

Band Handbook Agreement Form

We, both the parent/guardian and student, acknowledge and agree to abide by the terms, rules, regulations, and costs that are stated in the Band Handbook. We have thoroughly read this handbook and have no questions about any content. Furthermore, should we have any questions or concerns at any time, we agree to contact the band director immediately.

Student Name (printed): _____

Student Signature: _____ Date: _____

Parent/Guardian Signature: _____ Date: _____

Northridge High School
2901 Northridge Rd.
Tuscaloosa, AL 35406

Field Trip Permission

Dear Parent(s):

This letter is to secure your support and permission for your child to participate in the field trip described below:

Field trip to: NHS Marching Band Games, Parades, and events.

Date: 07/15/24 - 05/31/25 Time Leaving: TBA Return Time: TBA

Travel by: School/Charter Bus

Your child will be supervised by 1 classroom teacher(s) and 3 other adult(s).

Cost \$ TBA per child

Cost \$ TBA per adult

Sack lunch needed? N/A

Approved by: _____
Principal

I agree that my child, _____, may participate in this field trip and I understand that students will be instructed of all the safety rules for this trip. Additionally, all adult supervisors will take every safety precaution.

In the event of an accident, injury or illness, I permit my child to be given emergency treatment at the nearest medical facility and I will be responsible for all costs incurred. Furthermore, I understand that every measure will be taken to contact me in a case of emergency.

Parent Signature

Date

Please list all emergency phone numbers below:

Northridge High School Auxiliary

Included in this packet:

- Tentative Schedule and Expectations
- Tentative Price List
- Constitution
- Parent/Guardian/Student Acknowledgement Form

Northridge High School
Auxiliary Constitution
2024

Purpose of the group: To promote school spirit, provide entertainment and visual appeal to the band by participating in football half-time shows, pep rallies, parades, and other performances.

- A. Each auxiliary unit will consist of a number decided upon by the coach with final approval by the band director.
- B. Cooperation among members and parents is expected. Behavior inconsistent with that expectation will not be tolerated and can result in dismissal from the squad. Cooperation is defined as open communication between all parts of the group; coach to Auxiliary members/parents, and vice versa.
- C. While in uniform, Auxiliary members should represent Northridge High School and the Northridge High School Marching Band with character and dignity.

I. Eligibility

- 1. Any student at Northridge High School who is a rising 9th grader through 12th grade is eligible.
- 2. Any student who quit or was dismissed from the previous year's squad is ineligible to audition.
- 3. Any student who has a class three referral will not be allowed to audition. Students with multiple class two offenses will be evaluated by the band director and an administrator to determine if they will be allowed to audition.
- 4. Any student who has been arrested or charged with any crime outside of school may not audition.
- 5. Any student who served on the auxiliary the previous year and still has **outstanding debts** will not be allowed to attend clinic or audition until all fees are cleared.
- 6. All students **must** have all **forms and clinic fees** turned in by the date specified in the audition packet.

II. Auditions

- 1. Candidates are required to attend all audition clinic sessions. Only extreme illness or family emergency will be excused and that **must** be cleared by the auxiliary director.
- 2. Outside, qualified judges will evaluate and score each candidate. The judge's score will weigh 80% of the total score for each candidate.
- 3. Each candidate will receive a score based on GPA, discipline, work ethic and attitude. This score will count for 20% of the student's overall score.
- 4. The audition room is closed to everyone except the auxiliary director, band director, members of the Northridge High School administration, and judges.
- 5. Scores will be kept on file, but will not be released.
- 6. Candidates may hire outside coaches to help them prepare for auditions. The candidate may work with any coach they wish, but that coach may not be involved with NHS auditions in any capacity. Outside coaches will not be allowed into the audition room.
- 7. Candidates will be scored on technique, basic skills and will perform a group routine. All candidates will receive a copy of the scoring sheet before auditions

8. The auxiliary director may assign a current member in good standing to the team for the following year if that member is unable to participate in tryouts because of serious illness, injury, or any other just cause. This decision will be handled on a case-by-case basis, and must have the final approval of the band director and principal.

III. Membership Requirements/Policies

1. Auxiliary members must maintain a GPA of 2.0 or higher to be eligible. Auxiliary members must provide a copy of their report card every nine weeks to the auxiliary director. Failure to do so by the deadline will result in demerits.
2. Auxiliary members are required to be a member for the entire season. Once an auxiliary member quits or is removed from the squad, that member forfeits the right to be a member the following year. All equipment belonging to the school must be returned or the member will be charged for the cost of replacing the equipment.
3. Auxiliary members will be required to have family or school insurance.
4. Auxiliary members are responsible for their own transportation to and from all activities and practices.
5. Auxiliary members must make all payments by the deadlines on the payment schedule. Failure to do so will result in demerits and late fees will be incurred.
6. Auxiliary members shall observe all rules of the school, the band director, the auxiliary director, auxiliary coaches, and such standards set for appearance and behavior as recommended by the auxiliary director.
7. Any conflict between members of the team that needs to be addressed by the coach must be presented by both parties via complaint form.

IV. Attendance

1. An absence from an after school rehearsal or performance will be excused in the case of illness of student involved or a death in the immediate family. The student, or parent, must notify the coach or the auxiliary coordinator prior to the absence and provide the director with a note signed by the parents within three school days of the absence. All other absences are unexcused. Unexcused absences will result in demerits.
2. A student will not be allowed to participate in an activity if they are not present for the ENTIRE SCHOOL DAY on which that activity is occurring. Exceptions to this rule must be cleared with the auxiliary coordinator and the band director PRIOR to the absence and will be considered on a case by case basis.
3. If a student is sick the day of a performance, the parent should notify the coaches or the auxiliary coordinator to ensure we will not expect them at the performance. A written parent or doctor excuse will be needed for this absence to be excused.
4. If a member is sick and will be unable to make practice, the member's parent must contact the team coach or leave a message at the school for the auxiliary coordinator. Contact information is found at the end of the constitution.
5. If a student has one or more unexcused absence from after school practice during a week they will be unable to perform on Friday evening. However, the student will still be expected to attend the function dressed as if they were to perform.

6. An Excused absence from school will constitute an excused absence from rehearsal.
7. If an auxiliary member has physical problems (cramps, stomach ache, etc.) so severe that the member cannot practice/perform the member is still required to be with the squad fully dressed for the entire practice/performance. The practice is excused, but it still counts as a missed practice and the member will be unable to perform.
8. Routine doctor appointments should be made for non-practice days (usually Wednesdays). To be excused from any practice, the auxiliary director must be informed in advance, and a doctor's excuse is required. Unexcused absences will result in demerits.
9. All practices, clinics, and camps are required. Family vacations should be planned around the training and camp schedule provided at the beginning of the year. Unexcused absences will result in demerits.

V. Conduct

1. Members are to give the proper respect due to the auxiliary director, band director, team coaches, chaperones, captains, fellow auxiliary members, and any others working with the team. No member is to argue or talk back. Any disrespect or disobedience will result in demerits.
2. Auxiliary members are to remember that all social media is not private, and their conduct on the internet should reflect principles of good sportsmanship and high character. Members will not post anything that negatively reflects on the auxiliary, the marching band, other Northridge teams, or Northridge High School.
3. Auxiliary members are NOT allowed to have physical contact of any kind with a significant other while in uniform.
4. Auxiliary members are NOT allowed to converse with friends and family while on-duty.
5. Auxiliary members are NOT allowed to talk on a cell-phone while on-duty. All phones must be turned-off and securely stored.
6. Auxiliary members may not allow anyone to wear current NHS auxiliary attire.
7. Failure to adhere to these standards of conduct will result in demerits.
8. There will be a demerit system. Accumulated demerits will result in a grade drop and/or suspension. The degree of actions prompting the suspension may result in total dismissal from the team. (See attached demerit schedule)
9. The final decision for removal from the team will be made by the auxiliary director in conjunction with the band director and with final approval by the principal.

VI. Practice and Training Policies

1. Auxiliary members are expected to be at every team practice during all regular and extra band rehearsals that are scheduled by the **band director or team coach.**
2. Auxiliary members must arrive on time to all activities and practice.
3. Auxiliary members must not bring family, friends, significant others, etc. to practice.
4. Auxiliary members may not use cell phones during practice. They are to be kept on silent or vibrate in a bag or purse, left in the locked band room, and may only be taken out and used after practice has ended.

5. Auxiliary members **must** be dressed out and ready with all equipment necessary to perform routines before practice begins.
6. All food must be finished before practice (drinks must be out of the way during practice). If a member is still eating when practice starts and does not join the squad, it will count the same as being late.
7. NO soft drinks will be allowed at practice. Water only.
8. Assigned practice wear is to be worn to ALL practices.
9. If at any time an auxiliary member does not perform the routines as expected (forgetfulness, lack of control, not full out, etc.) the coach will issue a verbal warning and ask that the member work with a senior member of the auxiliary one-on-one. A member will be given **one full week** to correct the routine. If the problems are not corrected the member will be asked to sit out all performances until the routine is corrected. The auxiliary director along with the team coach will make the final determination of the quality of an auxiliary member's performance.
10. Failure to adhere to any of the rules will result in demerits.

VII. Performance Policies

1. Auxiliary members are to sit with the squad at ALL events and games. NO ONE will be allowed to sit in the section assigned to the auxiliary other than the team members, auxiliary director/coaches, and chaperones. This means NO friends, family, significant others, etc.
2. Auxiliary members must be escorted by a chaperone to the restroom at the times designated for such breaks. Exceptions will be made ONLY for illness.
3. Auxiliary members will warm-up before entering the stadium. They may not leave the stands until the entire band leaves for the half-time performance.
4. Auxiliary members may not re-apply make-up or fix their hair while in the stands. They may re-apply lipstick but that must be done discretely and while the band is not playing a stand tune.
5. NO GUM or FOOD of any kind is allowed while in uniform other than the drinks provided by the band while at an event. Do not get food or drinks from your family or friends.
6. Only spirit bags and performance equipment may be brought into the stands.
7. While at the games/events, auxiliary members are expected to show school spirit and cheer.
8. The auxiliary director will have the final approval of all routines prior to a performance.

VIII. Appearance

1. Auxiliary members must be in FULL uniform BEFORE the performance/game starts. Full uniform includes: your correct uniform and undergarments, uniform make-up, uniform earrings, and uniform hair.
2. Auxiliary members must keep all uniforms clean.
3. If a garment needs to be hemmed or altered to maintain a uniform look for the team, it will be the responsibility of the individual.
4. No jewelry is to be worn unless it is part of a uniform.
5. No colored nail polish may be worn.
6. Proper undergarments such as bras, panties, and socks must be worn. All undergarments must not be visible. Any member who fails to properly conceal their undergarments will be issued demerits.

7. Bras must be supportive and discreet.
8. Performance make-up and hair is to be worn at all performances. Make-up must not be excessive.
9. Auxiliary members must wear deodorant.
10. Auxiliary members are required to look uniform at all times. When you are with the team at a performance or as a group representing NHS, you must ALL be dressed the same. During cold weather, members must still all be dressed the same.
11. Unless a member is performing, all uniforms must meet the standards for the city-wide dress code. If uniforms do not meet code, auxiliary members must wear team wind suit or other approved wear.
12. The auxiliary director will have the final approval of all uniforms prior to a performance.

IX. Captains

1. The number of captains/co-captains will be determined by the size of the team:
 - Less than 10 members 1 captain
 - 11+ members 1 captain, 1 co-captain
2. Any auxiliary member having served on the auxiliary for one year is eligible for captain.
3. Each candidate will be given an opportunity during clinics to teach a small group as a part of the overall evaluation.
4. The selection will be based on the candidates score during the regular audition (30%), a one minute individual routine (30%), and auxiliary director interview (40%).
5. The auxiliary director interview will happen on the Friday of regular tryouts.
6. NO member may try out for a leadership position if they were benched a game the previous year. The individual must maintain a good standing season before trying out for a leader ship position.
7. Captains will meet with the coach twice a week during regular season practice.

XI. Transportation

1. Auxiliary members are responsible for transportation to all practices and home games.
2. Transportation to and from away games will be arranged by the director, and all members must ride the bus provided.
3. Parents may check their student out and transport them home, but it must be arranged in advance with the auxiliary director and the parent must sign the checkout list.

XI. Demerits

All Auxiliary Members must operate on a demerit system. The coach will keep record of all demerits. When demerits are issued, the coach will keep a copy and the auxiliary member may at anytime request a copy. However, it is an auxiliary member's best interest to keep up with any demerits that may be received.

1-5 Demerits can be given for minor infractions such as, but not limited to:

5 -Demerits Incorrect practice wear

5 -Demerits Incorrect practice shoes

5 -Demerits Items left behind at practice (includes band room)

2 -Demerits Eating at practice

5 -Demerits Use of cell phone during practice

1 -Demerit Chewing gum, wearing jewelry, too much or too little make-up and/or painted nails at a performance or practice

Any other minor infraction deemed appropriate by the auxiliary coordinator

10 Demerits will be given for:

- Tardy to practice or auxiliary class
- Failure to have someone pick up member at designated time at end of practice
- Inappropriate dress at school
- Tardy to class
- Wearing any wrong portion of a uniform/wearing torn clothing (including tights)
- Failure to perform duties such as showing lack of enthusiasm during stand tunes/field performance, failure to execute field routine, etc.
- Loud and/or boisterous talking during practice or performance
- Failure to take care of and properly store equipment
- Inappropriate display of affection at school or at a school event.
- Poor sportsmanship

25 Demerits will be given for:

- Tardy to a performance (includes parade, pep rally, and showcase)
- Use of a cell phone during auxiliary duties
- Allowing a non-squad member to wear NHS auxiliary attire
- Unexcused absence from practice (will also result in benching)
- Improper undergarments

50 Demerits will be given for:

- Missing the bus to an out of town game
- Failing to sign out at bus after an away game
- Wearing the wrong uniform
- Misconduct while in uniform that includes but is not limited to:
 - Public display of affection in uniform
 - Vulgar language
 - Inappropriate dance moves
 - Unexcused absence from a performance
 - Class One discipline referral
 - Direct refusal to do what is required by the coaches or auxiliary director
 - Lying or disrespect to the coaches and auxiliary director

100 Demerits and dismissal from the squad:

- Class 2 or 3 discipline referral
- Suspension

XII. Suspension from the line

1. An accumulation of 25 demerits will result in benching for 1 performance.
 2. An accumulation of 50 demerits will result in benching for 2 performances.
 3. An accumulation of 100 demerits will result in dismissal from the team.
 4. Dismissal from the team disqualifies an auxiliary member from auditioning the following year unless otherwise stated by the coach.
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Demerit and Suspension Acknowledgement 2024

I, _____, the parent/guardian
of _____ have read and understand the
NHS Auxiliary Demerit Policy. It is my understanding that once a certain number
of demerits are accumulated that suspension from the team is a possible outcome
in which remaining balances are still to be paid.

Please sign below:

Parent/Guardian Signature _____

Date: _____

Student Signature _____

Date: _____

Northridge High School Auxiliary
Monthly Payment Agreement
2024

I, _____, the parent/guardian
of _____ agree to pay the full
amount of my child's auxiliary bill, if my child makes the team. I understand
that there will be opportunities for my child to fund raise or work off fees
throughout the season and I understand that I am responsible for any
remaining balance.

Please sign below:

Parent/Guardian Signature _____

Date: _____

Student Signature _____

Date: _____

Contact Information

Student name: _____.

Parent name: _____.

Address: _____.

Student Cell Phone: _____ Parent Cell: _____.

Contact Information

Director of Bands:

Rick Ardovino

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205-759-3590

Auxiliary Sponsor/ Color Guard Coach:

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205-399-0454

Majorette Coach

Ayana Veal

205-310-1616

Tentative 2024 Auxiliary Price List

Item	Price
Band Fee	\$300
Majorette Uniform	\$350
Color Guard Uniform 1	\$80 (will come from band fee)
Color Guard Uniform 2	\$211
Skin Colored Tights	These are to be purchased on your own and before first game
Earrings (Majorette)	\$25
Majorette Boots	\$67
Jazz Shoes	\$40
Warm-up Jacket	\$47
Warm-up Pants	\$34
Jersey	\$43
Poms	\$22
Back Pack	\$85
Pep-Rally Uniform	\$120 (may come from band fee with approval)