to a degree not possible in academic subjects. The Band is no haven for a lazy student. It demands and develops concentration so essential to success in any field of endeavor. One must not forget that the Band helps to develop character and provides the members with an ideal outlet for their energies. The Band gives each and every member a place "to hang his hat," a place to belong. In addition to the rewards from discipline and hard work, one also belongs to the Band because it is fun. There can be a genuine excitement in making music, in playing a beautiful concert, in being part of a precise competition field show, in leading the parade. The Band member is always where the action is, and not just watching but making the action. In cooperation with the school, the community, the athletic department, the faculty and the other students of the school, the Band has a unique function. Our obligations both during and outside of school hours are many but our rewards are also many. In a typical classroom the students' major concern is to learn what they can and earn as high a grade as possible for themselves. In the Band program you gain much personally too, but you have an important function to perform for others that is most significant. You are now in the limelight of the school and the public as you have never been before. If some of the regulations included in this handbook seem a bit strict, especially when your directors insist that they be followed exactly, bear in mind that this is essential to your development and to the success of your Band. It is always not possible to have a good Band without the full cooperation of all its members! In a regular class, if your work is not good, you hurt only yourself; 'in the Band, you hurt the whole group. Your obligations are demanding, but the rewards are many. As a dedicated Band member, something happens to you so that the organization becomes YOUR BAND -you are intensely proud of it!

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Travel Forms and Medical Forms

Each summer 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. Since the Marching Tigers organization is so large it can become difficult to keep track of each member who travels with the group. 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.

The uniform is always to be respected. No unbecoming actions of any kind are permitted.

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 polo with the Tiger logo
- Black dress slacks
- All-black dress socks
- Black *Drill Master/Velocity* shoes
- 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. Student's hair must always be neatly cut and combed when in rehearsal, performance, or any time the student is traveling with the group. No "outrageous" hairstyles (Mohawks, spiked hair, extreme color dyes, and letters shaved in heads, etc...) The directors will determine if a questionable hairstyle is appropriate.
2. Hair must always be pulled up and out of the eyes. Long hair must be able to be pulled up into the shako for performances.
3. Student 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. No jewelry is allowed when performing in the Marching Tigers.
5. Members of the Marching Tigers may not have any permanent or temporary tattoos on parts of the body that may be visible during rehearsals or while wearing standard summer or full-dress uniforms.

ATTENDANCE POLICY

As a member of the Marching Tigers, it is mandatory that you attend all rehearsals, sectionals, and performances on the calendar. The marching staff has approved all rehearsal and sectional times. Excused absences will not result in penalty; unexcused absences and tardiness will result in penalty. **Special consideration is given for absences in June due to other obligations.** Excessive tardiness will be dealt with on an individual basis, with multiple instances of tardiness resulting in an unexcused absence.

The following guidelines will be used in determining a student's eligibility to perform/continue with the Marching Tigers:

First unexcused absence from a rehearsal:	Warning
Second unexcused absence from a rehearsal:	Student will not be allowed to perform in the next local performance. (will still attend the performance)
Third unexcused absence from a rehearsal:	Removal from the Marching Tigers
Any unexcused absence from a performance:	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
- Another school's homecoming or other event
- 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 and turn it in to the directors, In Person, at least one week in advance. Forms are available in the band office.

**2021-2022 JOLIET WEST MARCHING TIGERS
HANDBOOK ACKNOWLEDGEMENT**

I have read and understand ALL 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 in order to participate in the Marching Tigers. Higher standards will be expected in music classes in order to maintain eligibility.
(C or better in any music class)*

Student Name

Student Signature

