



Northwestern High School Bands

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NHS BANDS

Congratulations on your child's selection to become a member of the 2017 Northwestern High School Purple Regiment Colorguard! Their hard work, talent, and enthusiasm observed during auditions serve as a positive testament for their potential in our program. Welcome to the Purple Regiment!

MARCHING SEASON FEE

Our band fee is very inexpensive compared to most organizations in neighboring school districts with programs comparable to ours. The assessed fee for participation in marching band is **\$500**. After an initial deposit due at the end of May, the rest of the fees are spread out over the course of several months to help out our band families. As with all band programs, fundraising opportunities are held throughout the year to make sure that all students have the opportunity to participate in band activities. The NHS Bands have never denied any student participation in band because of financial hardship. If you encounter financial difficulty in paying these fees, please contact Mark Yost, Director of Bands as soon as possible. More information about the assessed marching season fee can be found in the band handbook.

NOTE: Students *enrolled* in the marching band course who officially qualify for *Free Meal* status with the district are not required to pay a marching season fee. Students enrolled in the marching band course who qualify for *Reduced Meal* status pay a band fee of **\$250**.

COLORGUARD UNIFORM RETAINER & NOTICE OF PENALTY

Each year, members of the NHS Colorguard perform in a custom made uniform that coincides with the theme of the marching band show. The cost of each uniform is approximately \$150.00 and is funded by the marching season fee (above). Due to the complexity of the uniform's construction, and to insure these uniforms arrive for our competitive season next Fall, our staff must submit your child's measurements to the uniform supplier at the beginning of June. It is our sincerest hope that your child will honor their commitment to participate in the band next fall, *especially* after the band submits their measurements to the manufacturer – purchasing a uniform on their behalf.

Should a uniform be purchased for your student and they sever their commitment with band, a financial penalty will be assessed to recuperate expenses incurred on behalf of your student. The amount of financial penalty is determined by the feasibility of reassigning the uniform garment to another student. At minimum, students who abandon their commitment to the band after a uniform has been purchased will be required to pay the necessary alteration fees (if the garment can be altered) to fit a replacement performer. If no replacement performer can be assigned, the abandoning student/family will be required to pay the full cost of the uniform, regardless of their *Free & Reduced Meal* status with the district.

Please submit this form to NHS Band Purple Box by Friday, May 19, 2017.

I/We have read, understand, and agree to the above policies/information concerning the 2017 Marching Season Fee and Colorguard Uniform Retainer/Notice of Penalty.

Student Name

Parent/Guardian Signature

Date