

GLOUCESTER HIGH SCHOOL BAND HANDBOOK 2023-2024

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Greetings Students and Parents

Welcome to the 2023 GHS Band Season!

I hope you are ready for another incredible year! The success of every year comes down to a few questions: How good do **YOU** want to be? How hard are **YOU** willing to work? What kind of band do **YOU** want this to be? Before we can begin our experience, it is important to understand that there are certain guidelines that you must follow in order to be successful. Please read through the information in this handbook very carefully. It contains important dates, new rules, and information you will need to be familiar with. The Marching Dukes are known for giving their audience something special. This year we will present a show with a "12.25" theme. With arrangements by Alan P. Johnson, we are sure to have an exciting marching season!

Being a member of the Gloucester High School Band affords you many opportunities, but also binds you to many responsibilities. You are expected to:

- Work cooperatively with all staff members and other students.
- Report promptly to ALL rehearsals, performances and band functions.
- Practice your music or guard work regularly.
- Give your BEST every time, all the time.

I am very excited about the 2023-2024 school year. Every member of this group has so much to offer and together we will achieve greatness! Remember... ***although perfection can never be attained, it must always be our goal!***

Be ready to work hard and above all *have fun*. This season will be one you will remember forever.

Clear eyes, full hearts...

Samuel L. Venable
Director of Bands
Gloucester High School

Attendance Policy

As with any organization, attendance and participation are crucial to the overall success of the group. All rehearsals and events **are mandatory**, and students will be held accountable for tardiness, absence, and lack of participation. The success of the band program depends on the dedication and attendance of all members of the group. All events and rehearsals are scheduled and provided to students in advance. Students are responsible for ensuring that all other personal matters, **including work and appointments**, are scheduled and taken care of on days when they do not have a band commitment. If you believe a conflict is unavoidable, see the Director **as far in advance as possible**. Often times, arrangements can be made in order for students to be able to participate in rehearsals.

Marching Band Course Requirement

Marching band at Gloucester is a part of the student's overall first semester grade. **All Band members are required to participate in marching band.** Students may only be exempt from marching band if they participate on a Fall VHSL sports team at Gloucester High School.

Band and Other Activities

Though eligible for exemption, there are band students who play a Fall VHSL sport. The Director of Bands, Coaches, and Teachers at Gloucester High School will work together so that students may participate in all of the activities they wish. However, students are responsible for working out a practice and rehearsal schedule with their coach and the Director **in advance**.

Communication

All communication of absences or tardies must be done **in person or by phone between the student and the Director**. Students may not tell another band member that they will be absent or tardy, even if their excuse is valid. Students must take responsibility for their missed rehearsal time by letting the Director know **in advance**. If a student must miss a rehearsal because of illness, it is helpful if the student or student's parent calls to notify the Director that the student will be absent. The student's parent must also follow up with a written note confirming the validity of the student's absence.

"Required: Marching Dukes Field Show and parade groups; after- school rehearsals and performances, including local, district, and state assessments and competitions."

Rehearsals

Unless otherwise specified, weekly marching band rehearsals are held Tuesdays and Thursdays from 3:00–6:25 PM. **Saturday rehearsals may be held on occasion.** The Percussion will rehearse Fridays from 3:00-4:30pm in addition to weekly rehearsals. Color Guard will rehearse Tuesday through Thursday after school, with additional rehearsals planned by coach.

Concert rehearsals will be scheduled for the weeks prior to the concert.

TARDINESS

Unexcused tardiness to rehearsal will not be tolerated. Unexcused tardiness will result in disciplinary action:

- **First Offense:** Student conference with the Director and 15 points off their participation grade.
- **Second Offense:** Phone call to the student's parent and 15 points off their participation grade.
- **Third Offense:** Suspension from one performance, 15 points off the student's participation grade and the student can earn no higher than a "B" in band.

ABSENCES

An absence occurs when a student misses a rehearsal in its entirety, or when a student is more than 15 minutes late or leaves early. Excused absences are limited to three reasons:

1. Personal illness which confines you to home (i.e. an excused absence from school)
2. A death in the family
3. Religious holidays (please notify the Director in advance)

All other absences are considered unexcused. Any student who misses a rehearsal may be prohibited from participating in the next performance if the staff feels the student is not adequately prepared. Unexcused absences will result in disciplinary action:

- **First Offense:** Student conference with the Director, phone call to their parent, and 100 points off their participation grade.
- **Second Offense:** Suspension from one performance, 100 points off the student's participation grade and no higher than a "B" in band.
- **Third Offense:** Expulsion from the group and a failing grade in band.

Performances

Because every student is critical to the success of the group, any student who misses a performance without a pre-approved excused absence will receive a failing grade for each performance, be deemed ineligible to audition for any leadership position or attend band trips, and may sacrifice his or her drill spot for the following year.

Class Requirements and Expectations

The students at Gloucester High School are all young adults and are expected to act as such. To ensure a healthy learning environment for all students, the following procedures, expectations, and requirements are expected of all students.

Seating Arrangements

Stands and chairs are set up in a specific seating arrangement and should not be moved unless instructed by the director. Students should enter and exit the rows of chairs through the ends of each row, never the middle. For the safety of all students, books, instrument cases and other belongings should be placed out of the way in a designated area to prevent blocking the rows.

Class Time

Students are expected to enter and exit the band room or auditorium in a timely and orderly fashion. Gum, food and drinks (except water) are not allowed and will be confiscated. Repeated violations will result in a disciplinary referral. When the director takes the podium, students are expected to be in their seats and prepared to start class with their instrument, music and other class materials. **Any student not in their seat on time and prepared will be counted tardy and their grade reduced.**

- **A** – reporting on time
- **15 points** – being 1 minute or more tardy,
- **0** – More than 15 minutes late or leaving early

Instrument Storage

When not in use during class, instruments should be stored in their shelves or lockers. The band room will be open to students each morning and after school to bring and take home their instrument. All students are expected to take their instrument and music home each day. It is impossible to practice at home when your materials are left at school! Students who have large instruments will be provided a second instrument to keep at home, if one is available.

Hall/Restroom Passes

Students are not permitted to leave during class unless it is an emergency. All rehearsal time is valuable, and without a full class, the ensemble suffers. In the event of an emergency, students must fill out their hall pass before approaching the director for permission to leave. In accordance with Gloucester High School's policy, no student will be excused to go to guidance or an administrator without a written pass from guidance or an administrator. All students will abide by the 10-10 Rule.

Equipment and Equipment Care

Every member of the GHS Band assumes responsibility for the equipment they use throughout the year, regardless of whether that equipment is owned by the school or the student. **To prevent unintentional damage, no student is permitted to use, play, or try another student's equipment at any time.** Additionally, there are specific guidelines for the upkeep of each instrument. Some items (*indicated by an *asterisk*) may need to be purchased if the student does not own them.

Flute

Flute and Piccolo Instruments should be swabbed after each use using a cleaning rod with cotton handkerchief*. Instruments should be polished before each performance using a polishing cloth*

Clarinet

Instruments should be swabbed after each use and prior to each performance using a cotton cleaning swab*.

Recommendations*

Mouthpiece: *Vandoren B45 or Hite Premier*

Reed: *Mitchell Lurie or Vandoren*

Ligature: *Rovner*

Alto and Tenor Sax

Instruments should be swabbed after each use using a cleaning swab* or Pad Saver*, mouthpiece brush* and neck brush*.

Recommendations*

Mouthpiece (Alto): *Hite Premier, Meyer 5M Hard Rubber, Otto Link 5 Star or Selmer C Star*

Mouthpiece (Tenor): *Hite Premier, Meyer 6M*

Hard Rubber or Otto Link 6 Star

Reed: *Vandoren Blue*

Ligature: *Rovner*

Brass Instruments

All valves and slides must be kept lubricated with valve oil* and slide cream*. Tubing should be cleaned once a week using warm water and a snake brush*. Mouthpieces should be cleaned once a week using a mouthpiece brush*. Instruments should be polished before each performance using a polishing cloth*. Sousaphones should remove the mouthpiece, bits and neck prior to putting the instrument in its case.

Mutes may need to be bought depending on the music selected for the concert. Mr. V can tell you more during the concert season.

Color Guard

Flags, weapons, and props must be cleaned of dirt, mud, and water after each use. Tape should only be applied as instructed by a staff member. Equipment and costumes should be kept clean and will be assigned and monitored by the Band Boosters. All equipment and costumes must be returned at the conclusion of the marching season.

Grade Evaluation

Grades are determined in accordance with Gloucester County Public Schools' Grading Scale.

Mr. Venable's Philosophy

A cooperative attitude, good behavior, and consistent improvement are crucial to a healthy learning environment for all students. However, each year students fail band because they will not follow the rules and meet class expectations. Each student's attitude and performance affects the entire ensemble. As a team, our efforts must be cooperative, or everyone suffers. The student's grade reflects both their **attitude and effort**.

Performance Grades

All students will have at least two performance grades each grading period. These grades may be completed in a variety of ways, including any of the following activities.

- **All-District Band Event.** All students in Wind Ensemble are **required** to audition, unless excused by the director.
- **Gloucester High School Bands Concert.** In appropriate attire INCLUDING FOOTWEAR for students.
- **District Band Assessment**
- **Graduation Performance** Performing at graduation will be 60% of the student's final grade. The other 40% will be a written exam.
- **Term Paper.** Papers may be on an approved performance-related or music technology related topic. All papers must be three pages, typed and double-spaced.

In addition, all students will perform individually—sometimes in front of the class—as a graded exercise, to ascertain their current performance level or to determine section seating. These auditions usually include major scales (including rudiments for percussionists), assigned music, and sight-reading.

Earning Your Grade

10% - Quizzes

15% - Class Participation

20% - Playing Tests/Projects

25% - Rehearsals/Band Camp

30% - Performances/Auditions

Classroom Grades

Any student who comes to class without their instrument will receive a zero for the day.

Students whose instruments are being repaired must bring a note from the repair shop (not their Parent), and must make up any missed work.

- A** – Prepared for class with all music and material
- **10 points** – Prepared with music, but no pencil
- **10 points**– Not prepared with music, but has a pencil
- **30 points** – Not prepared for class, with no music and no pencil

Attendance

Students are expected to attend all scheduled rehearsals and performances, and will be graded according to the attendance policy set forth in this handbook. Band is an academic course, and will be treated as such. At several points during the year, all band classes come together to perform as a group at school sponsored special events. All students are required to perform at these events, including concerts, District Band Assessment, and graduation. Any student who does not perform at graduation, excluding graduating seniors, will receive a grade of **F** for the semester.

Make-Up Work

Any student excused from a rehearsal or performance will be required to make up any work they missed. Make-up work must be completed within one week of the absence, or within one week of returning to school from an extended absence. A missed performance or rehearsal may be made up by either an individual performance of all music from the performance or rehearsal in front of the ensemble or the director, or an alternate assignment at the director's discretion.

What to Know for Band Camp

Time

Students should be *on the field or band room/auditorium*, ready to play at **2:00 PM (not 2:05 or 2:10... 2:00!)** Arrive early so you have time to prepare and get to the field on time. Rehearsal will end at 9:00PM, students will be dismissed after they receive their announcements for the following day and the rehearsal space is cleared.

Meals

Students will **NOT** be able to leave the school for meals. **YOU MUST PACK A LUNCH!**

Attire

Students must wear shorts, a white t-shirt, socks and sneakers. Jeans, flip-flops, Crocs, and sandals are not allowed. Students may wear a lightweight hat and should bring a spare pair of socks in case of rain. **If dressed inappropriately, you will be asked to find a change of clothes and your grade will be affected.**

What to Bring

- Sunscreen. *Apply before you arrive.*
- Deodorant. *Reapply after dinner if needed.*
- Lip Balm with SPF. *Especially for brass players.*
- Instrument and Accessories. *Valve oil (Brass), five good reeds and cork grease (Woodwinds), Real Feel or Vic Firth drum pad (Percussionists).*
- Music Lyre. *Mandatory for all students. Must be labeled with your name and section.*
- Durable Black 3-Ring Binder and 50 Plastic Page Protectors. *Binder should be labeled with your name and section.*
- 2 Pencils
- Reusable Water Bottle. *All students must have a bottle labeled with their name and section.*
- Marching Band Music and Drill. *You will get one copy!*

Schedule

Keep in mind that this schedule is tentative, and all dates and times are subject to change. Mr. Venable will make every effort to give ample notice for any unexpected schedule changes. For the most up-to-date schedule, check remind and the calendar on the band app.

Band Pool Party **7/29** **12-4pm**

Band Camp

Guard, Percussion, and Rookie Pre-Camps **8/1st-8/4th** **5-8 PM**

Band Camp **8/7th-8/11th** and **8/14th-18th** **2-9 PM**

Mini Camp **9/9** **8:00 AM - 12:00 PM**

8/29	START OF REGULAR TUES/THURS REHEARSALS after school 3-6 PM Guard will meet Monday in addition to Tues/Thurs.
8/31	Home Football Game
9/8	Home Football Game
9/9	Saturday Camp 8-12pm
9/15	Home Football Game
9/23	Competition at Princess Anne HS, Virginia Beach
9/28	Homecoming Parade
9/29	Homecoming Football Game
9/30	Guinea Jubilee Parade
10/7	Competition at Hanover HS, Mechanicsville
10/14	BANDS ALONG THE BAY HOSTED BY GLOUCESTER BAND PROGRAM
10/21	WJCC Competition, Wanner Stadium, Williamsburg
10/25	***State Marching Assessment***
10/27	Senior Night Football Game
12/4	Gloucester Christmas Parade

Winter Concert: December 2023 (Specific Dates to be scheduled)

Pre- Assessment Concert March 2024 (Specific dates to be scheduled)

Concert Band Assessment: March 2024 (Specific dates to be scheduled)

Spring Concert: May, 2024 (Specific dates to be scheduled)

The Marching Dukes Uniform

The uniform of the Marching Dukes has become a symbol of the discipline and dedication of its members. To maintain this reputation, there are certain rules for wearing the uniform properly. These rules are meant to promote pride and respect in those privileged to wear it.

Uniform Parts

All major pieces of the uniform are marked with a number. Students are responsible for remembering their numbers and ensuring that all pieces stay together.

SHOES AND SOCKS

Students should write their name on the inside of both shoes. Shoes should be kept clean and should be polished before performances. **High black** socks with no logo will be worn with the Drill Master marching shoes.

HAT, GLOVES AND GAUNTLETS

Gloves and gauntlets should be kept clean throughout the season. Any student with long hair must tie their hair back in a bun. The marching hat must be kept upright at all times. When the band is not wearing hats, students should strip their gauntlets, place them in the hat and rest the hat on the bleachers. *Students should not carry their hat by the plume or the strap.*

JACKET AND PANTS

Students must make every effort to keep jackets and pants clean throughout the season. Students should wear the current season's marching band t-shirt as the top layer under the jacket. **Only the current marching band t-shirt is acceptable as the top layer.**

CASUAL MARCHING UNIFORM

For some events (Guinea Jubilee Parade) we will be marching in our casual uniform. This uniform consists of your show shirt, khaki Bermuda shorts (not cargo shorts), black low-cut socks without logos and your marching shoes. You are responsible for purchasing and laundering the shorts and socks.

CONCERT ATTIRE

Ladies will be provided with a black concert dress. You will be expected to provide your own black tights and black flats.

Gentlemen will be provided with a tuxedo, bow tie and cummerbund. You will be expected to provide your own tuxedo shirt [white, pleated, and **wing tipped**], black long socks without logos, and black dress shoes.

Uniform Guidelines

When not being worn, uniforms will be hung properly on each student's designated hanger. If any uniform is not hung properly, the **band** will not be dismissed until it is fixed. Students will be held financially responsible for damage to or loss of any part of the uniform.

HOMECOMING

If any band student is elected to Homecoming Court, they will be required to march in their marching band uniform during halftime of the Homecoming game. They should be prepared to wear the Marching Dukes uniform as part of the Homecoming Court.

While in Uniform

- **No unapproved jewelry**
- No playing except in an organized fashion led by the Director or Drum Major(s)
- No profanity, obscene gestures, or shouting
- No displays of affection
- No smoking, vaping, spitting, or chewing gum
- No running
- No powdered sugar
- **No soda**

Marching Performance Procedures

During performances, each student not only represents themselves and the band, but also Gloucester High School, the community and the Gloucester County Public Schools System. Students are expected to act like the young adults they are. **All students will abide by the Gloucester County Public Schools Code of Conduct and Cell Phone Policy.**

Before We Depart

- Students will arrive in the band room at the designated time.
- The band staff will perform a brief inspection of each student as they exit the band room to load the buses.
- Unless the Director instructs otherwise, all students will wear the uniform in its entirety. Hats and gloves will be removed only if instructed by the Director.

While We're There

- All marching band members, including the Color Guard, will sit in their assigned section ranks and may not switch seats. Upon entering the stands, students will remain standing until the Director seats them.
- Non-band members including alumni are not permitted to sit within the band. Reserved seating is available around the perimeter of the band.
- Throughout the duration of the performance, students will follow any and all directions given by the Drum Major(s) and Director.
- The Band will act as a single unit; all members will stand and sit together as instructed.
- When in the stands at football games, pay attention and be ready to play at a moment's notice. We will not play when someone is injured, or when playing might interfere with the game.
- Every consideration will be made for restroom breaks. Students must ask permission before using the restroom and must be accompanied by a chaperone or another band member.

When We Leave

- After the performance, students will remain seated. The Director will dismiss them row-by-row.
- Once we return home, the band will be dismissed once all equipment is properly stored, uniforms are properly hung, and students are seated and quiet in the band room

Emergency Treatment Form

Medical Information, Release of Liability and General, Parental Permission Form for Practices and Field Trips

Contact Information

Child

Last

M.I.

First

Street Address City Zip

Date of Birth (MM/DD/YYYY) _____ Age _____ Parent(s) Email _____

Parent/Guardian 1

Name

Home Phone

Cell Phone

Work Phone

Street Address City Zip

Parent/Guardian 2

Name

Home Phone

Cell Phone

Work Phone

Street Address City Zip

EMERGENCY MEDICAL RELEASE FORM (pg. 2)

Student's Name _____ Date of Birth _____ Male / Female (circle) Grade: _____

As the parent(s)/guardian(s) of the above-named student, I/we on behalf of myself/ourselves, my/our heirs, executors, administrators, and assigns, and on behalf of the above-named student do hereby release and discharge the Gloucester County Public School, its employees, agents and/or servants from any and all rights, claims, and/or actions which I/we and or the above-named student may hereafter have against the Gloucester County Public Schools' employees, agents and/or servants arising out of traveling and performing with the Gloucester High Band. I understand that in case of a medical emergency, every reasonable attempt will be made to contact the parent(s)/guardian(s) of the above-named student. If, however, I/we cannot be contacted and a medical emergency arises, I/we by affixing my/our signature(s) to this form give permission for my/our child to receive all necessary emergency medical care.

Signature(s) of Parent(s)/Guardian(s) _____ Date _____

Phone () _____

Address _____

Place of employment, if applicable _____

Phone () _____

Additional person to contact if parent/guardian is not at home _____

Phone () _____

IN CASE OF EMERGENCY ROOM CARE, PLEASE PROVIDE THE FOLLOWING:

a) Insurance policy number _____

b) Insurance company _____

c) Family physician _____ Phone () _____

Is your child currently on any medication? Yes ____ No ____

Specify _____

Has your child had a tetanus injection? Yes ____ No ____

Date of last injection _____ Known allergies? _____

Student Health History – Emergency Medical Form *(pg. 3)*

TO BE COMPLETED BY A PARENT – PLEASE ANSWER ALL QUESTIONS

My child has had (or currently has), the following medical condition(s):

CIRCLE ONE

A. RHEUMATIC FEVER OR SCARLET FEVER	YES	NO
B. SEIZURE OR CONVULSIVE DISORDER	YES	NO
C. ANEMIA (INCLUDING SICKLE CELL ANEMIA)	YES	NO
D. MONONUCLEOSIS OR HEPATITIS	YES	NO
E. ASTHMA	YES	NO
F. DIABETES	YES	NO
G. HIGH BLOOD PRESSURE	YES	NO
H. KIDNEY DISEASE	YES	NO
I. RETINAL DETACHMENT OR EYE DISORDER	YES	NO
J. ABSENCE OF PAIRED ORGAN (KIDNEY, ETC.)	YES	NO
K. CONCUSSION (IF YES, HOW MANY TIMES) # _____	YES	NO
L. THYROID DISEASE	YES	NO
M. GASTROINTESTINAL DISEASE	YES	NO

My child:

HAD AN ILLNESS LASTING MORE THAN ONE WEEK?	YES	NO
HAS BEEN IN THE HOSPITAL (EXCEPT TONSILLECTOMY)?	YES	NO
HAS HAD SURGERY?	YES	NO
HAS HAD TETANUS IMMUNIZATION? Date _____	YES	NO
WEARS GLASSES OR CONTACT LENS?	YES	NO
HAS HAD LOWER BACK PAIN?	YES	NO
HAD AN INJURY OF A MUSCLE, BONE, JOINT, LIGAMENT OR TENDON?	YES	NO
HAS A HISTORY OF FAINTING RELATING TO EXERCISE?	YES	NO
HAS ALLERGIES?	YES	NO

ALLERGY MEDICATION _____

IS CURRENTLY ON MEDICATION? YES NO

NAME OF MEDICATION _____

PLEASE INDICATE ANY OTHER IMPORTANT MEDICAL INFORMATION WE SHOULD KNOW ABOUT BELOW:

Supplying Medications

Parents or Guardians must provide all prescription medication. Parents or Guardians must also provide any non-prescription medication that must be taken on a daily basis. These medications must be left in their original bottle or container and placed in a Ziplock-type bag. Inside the bag, please include an index card with the student's name, medication name and clear instructions for administering the medication.

Parent or Guardian Authorization

In the event of sickness or accident, I grant the sponsors and chaperones permission to seek any and all medical attention for the above-named child. In the absence of a parent or guardian, I grant permission to any licensed medical facility or physician to provide all needed medical care and treatment to my child.

Parent/Guardian 1

Print

Signature

Date

Parent/Guardian 2

Print

Signature

Date

Please list the name and dosage of any medication your child takes on an ongoing basis, including over-the-counter medications, prescriptions and inhalers.

Uniform Commitment Sheet

Student Information

Last

First

M.I.

Phone

Street Address

City

Zip

Replacement Costs

The replacement costs for each piece of the uniform are updated yearly and are listed below.

Uniform Agreement

By signing this form, you agree to pay the full cost, including shipping and handling, of replacing all or part of the marching or concert season uniform assigned to your student in the event of damage caused by misuse, negligence or careless behavior. You also agree to return the marching and concert uniforms at the end of their respective seasons.

Parent

Signature

Date

Student

Signature

Date

MARCHING BAND

Item # Description Cost of Replacement

Marching Jacket \$275

Marching Bib Pants \$231

Baldric \$88

Gloves \$3

Hat w/ box \$110

Plume \$27

Gauntlet (1 not two) \$47

Total: \$828

CONCERT BAND

Tuxedo Jacket \$181

Tuxedo Pants \$71

Bow Tie & Cummerbund \$40

Concert Dress \$108

Total: \$400

What Do I Need to Pay For?

Students are given ample fundraising opportunities to help offset the costs of band participation. Payment plans are also available, and can be arranged through the GHS Bookkeeper. Checks may be made payable to *Gloucester High School*.

Marching Band Fees

STUDENT NAME:	LAST:			FIRST:	
PARENT NAME:	LAST:			FIRST:	
INSTRUMENT:				GRADE:	
General Band Fee (annual)	<input type="checkbox"/>	\$16	DUE: 9/30		
General Percussion Fee (annual)	<input type="checkbox"/>	\$11	DUE: 9/30		
General Instrument Rental (annual)	<input type="checkbox"/>	\$32	DUE: 12/20		
Uniform Rental (annual)	<input type="checkbox"/>	\$32	DUE: 10/31		
Show Shirt (annual)	<input type="checkbox"/>	\$26	DUE: 8/12	Size:	
Shoe Fee (one-time)	<input type="checkbox"/>	\$34	DUE: 8/12	Size:	
Hoodie (one-time only)	<input type="checkbox"/>	\$26	DUE: 8/12	Size:	Please PRINT NAME for personalization
TOTAL:					

Color Guard Fees						
STUDENT NAME:	LAST:		FIRST:			
PARENT NAME	LAST:		FIRST:			
GRADE:	NEW		RETURNER			
New Member Fees: *All Items Mandatory, unless stated Optional*						
General Band Fee	<input type="checkbox"/>	\$15	DUE: 9/30			
Show Shirt	<input type="checkbox"/>	\$25	DUE: 8/12	Size:	Print Name for Personalization:	
Hoodie	<input type="checkbox"/>	\$25	DUE: 8/12	Size:	Hoodie:	
Jacket (Optional/See Coach)	<input type="checkbox"/>	\$42.50	DUE: 8/12	Size:		
Uniform	<input type="checkbox"/>	\$130	DUE: 8/12	Size:		
Body Tight	<input type="checkbox"/>	\$26	DUE: 8/12	Size:	Jacket:	
Jazz Shoes	<input type="checkbox"/>	\$33	DUE: 8/12	Size:		
Gloves	<input type="checkbox"/>	\$18	DUE: 8/12	Size:		
Total Due:						
Returning Member Fees: *All Items Mandatory, unless stated Optional*						
General Band Fee	<input type="checkbox"/>	\$15	DUE: 9/30			
Show Shirt	<input type="checkbox"/>	\$25	DUE: 8/12	Size:	Print Name for Personalization:	
Hoodie	<input type="checkbox"/>	\$25	DUE: 8/12	Size:	Hoodie:	
Jacket (Optional/See Coach)	<input type="checkbox"/>	\$42.50	DUE: 8/12	Size:		
Uniform	<input type="checkbox"/>	\$130	DUE: 8/12	Size:		
Body Tight (Optional)	<input type="checkbox"/>	\$26	DUE: 8/12	Size:	Jacket:	
Jazz Shoes (Optional)	<input type="checkbox"/>	\$33	DUE: 8/12	Size:		
Gloves (Optional)	<input type="checkbox"/>	\$18	DUE: 8/12	Size:		
Total Due:						

CHECKS MAY BE MADE PAYABLE TO GHS

TOTAL COST: _____ **Method of Payment:** _____

Financial Obligation

Gloucester High School requires all students to fulfill their financial obligation to the band program by the set due dates. **Any student not fulfilling their obligation will not be eligible to:**

- Participate in any band trip or special ensemble
- Receive any band awards

GHS Band Contract

In order to represent Gloucester High School in the school, the local community, Gloucester County Public Schools, the commonwealth, and the region, a commitment above and beyond normal class work is required from the band students and their parent(s) or guardian(s). We, the parent(s) or guardian(s) of a Gloucester High School student, understand that he/she will be participating in the Gloucester High School Band and that participation carries significant time and financial obligations. We acknowledge that we will be required to pay the following applicable fees in full by the dates specified and that payment plans are available and may be arranged through the GHS Bookkeeper and Director of Bands:

School Board Policy JN 133183

The band program is well aware that all courses required for graduation take priority before a band class is scheduled for the student's course load. All accommodation will be met in order for band to be a part of your class schedule, after required course requirements are scheduled, even if that means you have to change ensembles. By signing this contract, I understand that my elective priority, regardless of my course request, now becomes Band. We acknowledge that if our student withdraws from marching band but participates for the first full week of band camp, we are required to pay 50 percent of the Band Fee. I/We acknowledge Gloucester High School's policy for financial obligations to the band program and acknowledge that any student not fulfilling their obligation will not be eligible to:

- Participate in any band trip or special ensemble/activity
- Receive any awards from the band program

I, the undersigned student, accept membership in the 2023-2024 Gloucester High School Band and understand I am responsible for all policies set forth in the band handbook. I fully agree to carry out my responsibilities to the very best of my ability.

Student Signature _____

Date _____

I, the undersigned parent or guardian, have read and understood the policies as set forth in the band handbook. I also grant full permission for my child to be an active member of the Gloucester High School Band. In addition, my child has full permission to attend all band functions. Furthermore, I understand that I must meet all financial obligations.

Parent Signature _____

Date _____