

Gull Lake High School Bands 2024 Marching Band season forms and information

Welcome to the 2024 Gull Lake High School Blue Devil Marching Band! Please read through and complete all applicable sections of this packet. This paperwork packet is available for download on the Band website and in paper form in the High School Band room.

In addition to the packet, we require online registration for each student. Please complete the Google form by following [this link](#) or the link on our Weebly website.

This completed packet, online registration, and the \$150 per student non-refundable deposit paid to Gull Lake Community Schools are due to the Band office by 2:00 PM, April 26, 2024.

The GLHS Marching Band is composed of instrumental and Color Guard performers of all proficiency levels who have successfully completed a grade 6-7-8 Middle School band program before High School or, at the discretion of the Band Director and Color Guard coach, have auditioned for and met the requirements for a spot. **High School instrumental students must participate in at least one trimester of Concert or Symphonic Band during the school year to be eligible for the Marching Band the following fall. Students who wish to march with a secondary instrument must receive prior approval from Mrs. Peters. Any student approved to march with a secondary instrument will return to their primary instrument for Concert or Symphonic Band.** Students should discuss their plans with their guidance counselor to ensure that Concert or Symphonic Band will fit into their schedule. Incoming freshmen are automatically assigned to the Concert Band; incoming seniors are automatically assigned to the Symphonic Band. Incoming sophomores and juniors are assigned to a performance band based on auditions the previous spring.

Packet contents - items in **BOLD** require a signature

- **Rehearsal expectations** – signed and dated by a parent or a legal guardian and the student
- **Attendance policy** – signed and dated by a parent or a legal guardian and the student
- **Payments and payment agreement** – signed and dated by a parent or a legal guardian and the student
- **Personal uniform costs and order forms** – worksheets for Instrumental and Color Guard members to help you calculate apparel and equipment costs and order required apparel
- Scholarships and financial assistance - requests due by April 24, 2024
- Repairs and replacements // Transportation
- **Feed the Band and food allergies** – signed and dated by a parent or a legal guardian
- Achievement awards - earning Guard letters, JV numbers, Varsity letters, and honors graduation cords
- Communications and BAND app - please use the QR code to sign up for BAND groups
- **GLHS photo and media release** – signed and dated by a parent or a legal guardian
- **GLCS Request for Authorization to Volunteer** – required each school year for all adult volunteers
- **MCBA Ford Field Agreement and Release of Claims** – signed and dated by a parent or a legal guardian
 - **Parents who wish to volunteer at Ford Field must also complete a form for themselves**
- **GLCS Trip Medical form** – two-page form; signed and dated by a parent or a legal guardian
- **GLHS Medication Prescriber/Parent Authorization form for Self-Administration / Self-Possession** – two-page form; if a student carries/self-administers prescription medication, signed and dated by a physician and a parent or a legal guardian (front page); signed and dated by the student (back page); if no prescription medications are carried, a parent or a legal guardian signs, dates, and marks the frontpage N/A
- **OTC medications permission form** – signed and dated by a parent or a legal guardian and the student
- Tentative rehearsal and performance schedule
- Online registration link, Parent and Student BAND group QR codes

All forms will be kept on file and are valid for all Band events throughout the 2024-2025 school year.

Gull Lake Community Schools requires new paperwork every school year, including medical forms. Please notify us if any information (home address, phone number, email address, emergency contacts, medical conditions, medications, etc.) changes during the school year.

We cannot guarantee a spot in the competitive show for anyone registering after the deadline. You may return paper copies to the Band office or scan and email the completed packet to Mrs. Stark at cstark@gulllakecs.org.

Gull Lake High School Bands
2024 Marching Band rehearsal expectations

Rehearsal expectations

- All members will be on time for each rehearsal. "On time" means in place on the specified rehearsal field and ready with all necessary music, instruments, and equipment at the designated start time.
- Students will lose participation points for tardiness or being unprepared for rehearsal.
- Members are required to attend the entire rehearsal unless arranged in advance with Mrs. Peters.
- Members who have absences from rehearsals, excused or unexcused, may/will be withheld from performances at the discretion of Mrs. Peters.
- No cell phones during rehearsal unless directed by a staff member for use as a tuner, for Pyware, etc. The Band Director and staff will confiscate cell phones if necessary and return them at the end of the rehearsal.
- Members will not bring personal drama or negative discussions into rehearsals.
- **Rehearsals and performances are outdoors during the school day and after school hours unless the weather turns severe. Students should prepare for all weather conditions and store a change of clothing and shoes in their band locker.**

Concussion/injury/illness protocol

- Students who miss rehearsals or performances due to injury or illness must email Mrs. Peters per the attendance policy in this packet. We follow GLCS illness protocols, including no fever, vomiting, or diarrhea for 24 hours, to be allowed to resume school activities. If a student is injured (concussions, muscle strains or sprains, broken bones, etc.) and requires professional medical attention, they must have a physician's note to sit out of rehearsal or performance. Following an illness or extended injury, we must have clearance from the physician to restart participation.
- Students who sit out during rehearsals for longer than 20 minutes may be sent home to rest and recover at the discretion of Mrs. Peters.
- At the discretion of Mrs. Peters, students with extended or multiple absences may be required to successfully perform their drill or music individually for the Director before being allowed to participate in future rehearsals or performances.

If students or parents have any questions or concerns regarding rehearsal expectations, please email Mrs. Peters at apeters@gulllakecs.org to set up a private meeting.

I have read the Rehearsal Expectations and understand my role and responsibilities as a Gull Lake High School Marching Band member.

Student's name (printed)

Student's signature

Date

I have read the Rehearsal Expectations and understand my child's role and responsibilities as a Gull Lake High School Marching Band member.

Parent's or legal guardian's signature

Date

Gull Lake High School Bands 2024 Marching Band attendance policy

Marching Band is a group performing ensemble. Performances require many hours of rehearsals and preparation by all members. Even one member being absent adversely affects the ensemble.

Rehearsals and performances are mandatory for all members The Gull Lake High School Marching Band will perform at all home varsity football games, the Homecoming pep assemblies and parade, scheduled MCBA competitions, and the Kalamazoo Holiday Parade. The Band Director reserves the right to adjust the schedule and add or remove events as necessary.

Marching Band is a performance-based, graded class. Attendance issues will impact a student's grade.

Concussion/injury/illness protocol

If a student misses a rehearsal or performance due to injury or illness, they must email Mrs. Peters per the attendance policy below. We follow GLCS illness protocols, including no fever, vomiting, or diarrhea for 24 hours, to be allowed to resume school activities. If a student is injured (concussions, muscle strains or sprains, broken bones, etc.) and requires professional medical attention, they must have a physician's note to sit out. Following an illness or extended injury, we must have written clearance from the physician to restart participation.

Students who sit out during rehearsals for longer than 20 minutes may be sent home to rest and recover at the discretion of Mrs. Peters.

At the discretion of Mrs. Peters, students with extended or multiple absences may be required to successfully perform their drill or music individually for the Director before being allowed to participate in future rehearsals or performances.

Attendance at rehearsals

Pre-Camp and Band Camp are mandatory rehearsal weeks.

After-school and evening rehearsals are required. Students with jobs should arrange their work schedules with their employers ahead of time to ensure they can attend rehearsals. Work conflicts are unexcused absences.

Excused absences may include illness, family emergencies, off-campus classes, and scheduled GLHS sporting events. Athletes should communicate conflicts with Mrs. Peters and their coach when their sports schedules are published; sports practices and events are not automatically excused absences. All excused absence requests must be emailed to Mrs. Peters at apeters@gullakecs.org at least **two weeks** before the day of the rehearsal. If there is an emergency, students must email Mrs. Peters within 48 hours after the missed rehearsal.

Attendance at performances

Unless otherwise noted on the schedule, football games, Homecoming activities, MCBA competitions, and the Kalamazoo Holiday Parade are required performances.

If it is unavoidable that you miss a scheduled performance, you must email Mrs. Peters at apeters@gullakecs.org at least **two weeks** before the day of the performance. If there is an emergency, students must email Mrs. Peters within 48 hours after the missed performance.

To make up the participation points from an excused missed performance, the students will arrange to play their music before or after school individually for Mrs. Peters. Mrs. Peters will evaluate make-up performances using the playing test rubric. Students must schedule their make-up performance within two weeks of the missed performance, or no participation points will be applied. Unexcused absences are not eligible for make-up participation points.

Marching Band meets the first trimester in the third block during the school day, Monday through Friday. Attendance expectations will follow the GLHS Attendance Policy. Students must attend at least 50% of their classes during the school day to participate in after-school activities.

Instrumental students must participate in at least one trimester in Concert or Symphonic Band during the school year to be eligible for the Marching Band the following fall. Students who wish to march with a secondary instrument must receive prior approval from Mrs. Peters. Any student approved to march with a secondary instrument will return to their primary instrument for Concert or Symphonic Band. Students should discuss their plans with their guidance counselor to ensure that Concert or Symphonic Band will fit into their schedule. Incoming freshmen are automatically assigned to the Concert Band; incoming seniors are automatically assigned to the Symphonic Band. Incoming sophomores and juniors are assigned to a performance band based on auditions the previous spring.

All evening full band rehearsals will be held during the first trimester on Monday evenings from 6:00 – 9:00 PM; the location will be announced before rehearsal. Attendance expectations will follow the GLHS Attendance Policy. Students must attend at least 50% of their classes during the school day to participate in after-school activities.

- Wind instrument sectionals will be held on Tuesdays in the Band Room after school, 2:30 – 3:30 PM.
- Percussion sectionals will be held on Wednesdays, 6:00 - 9:00 PM.
- Color Guard sectionals will be held on Wednesdays, 6:00 - 9:00 PM.

Mrs. Peters has the discretion to schedule additional rehearsals as necessary. Please watch for updates on the BAND groups.

Students registered through the GLCS Virtual Partnership or dual enrolled through the GLCS Early College program are expected to participate in all rehearsals and performances in person.

Parents and students, please link your calendar to the [GLHS Band Google calendar](http://www.glhsmusic.weebly.com) at www.glhsmusic.weebly.com for rehearsal and performance information. Families should also join the student and parent BAND groups for updates.

If attendance becomes an issue, the student will meet with the Band Director to discuss possible disciplinary action, including dismissal from the Gull Lake Band program. If students or parents have questions or concerns regarding the Attendance Policy, please email Mrs. Peters to schedule a private meeting. At the discretion of Mrs. Peters, students with extended or multiple absences may be required to successfully perform their drill or music individually for the Director before being allowed to participate in future rehearsals or performances.

Students will rehearse and perform outside during the school day and after school hours in all types of weather. As Michigan weather can range from hot and humid to cold and snow throughout the season, students should prepare for any situation. We recommend that students keep extra clothes and shoes at school in their band locker, including a waterproof jacket and other weather-appropriate gear. Rehearsals will move indoors if weather conditions deteriorate or become dangerous, based on GLCS and MHSAA policies. Rehearsing in difficult weather conditions ensures that students can perform in difficult weather conditions. Students should always have a filled water bottle with them at rehearsals. Water is available to refill personal bottles during rehearsals; we distribute individual water bottles at performances.

I have read the Attendance Policy and understand my role and responsibilities as a Gull Lake High School Marching Band member.

Student's name (printed)

Student's signature

Date

I have read the Attendance Policy and understand my child's role and responsibilities as a Gull Lake High School Marching Band member.

Parent's or legal guardian's signature

Date

Gull Lake High School Bands 2024 Marching Band payments

The 2024 Gull Lake High School Marching Band participation fee is \$400 per student.

This fee covers expenses for seasonal instructional staff, show design (music, drill, copyrights), show shirts, uniform cleaning, supplies, and operating costs. Please note that the \$400 fee does not include required personal uniform items (marching shoes, performance shirt, warm-up pants, band jacket, and gloves), Color Guard items, purchases such as fan shirts or professional photos, or other optional items. Please refer to the Uniform Costs worksheets included in this packet for more detailed information.

A \$150 per student non-refundable deposit is due by 2:00 PM, April 26, 2024.

Families may pay the \$400 fee in three installments or one full payment.

The first payment, the \$150 non-refundable deposit, is due by **2:00 PM, Friday, April 26, 2024.**

The second \$150 installment payment is due by **2:00 PM, Friday, May 31, 2024.**

The final \$100 payment is due by **8:00 AM, Tuesday, July 30, 2024.**

If paying in one payment, the \$400 fee is due by **2:00 PM, Friday, April 26, 2024.**

Apparel fees are not included in the \$400 Marching Band fee and are due by **8:00 AM, July 30, 2024.**

There will be no refunds of any fees after Friday, May 31, 2024.

You may pay Marching Band fees online via E-Funds, by check or money order written to Gull Lake Community Schools, or by the exact amount of cash in a sealed envelope clearly labeled with your student's name. You may also use any GLBPA trip account credits earned before April 26, 2024. Please email Mrs. Stark if you wish to apply trip account credits to Marching Band fees. Trip account credits earned during the fall 2024 concession stand season will be applied to the 2025 Marching Band fees and may not be proactively applied to 2024 fees.

Personal uniforms and apparel items are an additional cost. You may pay online via E-Funds, by check or money order written to Gull Lake Community Schools, or by the exact amount of cash in a sealed envelope clearly labeled with your student's name. Please note - GLBPA trip account credits may not be used to pay for apparel purchases.

Personal uniform orders are due by 8:00 AM, Tuesday, July 30. Please use your best judgment on the GL Bands blue performance shirt and show shirt (standard t-shirt sizing) and gray warm-up pants (elastic waist athletic pants sizing). We will order performance shirts and warm-up pants before Band Camp based on the sizes you provide. We will fit students for shoes, jackets, and Color Guard items during Pre-Camp and order those items for you. Delivery will be later in the season. We may have a small inventory of performance shirts and warm-up pants for purchase during the season, but availability of all sizes is not guaranteed.

All payments are due by 8:00 AM, Tuesday, July 30, 2024. Unless previously arranged with the Band Director and Gull Lake Community Schools, students with an outstanding balance of Marching Band fees or apparel fees after 8:00 AM, July 30, 2024, will not be allowed to participate in Band Camp or other Marching Band activities outside of school hours, including football games, competitions, or other events.

In past years, we have been able to provide confidential, need-based financial assistance to selected families. For more information about scholarships, to set up an alternate payment plan, or if you have questions regarding the Marching Band fees, please email Mrs. Peters at apeters@gulllakecs.org by April 24, 2024. To donate to the scholarship fund, you may do so online via E-Funds. We will do everything possible to help families secure financial assistance, but we cannot guarantee any awards.

Please sign, date, and return the Payment Agreement Form below with the \$150 per student non-refundable deposit no later than 2:00 PM, Friday, April 26, 2024, to confirm your student's spot in the 2024 Marching Band. We cannot guarantee that students who register late will have a place in the competitive show.

**Gull Lake High School Bands
2024 Marching Band payment agreement**

Acknowledgment and Agreement

By signing below, we acknowledge that we have read and fully understand the 2024 GLHS Marching Band Payment Agreement. We further agree to be bound to the terms of the Agreement requiring payment in full, whether paid by check, cash, or online, according to the payment schedule as stipulated.

Reminder

Payment #1: \$150 per student non-refundable deposit is due to Gull Lake Community Schools by 2:00 PM, April 26, 2024

Payment #2: \$150 per student is due to Gull Lake Community Schools by 2:00 PM, May 31, 2024.

Payment #3: \$100 per student is due to Gull Lake Community Schools by 8:00 AM, July 30, 2024.

If paying in one payment, the \$400 fee is due by 2:00 PM, April 26, 2024.

There will be no refunds of any fees after Friday, May 31, 2024.

Marching Band fees may be paid online through E-Funds, by check, cash, or GLBPA trip account credits. Personal uniform and apparel orders are separate from the \$400 Marching Band student fee and are an additional cost. Apparel orders and payments are due by July 30, 2024. Personal uniform and apparel orders may be paid online through E-Funds, by check or cash; GLBPA trip account credits may not be applied to apparel orders.

All payments are due by 8:00 AM, Tuesday, July 30, 2024.

Unless previously arranged with the Band Director and Gull Lake Community Schools, students with an outstanding balance of Marching Band fees or apparel fees after 8:00 AM, July 30, 2024, will not be allowed to participate in Band Camp or other Marching Band activities outside of school hours, including football games, competitions, parades, or other events.

Please email Mrs. Peters at apeters@gulllakecs.org regarding financial assistance or to donate to our scholarship fund. Scholarship requests must be received by April 24, 2024. We cannot guarantee that all requests for financial assistance will be filled.

Student's name (printed)

Student's signature

Parent or legal guardian's name (printed)

Parent or legal guardian's signature

Date

Gull Lake High School Bands

2024 Marching Band personal uniform costs and order forms - instrumental students

Instrumental students will be fitted for and issued a full school-owned uniform during Pre-Camp. Students are assigned a Shako (hat), hat case, uniform jacket and pants (bibbers), gauntlets, and garment bag. The following items are personal uniforms and apparel pieces purchased by each student. Most items are a one-time purchase unless lost or outgrown; we can usually supply replacement items throughout the season. We will fit students for marching shoes and band jackets during Pre-Camp. **Apparel orders and payments for apparel to Gull Lake Community Schools are due by 8:00 AM, Tuesday, July 30, 2024.**

Required personal uniform items and apparel costs are in addition to the \$400 Marching Band fee. You may apply GLBPA trip account credits to Marching Band fees but not apparel purchases.

Required personal uniform items for instrumental students (Woodwinds, Brass, and Percussion)

Marching shoes \$45 - required for all new members; returning members may order replacement shoes

Secondary uniform performance shirt \$20 - required for all new members; returning members may order a replacement shirt

Secondary uniform gray warm-up pants \$30 - required for all new members; returning members may order replacement pants

Band jacket \$100+ - required for all new members; returning members may order a replacement or re-embroider existing jacket

Gloves \$5 - new members receive their first pair free; replacements available for purchase throughout the season

Show shirt \$0 - all students will receive a show shirt as part of their Marching Band fee

Khaki shorts - purchased on your own - worn for Memorial Day and July 4th parades and as directed by Mrs. Peters

Students wear solid black crew socks (no patterns or additional colors, at least mid-calf height) for all performances. Socks may be purchased (\$4 per pair from the Uniform Team) or from a local retailer such as Meijer. Students must buy new socks (\$4) if they arrive for a performance without appropriate socks. Students must wear clean white gloves for all performances. Gloves launder well at home; hand wash in hot water and air-dry. Students must purchase new gloves (\$5) if they arrive for a performance without appropriate gloves per the discretion of Mrs. Peters.

Jackets are lightweight, warm, rain resistant, and offered in a unisex style. Each student will have their first or last name (no nicknames) and instrument embroidered on the front right, with GLHS Marching Band embroidery on the back. Jackets are available in Small, Medium, Large, and Extra-Large sizes for the \$100 base price; each additional X over XL is \$3 more. Students who change instruments or wish to wear an older sibling's jacket may choose to have their jackets re-embroidered; there is a \$15 fee for re-embroidery.

Drum Majors require white marching shoes, solid white socks, and special Drum Major gloves; costs may be slightly higher.

We will order secondary uniform performance shirts, warm-up pants, and show shirts before Camp based on the sizes you indicate on the uniform worksheet and online registration. Marching shoes and band jackets will be available for students to try on during scheduled uniform fittings during Pre-Camp. Parents are encouraged to join the Uniform Team volunteers, who manage the fittings, alterations, mending, and cleaning throughout the season. No sewing experience is required!

Students wear their performance shirts and athletic shorts under the Band uniform for every performance. The Band Director may require students to wear secondary uniforms for competition-day rehearsals or performances. Khaki shorts, purchased at the retailer of your choice, are required for specific events, including the Memorial Day and July 4th parades. When weather-appropriate, students wear their band jackets for competitions and community events. Black marching shoes and tall black crew socks are required for all performances unless specified otherwise.

The senior class and individual sections often design their own shirts. These are an optional addition to the required secondary uniform performance shirts and the supplied show shirts. The students manage ordering and payments; they are in addition to the costs listed here, and purchase is optional. Families may support the Gull Lake Marching Band with a fan shirt worn at football games and competitions; ordering information will be announced later in the summer.

We usually schedule band photos with a professional photographer in late summer. All students will be photographed individually and in their sections. The group photo includes all students; purchase is optional and will be an additional expense. Watch for more information to be posted in BAND.

2024 uniform costs worksheet and order form – Freshmen and new instrumental students

Required Marching Band fee – payable to GLCS \$400 _____

A non-refundable deposit (\$150) is due April 26, 2024

Payment #2 (\$150) is due by June 2, 2024

Payment #3 (\$100) is due by July 30, 2024

Required apparel – payable to GLCS - final orders and payment due July 30, 2024

You may apply GLBPA trip account credits to Marching Band fees but not apparel purchases.

Marching shoes - will be fitted during Pre-Camp \$45 _____

Secondary uniform blue performance shirt size _____ (unisex) \$20 _____

*performance shirt is a dry-fit athletic style t-shirt; use your student's regular t-shirt size

Secondary uniform gray warm-up pants size _____ (unisex) \$30 _____

*warm-up pants are elastic waist athletic style; use your student's regular pants or shorts size

Band jacket - will be fitted during Pre-Camp \$100* _____

*Jacket sizes S, M, L, and XL are \$100; each additional X over XL is \$3 extra

Name (first or last name) _____ instrument _____

Re-embroidery of existing jacket only \$15 _____

Name (first or last name) _____ instrument _____

White gloves new students receive the first pair free - additional gloves are \$5 _____

Show shirt size _____ (unisex) \$0 _____

*show shirt is a cotton blend t-shirt; use your student's regular t-shirt size

Apparel total (in addition to Marching Band fee) _____

2024 uniform costs worksheet and order form – returning instrumental students

Required Marching Band fee – payable to GLCS \$400 _____

A non-refundable deposit (\$150) is due April 26, 2024

Payment #2 (\$150) is due by June 2, 2024

Payment #3 (\$100) is due by July 30, 2024

Replacement apparel if needed – payable to GLCS - final orders and payment due July 30

You may apply GLBPA trip account credits to Marching Band fees but not apparel purchases.

Marching shoes size _____ men's / women's \$45 _____

Secondary uniform blue performance shirt size _____ (unisex) \$20 _____

*performance shirt is a dry-fit athletic style t-shirt; use your student's regular t-shirt size

Secondary uniform gray warm-up pants size _____ (unisex) \$30 _____

*warm-up pants are elastic waist athletic style; use your student's regular pants or shorts size

Band jacket size _____ (unisex) \$100* _____

*Jacket sizes S, M, L, and XL are \$100; each additional X over XL is \$3 extra

Name (first or last name) _____ instrument _____

Re-embroidery of existing jacket only \$15 _____

Name (first or last name) _____ instrument _____

White gloves size _____ \$5 _____

Show shirt size _____ (unisex) \$0 _____

*show shirt is a cotton blend t-shirt; use your student's regular t-shirt size

Apparel total (in addition to Marching Band fee) _____

Gull Lake High School Bands 2024 Marching Band personal uniform costs and order forms – Color Guard

Color Guard members will be fitted for and issued a full school-owned uniform, garment bag, flags, and flag bag during Pre-Camp. The following items are personal uniforms and apparel pieces purchased by each student. Most items are a one-time purchase unless lost or outgrown; we can usually order replacement items throughout the season. We will fit students for Color Guard shoes, gloves, and band jackets during Pre-Camp. **Apparel orders and payments to Gull Lake Community Schools are due by 8:00 AM, Tuesday, July 30, 2024.**

Required personal uniform items and apparel costs are in addition to the \$400 Marching Band fee. You may apply GLBPA trip account credits to Marching Band fees but not apparel purchases.

Required personal uniform items for Color Guard

Gloves \$20 - required for all new members; returning members may order replacement gloves

***Performance shoes \$45** - required for all new members; returning members may order replacement shoes

Secondary uniform performance shirt \$20 - required for all new members; returning members may order a replacement shirt

Secondary uniform warm-up pants \$30 - required for all new members; returning members may order replacement pants

Band jacket \$100+ - required for all new members; returning members may order a replacement jacket

Show shirt \$0 - all students will receive a show shirt as part of their Marching Band fee

***Khaki shorts** - purchased on your own - usually worn for Memorial Day and July 4th parades

***Solid black leggings** - purchased on your own - usually worn for Homecoming and performances when not in full uniform

***Solid black, long-sleeve Under Armor or spandex shirt** - purchased on own - worn underneath uniform when needed

*The Color Guard coach will confirm the color and style of shoes to be worn with the uniform for the 2024 season. Khaki shorts, black leggings, and black long-sleeve shirts will depend on the 2024 show uniform and will be confirmed before the start of the competitive season. Color Guard members may require additional items at an additional cost at the discretion of the Band Director or Color Guard coach, such as specific makeup, hair accessories, earrings, etc.

Jackets are lightweight, warm, rain resistant, and offered in a unisex style. Each student will have their first or last name (no nicknames) and "Color Guard" embroidered on the front right, with GLHS Marching Band embroidery on the back. Jackets are available in Small, Medium, Large, and Extra-Large sizes for the \$100 base price; each additional X over XL is \$3 more. Students who change instruments or wish to wear an older sibling's jacket may choose to have their jackets re-embroidered; there is a \$15 fee for re-embroidery.

We will order secondary uniform blue performance shirts, gray warm-up pants, and show shirts before Camp based on the sizes you indicate on the uniform worksheet and online registration form. Shoes and jackets will be available for students to try on during scheduled uniform fittings during Pre-Camp. Parents are encouraged to join the Uniform Team volunteers, who manage the fittings, alterations, mending, and cleaning throughout the season. No sewing experience is required!

The Band Director or Color Guard coach may require students to wear secondary uniforms for competition-day rehearsals or performances. Khaki shorts, solid black leggings, and a solid black long-sleeve Under Armor/spandex shirt purchased at the retailer of your choice may be required by the Band Director for specific events such as the Memorial Day or July 4th parades or Homecoming assemblies. When weather-appropriate, students wear their band jackets for competitions and community events. Color Guard shoes and gloves are required for all performances unless specified otherwise. The Color Guard coach will confirm all additional items before the start of the season.

The senior class and individual sections often design their own shirts. These are an optional addition to the required secondary uniform performance shirts and the supplied show shirts. The students manage ordering and payments; they are in addition to the costs listed here, and purchase is optional. Families may support the Gull Lake Marching Band with a fan shirt worn at football games and competitions; ordering information will be announced later in the summer.

We usually schedule band photos with a professional photographer in late summer. All students will be photographed individually and in their sections. The group photo includes all students; purchase is optional and will be an additional expense. Watch for more information to be posted in BAND.

2024 Uniform costs worksheet and order form – Freshmen and new Color Guard students

Required Marching Band fee – payable to GLCS \$400 _____

A non-refundable deposit (\$150) is due April 26, 2024

Payment #2 (\$150) is due by June 2, 2024

Payment #3 (\$100) is due by July 30, 2024

Required apparel – payable to GLCS - orders and payment due July 30

You may apply GLBPA trip account credits to Marching Band fees but not apparel purchases.

Color Guard gloves - will be fitted during Pre-Camp (unisex) \$20 _____

***Color Guard shoes - will be fitted during Pre-Camp** \$45 _____

Secondary uniform blue performance shirt size _____ (unisex) \$20 _____

*performance shirt is a dry-fit athletic style t-shirt; use your student's regular t-shirt size

Secondary uniform gray warm-up pants size _____ (unisex) \$30 _____

*warm-up pants are elastic waist athletic style; use your student's regular pants or shorts size

Band jacket - will be fitted during Pre-Camp \$100* _____

*Jacket sizes S, M, L, and XL are \$100; each additional X over XL is \$3 extra

Name (first or last name) _____ instrument _____

Re-embroidery of existing jacket only \$15 _____

Name (first or last name) _____ instrument _____

Show shirt size _____ (unisex) \$0 _____

*show shirt is a cotton blend t-shirt; use your student's regular t-shirt size

Apparel Total (in addition to Marching Band fee) _____

2024 Uniform costs worksheet and order form – returning Color Guard students

Required Marching Band fee – payable to GLCS \$400 _____

A non-refundable deposit (\$150) is due April 26, 2024

Payment #2 (\$150) is due by June 2, 2024

Payment #3 (\$100) is due by July 30, 2024

Replacement apparel if needed – payable to GLCS - orders and payment due July 30

You may apply GLBPA trip account credits to Marching Band fees but not apparel purchases.

Color Guard gloves size _____ (unisex) \$20 _____

***Color Guard shoes** size _____ men's / women's \$45 _____

Secondary uniform blue performance shirt size _____ (unisex) \$20 _____

*performance shirt is a dry-fit athletic style t-shirt; use your student's regular t-shirt size

Secondary uniform gray warm-up pants size _____ (unisex) \$30 _____

*warm-up pants are elastic waist athletic style; use your student's regular pants or shorts size

Band jacket size _____ (unisex) \$100* _____

*Jacket sizes S, M, L, and XL are \$100; each additional X over XL is \$3 extra

Name (first or last name) _____ instrument _____

Re-embroidery of existing jacket only \$15 _____

Name (first or last name) _____ instrument _____

Show shirt size _____ (unisex) \$0 _____

*show shirt is a cotton blend t-shirt; use your student's regular t-shirt size

Apparel Total (in addition to Marching Band fee) _____

Gull Lake High School Bands 2024 Marching Band scholarships and financial assistance

We are often able to provide confidential need-based assistance to selected Marching Band students in difficult financial situations. Scholarships may be available through the GLBPA and other community groups; families are encouraged to research and apply for scholarships from organizations of their choosing. We will do our best to help you secure financial aid, but we cannot guarantee that all will receive the full assistance they have requested.

Families who wish to donate to the scholarship fund should email Mrs. Peters. You may also donate online via [E~Funds](#).

Requesting financial assistance does not guarantee a partial or full scholarship award.

Mrs. Peters will notify families of any scholarship award amount before the start of Band Camp. Unless arranged with the Band Director and Gull Lake Community Schools in advance, all Marching Band fees and personal uniform and apparel fees are due in full by 8:00 AM, Tuesday, July 30, 2024. Students with an outstanding balance will be allowed to participate in Band Camp or other Band activities outside of school hours only if other arrangements have been made in advance.

If requesting financial assistance, please email the following information to Mrs. Peters by April 24, 2024:

- Student's full name
- Parent's or legal guardian's name(s)
- Home address
- Parent's or legal guardian's phone number(s) and email address(es)
- Are there any family circumstances that have resulted in your need for financial assistance? (loss of job, illness, etc.)
- How much will you be able to pay? The 2024 Gull Lake High School Marching Band fee is \$400 per student, plus additional personal uniform requirements not included in the \$400 fee.
- Are you willing to make monthly payments after Band Camp? How much could you pay monthly?

Please note – only families requesting assistance before April 24, 2024, will be considered for a scholarship. The amount awarded per student will depend upon the number of families requesting assistance and the available funds. Please email Mrs. Peters by April 24, 2024, if you require alternate payment arrangements.

Families may earn credits for their students' GLBPA trip account by volunteering in the fall concession stand. The GLBPA distributes credits at the end of the fall sports season; the amount earned per hour is based on the total profit and the number of volunteer hours served and will not exceed \$5 per hour. Please watch for the new SignUpGenius to volunteer for shifts; students at least 15 years old may also volunteer. Credits earned before April 24, 2024, may be applied to the 2024 fees. Credits earned during the 2024 fall sports season will be applied to the 2025 Marching Band fees; credits earned in the fall may not be applied proactively to the 2024 fees.

GLBPA trip account credits may be used to offset the Marching Band fee, but may not be applied toward the cost of required apparel. If a student graduates with unused credits, they are transferred to the next younger sibling in the GLCS Band program. Credits revert to the GLBPA if no younger sibling is in the program. GLBPA trip account credits are not paid out in cash.

Gull Lake High School Bands Repairs and replacement items // Transportation

Students who willfully damage, destroy, or lose a school-issued uniform item will be required to purchase or pay for a replacement.

Instrumental uniform replacement costs:

Shako (hat)	\$50
Hatbox	\$20
Jacket	\$180
Pants (bibbers)	\$100
Gauntlets	\$35
Plume	\$25
Garment Bag	\$10

Color Guard uniform replacement costs:

Uniform	\$150
Garment Bag	\$10
Flag	\$75
Rifle	\$65
Flag Bag	\$30

Students may purchase reeds, valve oil, cork grease, and other small instrument maintenance items throughout the season. Please see Mrs. Stark in the Band office.

Replacement white gloves are \$5 per pair and black socks are \$4 per pair. White gloves and black socks are available for purchase before rehearsals and performances. Students who arrive for performances without proper gloves or socks must purchase a replacement pair.

Students who own their instruments are responsible for maintenance and repair costs. We can arrange repairs through Meyer Music if desired; any charges are the student's responsibility. Families may also send an instrument their family owns for repair elsewhere; any charges are the student's responsibility. A loaner instrument *may* be available while a student's instrument is in for repair; please see Mrs. Peters or Mrs. Stark. Students who willfully damage, destroy, or lose a school-issued instrument will be required to pay for the repair or purchase a replacement at the current replacement cost. We manage the repairs for school-owned instruments through Meyer Music. Families may not send school-owned instruments in for repair without prior approval from Mrs. Peters.

We will provide each student with a digital copy of music and drill before Pre-Camp. Students should print their music and drill as needed for each rehearsal; please email Mrs. Stark before Pre-Camp if you cannot print your music and drill at home. The Band Room printer is not available for students to make copies. New instrumental students will receive a lyre and flip folder before Pre-Camp; students may order a replacement through the Band office for \$10. We do not have extra inventory to loan out lyres or flip folders.

Students should bring their instruments to all rehearsals and performances. We do not stock loaner instruments for students who forget theirs at home.

Transportation

The Marching Band travels as a group to events on GLCS school buses; students may drive themselves or travel with their parents **only** with prior permission from Mrs. Peters. Students may ride the bus back to GLHS after the event or sign out to ride home with their parents; parents and students must be together when signing out. Occasionally, a student will ride home from an event with an adult family member other than their parent. In that case, the student's parents must email Mrs. Peters their permission by the designated date. Students may not ride with anyone other than their parents or pre-approved designated adults; Mrs. Peters reserves the right to deny alternate transportation requests. Once we are back at GLHS following the event, students do not have to be signed out by their parents.

Bus transportation is a privilege; students must follow all GLCS Transportation Department rules. Failure to do so will result in the loss of transportation privileges. Students will walk as a group to and from GLHS to the GLCS Stadium for football games; they are not allowed to drive their cars to the Stadium or ride with anyone.

Gull Lake High School Bands Feed the Band, food allergies

Selected meals are provided during Band Camp and on designated competition days by our parent volunteers. We are grateful for the donations that keep our students well-hydrated and well-fueled all season long!

The GLBPA arranges for parent volunteers to prepare and serve dinners each day of Band Camp. Parents should watch for the SignUpGenius link to volunteer for shifts or sign up for donations. We provide a varied menu with vegetarian and gluten-free options as needed and avoid all peanut and tree-nut products. We also need individually packaged salty snacks (pretzels or goldfish crackers), bottled water, canisters of powdered Gatorade, frozen popsicles, paper goods (plates, napkins, tableware), water balloons, and coin wrappers.

Students must remain on the school campus for meals. During Pre-Camp and Band Camp, students should eat a good breakfast at home before arriving each day. They should bring a packed lunch to eat at school on any full day of Pre-Camp and each day of Band Camp. Students are welcome to bring dinner from home if they prefer that to the meal provided. Students should store lunches and dinners in a personal cooler. The cafeteria microwaves will be available, but we will not have access to the cafeteria and kitchen facilities other than the microwaves to reheat meals.

Please fill out the form below if your student has any food allergies or preferences, such as lactose-free, gluten-free, or vegetarian. We will make every effort to accommodate meal preferences. We cannot guarantee that food cooked in home kitchens will not have cross-contamination with lactose, gluten, or allergens. Please email Mrs. Stark if you have concerns about food allergies. We will provide salty snacks and popsicles each day of Band Camp; students who require additional snacks throughout the day are welcome to bring their own to eat at appropriate times.

Parent volunteers may provide meals on designated competition days. We provide a varied menu with vegetarian and gluten-free options as needed and avoid all peanut and tree-nut products. Parent volunteers prepare and serve the meals; depending on the schedule, we may eat at GLHS before departing for the competition or on-site following the performance. Students are welcome to provide their own meals if desired. Microwaves are available at GLHS, but refrigeration is not. No refrigeration or cooking facilities are available if we eat on-site at a competition. We love our parent volunteers - please let us know how you can help! Parents should watch for the SignUpGenius link to volunteer for shifts or sign up for donations. We also need individually packaged salty snacks (pretzels or goldfish crackers) and bottled water for football games and competitions.

Students should bring a large, labeled water jug to each rehearsal, Pre-Camp days, and Band Camp days. Water will be available to refill personal water jugs as needed. Students may bring their own water bottles to competitions if they need more water than we provide. Please – no pop, dairy, or energy drinks.

Food and drinks are restricted while students are wearing uniforms. We provide water and a snack during football games and after competitions. Students may not visit the concession stand during the game or while in uniform at a competition; please do not send additional snacks with your student. We hope to serve a light meal between the Homecoming parade and the football game; we will announce more details closer to Homecoming.

Please indicate if your student has any dietary restrictions or preferences that would affect the meals planned this year. If necessary, please email Mrs. Peters at apeters@gulllakecs.org to discuss your child's dietary needs.

Student's name _____

Dietary restrictions (please specify) _____

OR

My student has no dietary restrictions _____

Parent or legal guardian's signature

Date

Gull Lake High School Bands

Gull Lake Bands Achievement Awards

Earning JV numbers, Varsity letters, and honors graduation cords

All eligible students must remain in the highest standing with the Gull Lake Band Program and Gull Lake High School. Band achievement awards are earned and are never a right.

Students may earn only one award per academic year. Students must enroll in and complete at least one trimester of Band in an academic year to be eligible for an award at the end of that academic year.

All awards and honors are presented at the High School Spring Band Concert. Students not enrolled in the third trimester of band class are still welcome to attend the concert and be recognized for their achievements.

Please email Mrs. Peters if you have any questions about achievement awards.

Color Guard letter

- Must be at least a Sophomore
- Must have participated in two consecutive marching seasons as a member of the Color Guard section

JV Band numbers

- Must be at least a Sophomore
- Earned 4 points
- Must be enrolled in at least one trimester of Concert or Symphonic Band during the academic year

Varsity Band letter

- Must be at least a Junior
- Must have earned their JV Band numbers the previous academic year
- Earned 8 points
- Must be enrolled in at least one trimester of Concert Band or Symphonic Band during the academic year

Honors graduation cords

- Must be a Senior
- Must have earned their Varsity Band letter the previous academic year
- Earned 12 points
- Must be enrolled in at least one trimester of Concert Band or Symphonic Band during the academic year

How to earn points*

- Enrolled in one trimester of band class (Marching Band, Concert Band, Symphonic Band) = 1 point
- Member of All-State Band or Orchestra = 1 point
- Participate in District Solo and Ensemble = 1 point
- Participate in MSBOA Spring Honors Band = 1 point

*Points are cumulative from one academic year to the next

Gull Lake High School Bands 2024 Marching Band communications and BAND app

The Gull Lake High School Marching Band program provides information to our families in several ways. We often email about upcoming events, GLBPA meetings, fundraisers, and schedule changes; we will email the student's Gull Lake Community Schools address and the parent address(es) you provide on the online registration form. We also extensively use a phone app, aptly named BAND.

Please download the free app and enter this invite code for the BAND parent group:

<https://band.us/n/a0ab0c602831J> or use the QR code on the last page of the packet.

Please download the free app and enter this invite code for the BAND student group:

<https://band.us/n/aea109622d39h> or use the QR code on the last page of the packet.

Percussion, Color Guard, and Student Leaders – we will invite you to specific BAND groups later. You should be enrolled in the main student group AND your specific BAND group.

BAND is a free service that allows messaging between Mrs. Peters, students, staff, and parents. The student group is separate from the parent group, although the same messages are often posted in both groups. Parents and students may use BAND to ask and answer questions of Mrs. Peters or between themselves. We also maintain our calendar on BAND and post links to paperwork.

We use BAND extensively throughout the school year to relay important information and schedules. BAND is where we post instant updates, as we often have no access to email during rehearsals and performances or while traveling. We strongly recommend that all students and parents join their specific BAND group. You may change your notification settings and unsubscribe to suit your preferences.

Students – please join the STUDENT group with your full name (not a nickname! Your request will be denied if you do not provide your real name!) Please do not ask to join the parent group.

Parents – please join the PARENT group even if your student has already signed up for the student group. Please do not ask to join the student group.

The High School Band website is updated regularly: <http://glhsmusic.weebly.com>

Our Facebook page is updated regularly: <https://www.facebook.com/GullLakeBand>

The GLBPA website may be found at <https://sites.google.com/gulllakeband.com/qlbpa/home>

Students should regularly check Google Classroom for music, drill, and assignments once the school year begins. Students will be given the new Google Classroom codes at the start of the 2024 school year.

If you have any questions or need to update your email information, please email Mrs. Stark at the High School Band office at cstark@gulllakecs.org.

Gull Lake High School Bands
2024 Marching Band photo/media release

We love it when parent volunteers photograph our hard-working Marching Band students! Our official Band photographer(s) take photos and videos of rehearsals and performances. We may share photos and videos on the GLHS Band website, the BAND app, the Facebook page, other social media, and through email.

I, _____, the parent or legal guardian of _____ (student's name), grant the Gull Lake High School Music Department my permission to use the photographs and videos taken of my child during the 2024-2025 school year for any appropriate legal use, including but not limited to publicity, copyright purposes, illustration, advertising, and web content.

I understand that no royalty, fee, or other compensation shall become payable to me because of such use.

Student's name (printed)

Parent or legal guardian's name (printed)

Parent or legal guardian's signature

Date

If you would like to volunteer for our 2024-2025 photography team, please complete the GLCS Authorization to Volunteer form in this packet. We would love to have you help document our season and share the achievements of our student musicians!

Gull Lake High School Bands 2024 GLCS Request for Authorization to Volunteer

Want to volunteer throughout the Marching Band season? Welcome! Most positions do not require special skills or training - if you want to help, we will help you find the perfect job! All adult volunteers must complete a GLCS Request for Authorization to Volunteer. This form allows adults to help across the GLCS District for the next school year.

The GLCS volunteer form is in addition to the MCBA Ford Field release form.

The **Prop Team** helps design, build, and repair the props necessary for the competitive show. Experience with hot glue guns, paint brushes, and power tools is helpful but not required! Much of the work occurs during the summer rehearsals and Band Camp; the Prop Team continues to add finishing touches, enhancements, and repairs throughout the season.

Our **Trailer Drivers** use their vehicles to pull the band trailers; drivers need a heavy-duty vehicle with a tow hitch. They transport the trailers to and from performances, including football games, competitions, parades, and Ford Field, and may help the students load and unload props and equipment.

Our **Field Crew** helps the students move props, sound equipment, and front ensemble percussion pieces on and off the performance field. Have you ever wondered what Ford Field looks like from the vantage point of the Detroit Lions? Here's your chance to find out!

The **Uniform Team** ensures that every student looks their best on the field. The Uniform Team fits students during Pre-Camp. While alterations are a big part of the process, no sewing experience is necessary! The Uniform Team helps students with hair, gloves, and shoes; uniform malfunctions; mending; and spot cleaning -- in short, everything they need to take the field for a performance. Team members take turns helping for each performance, including before and following each football game, parade, and competition.

Feed the Band volunteers ensure that each student is hydrated and well-fed during Band Camp and on competition days so that they perform safely and to the best of their abilities. Not a confident cook? Not a problem! "Feed the Band" parents donate supplies (such as paper goods, bottled water, and non-perishables); prepare meals; and serve and clean up on competition days at GLHS or on-site. (Ask a veteran parent about our annual Breakfast Burrito Parties!) Watch for the GLBPA SignUpGenius to volunteer for slots during Band Camp and competitions.

Our **Chaperones** help out during Band Camp, competition days, and when we march in parades. While we would love to have you all day, every day during Camp, we will not require you to give up an entire week of your summer. We divide the day into shifts and will have a SignUpGenius available to choose the times that fit your schedule. Camp chaperones may help move props or equipment; make copies or take photos; fill (and refill) water and Gatorade coolers; assist the Camp staff when necessary; and provide an extra set of eyes and ears. We may need bus chaperones on competition days, and adults to drive their vehicle(s) behind the band for parades.

Are you a Registered Nurse? EMT? Healthcare professional? Let's talk! A trained medical professional on-site during Band Camp and competition days is essential. Most marching injuries are minor (twisted ankles, sunburns, and bee stings are common), but there may be times when a situation is beyond our staff's basic first aid skills. Our **medical professional** will travel and stay with the band during Camp and on competition days, especially at Ford Field, and manage our medical files and supplies while traveling.

Our **photographers** record the hard work and successes of our season. We welcome your paparazzi skills!

Concession stand volunteers staff the stand during the fall sports season. Families may earn credits for their students' GLBPA trip accounts. Credits may be used to offset the Marching Band fee, but may not be applied toward apparel purchases. Unused credits are transferred to the next younger sibling in the GLCS Band program or returned to the GLBPA if there is no younger sibling. Students who are at least 15 years old may also volunteer.

Did we miss a job? Let us know! We are happy to put you to work in any way that makes our Gull Lake Marching Band program more educational, enjoyable, and successful for our students. Our program depends upon the generosity of our adult volunteers -- thank you in advance for your help!

REQUEST FOR AUTHORIZATION TO VOLUNTEER



Community Schools

- BACKGROUND CHECK CONSENT
- AGREEMENT

ONLY 1 FORM NEEDED EACH YEAR

BACKGROUND CHECK CONSENT FOR VOLUNTEERS. As a prospective volunteer of Gull Lake Community Schools, I understand that it is the school district procedure to secure conviction criminal history information from the Michigan State Police as part of its screening process for volunteers using the information provided below.

NAME (PLEASE PRINT)			
MAIDEN NAME OR NAMES PREVIOUSLY USED			
STUDENT NAME(S) AND SCHOOL BUILDING			
DRIVERS LICENSE NUMBER		PHONE NUMBER:	
VOLUNTEER'S DATE OF BIRTH MONTH DATE YEAR	SEX (check one) <input type="checkbox"/> Male <input type="checkbox"/> Female	RACE (check one) <input type="checkbox"/> White <input type="checkbox"/> Asian or Pacific Islander <input type="checkbox"/> Black <input type="checkbox"/> American Indian or Alaska Native	

I understand that the above information is required by the Central Records Division of the Michigan State Police in Lansing, Michigan to do such a search. I authorize Gull Lake Community Schools to utilize the above information for the sole purpose of obtaining a **conviction only criminal history file search** from the Michigan State Police.

AGREEMENT WITH VOLUNTEERS. I have offered my services as a volunteer to help Gull Lake Community Schools in the **following sport and/or activity:**

I agree to abide by relevant board policies and implementing procedures while on duty for the District. I understand that, although I am covered under the District's liability insurance policy while acting on behalf of the school District in a reasonable and prudent manner demonstrating reasonable forethought. I am not covered by its health insurance policy nor am I eligible for worker's compensation. Should I become ill or suffer an accident while doing volunteer work for the District. I agree that I shall be responsible for any and all hospital and medical charges that may accrue.

I understand further that, as a volunteer, I am not in any manner considered an employee of the District or entitled to any benefits or compensation provided to employees. I further release the Gull Lake Board of Education from any and all liability for any damages, whatever their nature, which may result as a consequence of my volunteer services.

For the protection of the children in the school, Gull Lake Community Schools is required by law to inquire whether prospective employees have been convicted of a crime related to children. This procedure calls for a comprehensive background check with the Central Records Division of the Michigan State Police. Volunteers are also required to agree to a background check for the sole purpose of obtaining a conviction only criminal history, by the school district, using the school district background check consent form. The school district appreciates the work of each volunteer for the time and efforts provided in the assisting in the operation of the schools. The signature of the volunteer below represents understanding of and agreement to the conditions listed above.

VOLUNTEER SIGNATURE		Date
Authorized by:		Date

Gull Lake Community Schools Administration Office
 10100 East D Avenue • Richland, Michigan 49083
 Voice: 269.548.3400 • Fax: 269.548.3401
www.gulllakecs.org

Gull Lake High School Bands 2024 Ford Field Agreement and Release of All Claims

If the GLHS Marching Band qualifies for the MCBA State Championships, Ford Field requires student participants and adult volunteers to submit an "Agreement and Release of All Claims" form. **The 2024 MCBA Ford Field form is due with the completed packet on April 26, 2024.**

The MCBA paperwork is in addition to the "GLCS Request for Authorization to Volunteer" form required for adult volunteers within the GLCS district. Any adult who wishes to volunteer as a trailer driver, field crew, uniform helper, chaperone, or healthcare professional onsite at Ford Field must also complete the MCBA release form. We must submit our Ford Field roster several weeks before the State Championships; any volunteer without a Ford Field release form on file will not be allowed to step foot onto the turf.

MCBA limits the number of adult volunteers allowed on the field. Should we receive more requests than the limited number of spots that Ford Field and MCBA make available, the Band Director will select a crew of volunteers. Our Ford Field roster is limited to those adults who have volunteered previously during the season.

Please note – the 2024 student and adult forms are the same.

Each parent or legal guardian who plans to volunteer at Ford Field must complete their own form AND their student's form.

If not turned in with the completed packet, late MCBA Ford Field release forms must be submitted by 2:00 PM, Friday, September 13, 2024.

No student Marching Band member or adult volunteer will be allowed to participate at Ford Field without a release form on file.

This year, the State Championships at Ford Field are on Saturday, November 2, 2024.

The detailed itinerary for the State Championships will be announced at a later date.

MCBA will assign flights in late spring based on the student enrollment of the competing schools. GLHS competed in Flight IV in 2023 – flights are subject to change in 2024! Flights are determined by the size of the participating schools and are not a reflection of the size or quality of the band.

MCBA usually offers group pre-sale tickets for Ford Field at a reduced rate. Please watch for ordering information in late September.

Please submit your MCBA Ford Field release forms with the completed Marching Band packet. Late forms must be received in the Band Office by 2:00 PM, Friday, September 13, 2024. We cannot accept any forms after September 13. Please remember – each parent or legal guardian who plans to volunteer at Ford Field must complete their own form in addition to their student's form.

Students without a completed form on file by September 13 will not compete at Ford Field.

AGREEMENT AND RELEASE OF ALL CLAIMS – ADULT & MINOR PARTICIPANT

In consideration of the granting of permission to participate in activities being conducted in or adjacent to the premises known as Ford Field for the purpose of the:

MICHIGAN COMPETING BAND COMPETITION on November 2, 2024 (the "Activities")

The undersigned ("You"), being of lawful age, on behalf of You and Your heirs, personal representatives, assigns and anyone claiming through You/him/her, **releases and forever discharges** all participating groups and other persons, including Ford Field Management, LLC, Ford Field Condominium Association, DLI Properties, LLC, DLI Properties, Inc., DLI Parking, LLC, DLI Office Realty, LLC, DLI Entertainment, LLC, DLI Parking Realty, LLC, The Detroit Lions, Inc., Detroit Lions Charities, Detroit Lions Properties, , S.A.F.E. Management, LLC, the City of Detroit and its Downtown Detroit Development Authority, the Detroit/Wayne County Stadium Authority, Wayne County and their respective officers, directors, board members, employees, councilpersons, contractors, and agents (all of the foregoing being collectively referred to as the "Released Parties"), from any and all claims, damages and costs ("Claims") related in any way to the Activities and/or the Released Parties' negligence, including, without limitation, any bodily and personal injuries and/or property damage, however caused, to the fullest extent of the law.

You **expressly release and forever discharge** the Released Parties from all Claims arising from or in any way related to Your, or such Minor's, participation in the Activities. To the extent such waiver and release is unenforceable, You **agree to indemnify and hold the Released Parties harmless** from and against any Claim (including reasonable costs and attorney fees) against the Released Parties for all liability with respect to such Claims. You further warrant that You are the parent or legal guardian of the Minor and have full power and authority to execute this Agreement on his or her behalf.

You **agree not to sue** any of the Released Parties for any matter released under this Agreement and Release of All Claims ("Agreement") as set forth above and to pay the Released Parties' attorneys' fees and costs resulting from a breach of this Agreement by You. You agree that if (i) anyone else sues any of the Released Parties related to your actions while You are on the premises at Ford Field, or (ii) You or any other party brings an action on behalf of a minor child or person accompanying You at the Activities, You will defend, indemnify and hold harmless the Released Parties against all damages, costs and their attorneys' fees.

You acknowledge that (a) no promise, inducement or agreement not herein expressed has been made to You; (b) this Agreement contains the entire agreement between the parties hereto; (c) this Agreement may not be modified, except in a written instrument signed by an authorized representative of the Released Parties; and (d) if any portion of this Agreement is held invalid, the balance shall continue in full force and effect.

READ THIS AGREEMENT AND RELEASE OF ALL CLAIMS BEFORE SIGNING.

Printed Names of Minors:

Adult – Signature

Adult – Print Name

Date

Gull Lake High School Bands
2024 Gull Lake Community Schools Trip Medical form
2024 Gull Lake High School Medication Prescriber/Parent Authorization form for
Self-Administration/Self-Possession

The **GLCS Trip Medical form** is required yearly for all students. This two-page form contains emergency contact information, the student's medical history, and insurance information should a medical situation occur. Paperwork is kept on file for the 2024-2025 school year and shredded at the end of the school year. Please let Mrs. Stark know if there are any changes to your family's information throughout the year.

Students prescribed medication by a physician must complete a new **GLHS Medication Prescriber/Parent Authorization Form for Self-Administration/Self-Possession** each school year. It must be signed and dated by the student's physician and their parent or a legal guardian (1st page) and signed and dated by the student (2nd page). If there are no prescription medications, the parent or a legal guardian should sign and date the first page of the form and mark N/A. Medication prescribed after submitting the initial paperwork packet requires a new physician form. A student may carry or self-administer prescription medication during Marching Band rehearsals, performances, or activities only if this signed form is on file.

We stock a medical bag with basic over-the-counter supplies. Please see the following page for a list of items we usually have available for minor ailments. We are NOT permitted to dispense OTC medications during the school day. Our medical bag is strictly for summer rehearsals, after-school rehearsals, football games, competitions, and performances. Students who require medical attention during the school day will be sent to the Main Office.

Please email Mrs. Peters at apeters@gulllakecs.org if you would like to discuss your student's medical needs further.

Concussion/injury/illness protocol

Students who miss rehearsals or performances due to injury or illness must email Mrs. Peters per the attendance policy in this packet. We follow GLCS illness protocols, including no fever, vomiting, or diarrhea for 24 hours, to be allowed to resume school activities. If a student is injured (concussions, muscle strains or sprains, broken bones, etc.) and requires professional medical attention, they must have a physician's clearance to restart participation.

Students who sit out during rehearsals for longer than 20 minutes may be sent home at the discretion of Mrs. Peters.

Gull Lake Community Schools Trip Medical Form

Name _____
Last
First
Middle

Birth Date _____ Sex _____ Age _____

Parent/Guardian _____

Home Address _____
Street Address

_____ City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Phone () _____ () _____ () _____
Home
Cell Mom
Cell Dad

If we are not available in an emergency, please notify:

1. _____ Phone () _____
(Relationship)

2. _____ Phone () _____
(Relationship)

HEALTH HISTORY (check all that apply):

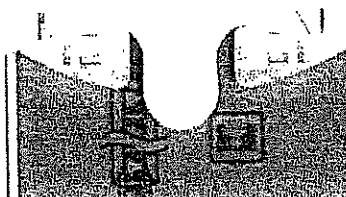
Asthma _____	Inhaler Yes_ No_	Allergies:	
Ear Infections _____		Stings _____	Epi Pen Yes_ No_
Migraines _____		Hay Fever _____	
Seizures _____		Food _____	(Please specify)
Diabetes _____		Penicillin _____	
Heart Murmur _____		Other Drugs _____	
Behavior Disorder _____		Other: _____	

Operations or other serious injuries (list conditions and dates):

Chronic/Recurring Illnesses, or Serious Illness in the past 6 mos. (list conditions/date):

Medications student is currently taking (please be specific):

1. _____ 2. _____
 3. _____ 4. _____



IMPORTANT: Please notify the teacher if this student is exposed to any communicable disease, or if the student sustains an injury in the three weeks prior to this trip.

All immunizations must be up to date according to the Michigan Care Improvement Registry (MCIR) and will be checked in advance.

PARENT/GUARDIAN AUTHORIZATION

The health history is correct, so far as I know, and the person herein described has permission to engage in all prescribed activities.

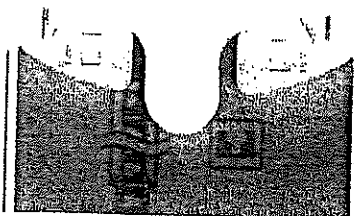
In the event I cannot be reached in an emergency, I hereby give permission to the selected school employee to hospitalize, secure proper treatment for, and to order injection, anesthesia or surgery for my child as named above.

Directions for emergency care relative to your child's health history:

Signature _____ Date _____

Health Insurance Company _____

Policy Number _____



Medication Prescriber/Parent Authorization Form for Self-Administration/Self-Possession

Self-administration means that the student can administer the medication in a manner directed by the physician without additional direction or supervision by school staff. Self-possession means that under the direction of the physician, the student may carry medication on his/her person to allow for immediate and self-determined administration. For medication other than inhalers, only that day's supply of medication is to be carried. The school district recommends that spare medication, properly labeled in its original container, be kept in the clinic/office in case the student runs out/forgets the medication. The building administrator may discontinue the student's self-administration privilege upon advanced notice to the parent/guardian. The student must carry a copy of this form at school.

Student Name: _____ Birthdate: _____ School Year: _____ Start date: _____ Stop date: _____

To be completed by physician/licensed prescriber:

Medication Name	Dose	Time to be given	Form/Route*	Side Effects	Adverse Reactions
1					
2					

*Routes ~ oral (pill/capsule/chewable, liquid) ~ inhaled (inhaler, nebulizer) ~ topical skin application ~ topical (eye drop, ointment) ~ topical ear drop ~ injection ~ other (list)

List minimal frequency between doses (especially if p.r.n.): _____

If p.r.n., list symptoms/conditions under which medication is to be given: _____

The student is capable of self-administering self-possessing the above medication(s)

Physician's signature _____ Date _____ Physician's Printed name _____
 Physician's Phone #: _____ Fax #: _____ Address: _____

To be completed by parent/guardian:

I request and give permission for my child (named above) to: self-administer self-possess the above medication(s) according to school district policy and for the physician(s)/staff and school district staff to share information regarding my child's medication needs.

Parent/guardian signature _____ Date _____

(OVER)

Student Name: _____

To be completed by student:

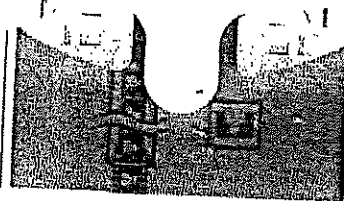
I agree to:

1. Never share my medication with another person
2. Carry the medication in its original properly labeled prescriptive/over-the-counter container
3. Take medication only at the prescribed time/frequency and dose
4. Carry a copy of this form with me and present it to school staff if asked

I am knowledgeable regarding the dose, desired effects, side effects, administration, etc. of the medication(s). I understand if I do not comply with this agreement that the medication will be confiscated and returned to my parents/guardian, and the privilege(s) of self-administration/self-possession denied.

Signature

Date



Gull Lake High School Bands
2024-2024 Over-the-Counter medications permission form

I, _____ (parent or legal guardian's name)
permit the Gull Lake Band Director, Band Camp nurse, or designated representative to dispense the over-the-counter (OTC) medications as indicated below to my student,

_____ (student's name)
per dosage directions on the package. The Band Director, Band Camp nurse, or designated representative will contact me if my student requires additional treatment beyond these OTC medications. I acknowledge that all prescription medications require a GLHS Medication Prescriber/Parent Authorization Form for Self-Administration/Self-Possession signed by a physician. Only students with this physician-signed form on file may carry or self-administer prescription medication during Marching Band rehearsals, performances, or activities.

Students may NOT carry or self-administer any OTC or prescription medications without written permission from their parent or legal guardian. Students who self-administer medication without written authorization will be subject to disciplinary action. Please do not send OTC medications with your student to rehearsals or performances.

We are NOT permitted to dispense OTC medications during the school day. Our medical bag is strictly for summer rehearsals, after-school rehearsals, football games, competitions, and performances. Students who require medical attention during the school day will be sent to the Main Office.

Please initial next to each OTC medication or equivalent that you approve the Band Director, Band Camp nurse, or designated representative to dispense as needed during Marching Band rehearsals, performances, or activities outside of the school day throughout the 2024-2025 school year. Our first aid bag typically contains bandages, instant ice packs, feminine hygiene products, and the following items. We do not stock personal items such as wrist or ankle braces, shoe inserts, contact lens solutions, or extra clothing.

Please note: we cannot provide or administer any over-the-counter medications and treatments unless initialed below, except for bandages, instant ice packs, and feminine hygiene products.

- _____ Acetaminophen (Tylenol or equivalent)
- _____ Ibuprofen (Motrin, Advil or equivalent)
- _____ menstrual relief (Midol or equivalent)
- _____ sinus headache relief (Sudafed or equivalent)
- _____ allergy relief tablets, cream, or ointment (Benadryl, hydrocortisone, or equivalent)
- _____ upset stomach relief (Pepto Bismol, Roloids, Mylanta, or equivalent)
- _____ motion sickness relief (Dramamine or equivalent)
- _____ anti-diarrheal (Imodium or equivalent)
- _____ Sore throat spray or lozenges
- _____ cough lozenges (Halls or equivalent)
- _____ nasal spray
- _____ eye drops (Visine or equivalent)
- _____ antibiotic cream or ointment
- _____ Gold Bond medicated powder or spray
- _____ insect bite relief (After Bite or equivalent)
- _____ pain relieving cream (Icy Hot or equivalent)
- _____ Hydrogen peroxide 3% topical cleansing solution
- _____ aloe vera gel, sunscreen spray, or lotion (various brands)

Parent or legal guardian's signature

Date

Gull Lake High School Bands 2024 Marching Band Tentative Rehearsal and Performance Schedule

All rehearsals and performances are required, except for the July 4th rehearsal and parade, as noted below. Mrs. Peters will confirm call times before each performance. Weather and field availability will determine the rehearsal location. The Band Director, section staff, or student leaders may add evening and weekend rehearsals. Note that rehearsals and performances will take place in all weather conditions. Students should be prepared with proper clothing and shoes to rehearse in Michigan's heat, humidity, rain, or snow, as our season starts in July and ends in November. Rehearsals will be held outdoors during the school day and after school hours unless the weather turns severe.

This calendar assumes that all rehearsals and performances will be in-person without restrictions.

"Full Band" = all students, including all wind instruments (woodwinds and brass), percussion, and Color Guard

"Winds" = all wind instruments (woodwinds and brass), excluding percussion and Color Guard

"Percussion" = all percussion students, including front ensemble and drum line

"Color Guard" = all Color Guard students

Spring Color Guard workshops are required for all new and returning students who wish to participate in the 2024 fall season. Workshops are held in place of auditions. Once the team is selected, all Guard members are required to attend rehearsals.

Spring percussion auditions and rehearsals are required for all new and returning percussion students (drum line and front ensemble) who wish to participate in the 2024 fall season.

April 15	Color Guard workshop - all returning members and potential new members	6:00 PM – 9:00 PM
April 17	Color Guard workshop - all returning members and potential new members	6:00 PM – 9:00 PM
April 22	Color Guard workshop - all returning members and potential new members	6:00 PM – 9:00 PM
April 24	Color Guard workshop - all returning members and potential new members	6:00 PM – 9:00 PM
April 26	Paperwork packet, online registration, and non-refundable deposit (\$150) due by 2:00 PM including the Ford Field Release Form for all adult volunteers	
April 29	Color Guard rehearsal - all members	6:00 PM – 9:00 PM
April 29	Percussion auditions - all returning members and potential new members	6:00 PM – 9:00 PM
May 1	Color Guard rehearsal - all members	6:00 PM – 9:00 PM
May 1	Percussion auditions - all returning members and potential new members	6:00 PM – 9:00 PM
May 6	Color Guard rehearsal - all members	6:00 PM – 9:00 PM
May 6	Percussion auditions - all returning members and potential new members	6:00 PM – 9:00 PM
May 8	Color Guard rehearsal - all members	6:00 PM – 9:00 PM
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May 13	Color Guard rehearsal - all members	6:00 PM – 9:00 PM
May 13	Percussion rehearsal - all members	6:00 PM – 9:00 PM
May 15	Color Guard rehearsal - all members	6:00 PM – 9:00 PM
May 15	Percussion rehearsal - all members	6:00 PM – 9:00 PM
May 20	Color Guard rehearsal - all members	6:00 PM – 9:00 PM
May 20	Percussion rehearsal - all members	6:00 PM – 9:00 PM
May 22	Color Guard rehearsal - all members	6:00 PM – 9:00 PM
May 29	Color Guard rehearsal - all members	6:00 PM – 9:00 PM
May 31	Installment payment #2 (\$150) due by 2:00 PM	
June 3	Color Guard rehearsal - all members	6:00 PM – 9:00 PM
June 3	Percussion rehearsal - all members	6:00 PM – 9:00 PM
June 5	Color Guard rehearsal - all members	6:00 PM – 9:00 PM

July 3	Parade rehearsal	10:00 AM - Noon*
July 4	Richland July 4th parade	call time TBA*
	*Required if marching in the parade; 2024 Sophomores, Juniors, and Seniors only, no incoming Freshmen	
	*Optional, but must attend rehearsal; 2024 Sophomores, Juniors, and Seniors only, no incoming Freshmen	
July 29	Pre-Camp – Full Band	8:00 AM – Noon
	Seniors - uniform fittings	Noon – finished
	Pre Camp – Percussion	1:00 PM – 4:00 PM
	Pre-Camp – Color Guard	1:00 PM – 4:00 PM
July 30	Installment payment #3 (\$100) and apparel payments are due by 8:00 AM	
	Pre-Camp – Full Band	8:00 AM – Noon
	Juniors - uniform fittings	Noon – finished
	Pre-Camp – Percussion, Leadership	1:00 PM – 4:00 PM
	Pre-Camp – Color Guard	1:00 PM – 4:00 PM
July 31	Pre Camp – Full Band	8:00 AM – Noon
	Sophomores - uniform fittings	Noon – finished
	Pre-Camp – Percussion	1:00 PM – 4:00 PM
	Pre-Camp – Color Guard	1:00 PM – 4:00 PM
August 1	Pre Camp – Full Band	8:00 AM – Noon
	Freshmen - uniform fittings	Noon – finished
	Pre-Camp – Percussion, Leadership	1:00 PM – 4:00 PM
	Pre-Camp – Color Guard	1:00 PM – 4:00 PM
August 5	Band Camp – Full Band	8:00 AM – 8:00 PM
August 6	Band Camp – Full Band	8:00 AM – 8:00 PM
August 7	Band Camp – Full Band	8:00 AM – 8:00 PM
August 8	Band Camp – Full Band	8:00 AM – 8:00 PM
August 9	Band Camp – Full Band	8:00 AM – 4:00 PM
August 9	Friends and Family Show Performance - High School practice field	4:00 PM
August 19	Rehearsal – Full Band	6:00 PM – 9:00 PM
August 26	First day of school (welcome back!)	
August 26	Rehearsal – Full Band	6:00 PM – 9:00 PM
August 27	Rehearsal – Winds	2:30 PM – 3:30 PM
August 28	Rehearsal – Percussion	6:00 PM – 9:00 PM
August 28	Rehearsal – Color Guard	6:00 PM – 9:00 PM
September 2	No school, no rehearsal – Labor Day Holiday	
September 3	Rehearsal – Winds	2:30 PM – 3:30 PM
September 4	Rehearsal – Percussion	6:00 PM – 9:00 PM
September 4	Rehearsal – Color Guard	6:00 PM – 9:00 PM
September 7	Rehearsal - Full Band - Details TBA	8:00 AM - 8:00 PM
September 9	Rehearsal – Full Band	6:00 PM – 9:00 PM
September 10	Rehearsal – Winds	2:30 PM – 3:30 PM
September 11	Rehearsal – Percussion	6:00 PM – 9:00 PM
September 11	Rehearsal – Color Guard	6:00 PM – 9:00 PM
September 13	Deadline for MCBA Ford Field Release of Claims forms	2:00 PM
September 13	Home varsity football vs. Kalamazoo Central	Details TBA
September 16	Rehearsal – Full Band	6:00 PM – 9:00 PM
September 17	Rehearsal – Winds	2:30 PM – 3:30 PM
September 18	Rehearsal – Percussion	6:00 PM – 9:00 PM
September 18	Rehearsal – Color Guard	6:00 PM – 9:00 PM
September 20	Home varsity football vs. St. Joseph (Homecoming)	Details TBA

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September 23	Rehearsal – Full Band	6:00 PM – 9:00 PM
September 24	Rehearsal – Winds	2:30 PM – 3:30 PM
September 25	Rehearsal – Percussion	6:00 PM – 9:00 PM
September 25	Rehearsal – Color Guard	6:00 PM – 9:00 PM
September 30	Rehearsal – Full Band	6:00 PM – 9:00 PM
October 1	Rehearsal – Winds	2:30 PM – 3:30 PM
October 2	Rehearsal – Percussion	6:00 PM – 9:00 PM
October 2	Rehearsal – Color Guard	6:00 PM – 9:00 PM
October 5	MCBA Competition Sparta Invitational @ Sparta HS	Details TBA
October 7	Rehearsal – Full Band	6:00 PM – 9:00 PM
October 8	Rehearsal – Winds	2:30 PM – 3:30 PM
October 9	Rehearsal – Percussion	6:00 PM – 9:00 PM
October 9	Rehearsal – Color Guard	6:00 PM – 9:00 PM
October 11	Home varsity football vs. Loy Norrix	Details TBA
October 14	Rehearsal – Full Band	6:00 PM – 9:00 PM
October 15	Rehearsal – Winds	2:30 PM – 3:30 PM
October 16	Rehearsal – Percussion	6:00 PM – 9:00 PM
October 16	Rehearsal – Color Guard	6:00 PM – 9:00 PM
October 19	MCBA Competition Westshore Invitational @ Grandville HS	Details TBA
October 21	Rehearsal – Full Band	6:00 PM – 9:00 PM
October 22	Rehearsal – Winds	2:30 PM – 3:30 PM
October 23	Rehearsal – Percussion	6:00 PM – 9:00 PM
October 23	Rehearsal – Color Guard	6:00 PM – 9:00 PM
October 25	Home varsity football vs. Lakeview Battle Creek (Senior Night)	Details TBA
October 26	MCBA Competition - state championships preliminary contest @ location TBA	Details TBA
October 27	Rehearsal – Full Band	2:00 PM – 5:00 PM
October 29	Rehearsal – Winds	2:30 PM – 3:30 PM
October 30	Rehearsal – Percussion	6:00 PM – 9:00 PM
October 30	Rehearsal – Color Guard	6:00 PM – 9:00 PM
November 2	MCBA State Championships @ Ford Field	Full details TBA
November 4	Student leaders pack up marching equipment (TENTATIVE)	6:00 PM - finished
November 23	Kalamazoo Holiday Parade (expected date - to be confirmed!)	Details TBA

Looking ahead to the State Championships at Ford Field, the Flight order performance changes every year. Full details will be announced closer to the date. The tentative schedule from the MCBA website:

Flight II - Performances start at 8:00 AM - Awards start at 10:20 AM

Flight V - Performances start at 11:00 AM - Awards start at 1:20 PM

Flight I - Performances start at 2:00 PM - Awards start at 4:20 PM

Flight IV - Performances start at 5:00 PM - Awards start at 7:20 PM

Flight III - Performances start at 8:00 PM - Awards start at 10:20 PM

MCBA will assign flights in late spring based on the student enrollment of the competing schools.

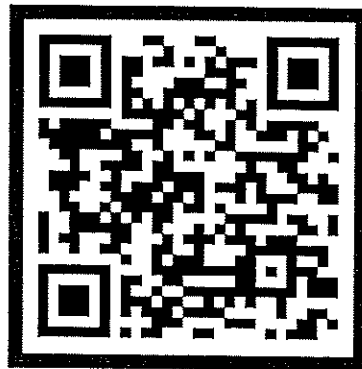
Gull Lake competed in Flight IV in 2023 – flights are subject to change in 2024! Flights are determined by the size of the participating schools and are not reflective of the size or quality of the marching band.

Have you completed the required online registration?
Follow [this link!](#)

Have you signed up for the parent and student BAND groups? Please use these QR codes!

The student BAND group:

The parent BAND group:



Color Guard, percussion, and student leadership team — please watch for the invite codes for your specific BAND groups. These specialized groups are in addition to the main student BAND.

Students - watch for the Google Classroom codes at the start of the school year.