



2025

Marching Band Kickoff

Wednesday, April 16, 2025



The “Why”

The Cedar Springs Bands is a home for all students and provides opportunities to develop incredible relationships and life skills using music as our platform.



The Team



Colin Weber

Master Arm Flapper



Matt Nabozny

Senior Sound Architect

Band Website

Provides a wealth of knowledge about the entire band program.

cedarspringsbands.com

Communication

Includes

- **TWIB (read every week)**
- **Google Calendar (subscribe)**
- **BAND App (join)**

Music Boosters

Welcome to the Cedar Springs
Music Boosters!

Non-Profit Organization

501(c)(3)

Here for the students

Exist to assist the directors of the Cedar Springs Public Schools Band, Choir, and Elementary Music Programs in reaching respective program goals.

All parents are encouraged to actively participate in the booster program.

We all have unique talents that will benefit our students and the program.



Presenting their 2025
program...



The Reclamation Project

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Inspired by Kintsugi and the art of rebuilding broken.

Music Selections:

Black Sun, Death Cab for Cutie

You Will Be Found, Dear Evan Hansen

and more

The 2025 Marching Band Season

Pre-Camp

**Monday, July 28–Wednesday July 30,
2025**

- 9:00am-4:00pm
- Location: Cedar Springs High School

Thursday, July 31, 2025: Michigan's
Adventure Trip (optional)

- 9:30am-9:00pm

Band Camp

Monday, August 4 –August 8, 2025

- 8:00am-9:00pm
- Location: Cedar Springs High School

Friday, August 8, 2025

- 8:00am-5:00pm
- **Family & Friend Preview Show**
 - 5:00pm @ Red Hawk Stadium



Marching Band Weekly Schedule

August 19-October 30



Tuesday 6-9pm

Full Ensemble
Rehearsal

Wind sectionals will be determined by section leaders
and will take place sometime Monday-Thursday.

Some full ensemble rehearsals may not be on
Tuesdays due to stadium use. See calendar.

Wednesday 6-9pm

Colorguard
Sectional

Thursday 6-9pm

Percussion
Sectionals



2025 Home Football Season

August 28

September 5

September 12

October 3

October 10 (Homecoming)

October 24 (Senior & 8th
Grade Night)

Typical Home Game Night

- 5:00pm - Arrive and get dressed, section circles, warm up, stadium prep
- 6:30pm - March to the Stadium
- 6:40pm - Pregame
- 7:00pm - Game time
 - Perform in stands
 - Perform at halftime
 - Stay the entire game.

Michigan Competing Bands Association

What is it and why are we “flying” on 3?

MICHIGAN
MARCHING
great lakes, great bands



2025 Competition Season

October 4

Red Flannel Festival

October 11

Sparta Invitational

October 18

Portage Northern Invitational

October 25

MCBA Prelims @ DeWitt

November 1

MCBA State Championship @ Ford Field

Typical Competition Night

- Rehearsal @ CSHS
- Load, eat (student provided), and get dressed
- Travel
- Perform
- Awards
- Return to CSHS (evening/late)
- Unload

Attendance

- All members are expected to attend every rehearsal and every performance.
- Avoid scheduling appointments, work schedules, etc., during our time together.
- We're all on the same team, working on a giant group project. There is no bench; everyone is expected to achieve, and the judges are watching and evaluating all of you. If one person is absent, the whole team has to react and adjust not only in their absence but days following while that person catches up. Everyone is counting on you to be there and do your job.
- All rehearsals and performances are graded as part of the band curriculum. Like in other classes, if you are absent and miss the classwork or test, you are not excused from the work entirely; you are expected to make up the work. Rehearsals and performances are no different.

Attendance cont'd

How do you handle important conflicts like athletics, FFA, and other important activities?

- **Performances/Games > Rehearsal/Practice**
- Arrangements may be made to split rehearsal-practice and performance-game conflicts.
- Every effort will be made to accommodate schedules in the best interest of the student.
- Any conflicts should be addressed at the beginning of the season to allow for coaches and directors time to collaborate.

The Uniform



Uniform Components

What makes up the entire uniform?

- Shoes
- Bibs (pants)
- Jacket
- Side cape
- Hat
- Hat wrap
- Hat box
- Hangars
- Garment bag

Uniform Expectations

- Students are fitted and issued a uniform every August.
- Students are responsible for keeping the uniform in good condition throughout the season.
- Please let Mrs. White know if your uniform needs attention. General wear and tear is normal and can be taken care if given immediate attention.
- Each complete uniform is roughly **\$480**.
- The marching band uniforms were brand new for the 2021-2022 season. They need to last us at least another 6 seasons. **Please take care of our uniforms!**

How much?

\$200

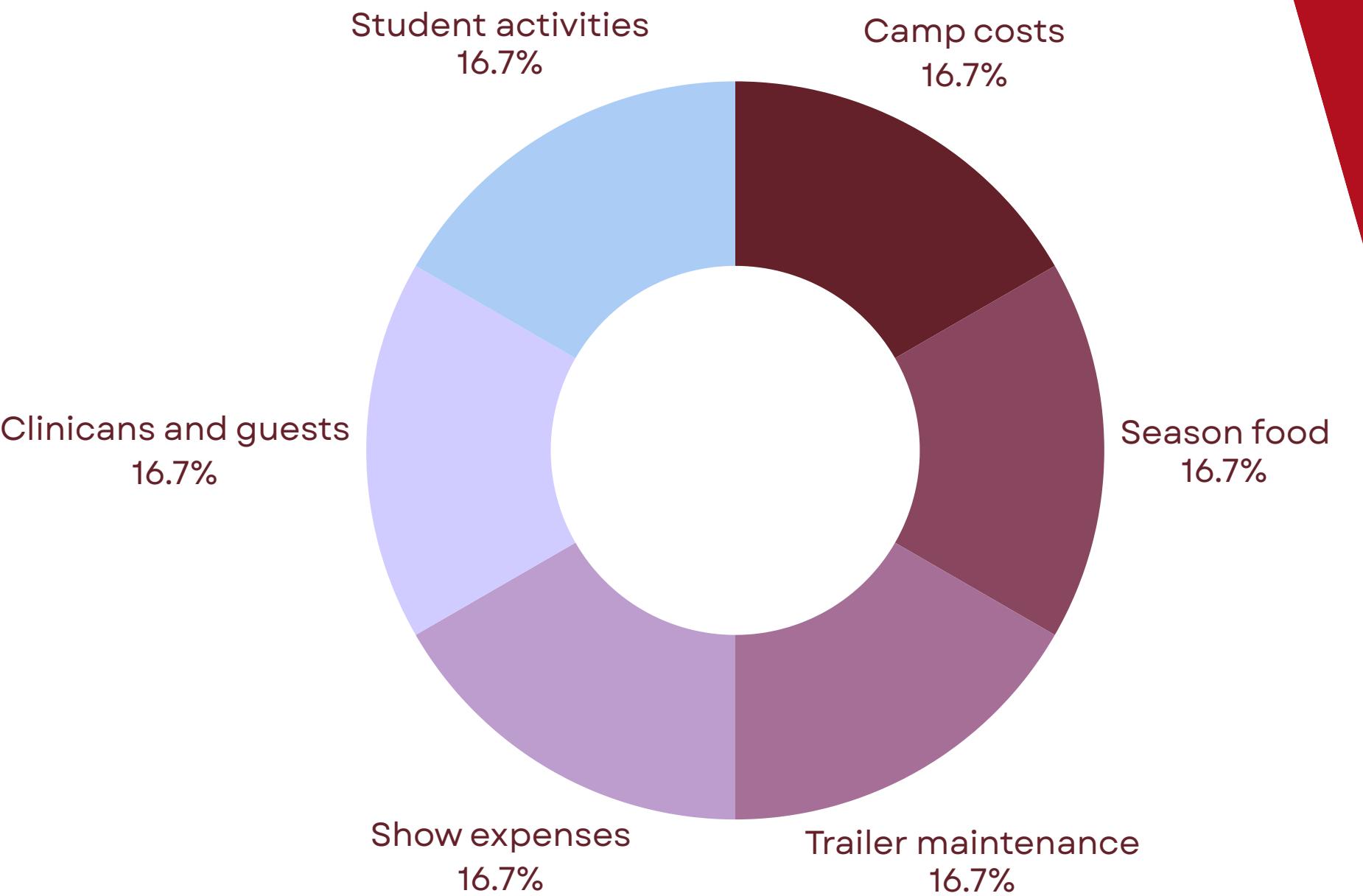
2025-2026 Band Fee

Why?

Running the band is a team effort between the district and the boosters. We're expensive to maintain.

**No student should go
without music
education because of
financial hardships.**

Please reach out to a director to discuss options. If you want to be here, we have a place here for you!



What does
my \$200
cover

What does the district cover?

- MCBA Membership Fees ~ \$400
- MCBA Competition Fees ~ \$300
- Marching Band Show Design ~\$5000
- Marching Band Staff ~ \$\$\$\$\$
- Instrument Maintenance ~ \$5000+
- Bus Transportation ~\$\$\$\$
- MSBOA Membership Fees, Middle & High School ~ \$750
- MSBOA Band Festival (4 bands) ~ \$825
- MMEA Festival (2 bands) ~ \$300
- New Equipment (colorguard, percussion, sound, instruments) ~ \$\$\$\$\$
- Concert Band Music ~ \$\$\$
- Director Development ~ \$\$\$\$\$
- Senior & Junior Drum Major Camp

Additional Expenses

These are not covered by boosters or district.

- **2025 Show Merchandise**
- **Band Merchandise**
- **Band Jacket**
- **Trips**
 - **Michigan's Adventure (\$75)**
 - **Florida 2029 (\$\$\$\$)**
 - **Other large scale travel opportunities**

Band Fee Comparison

MCBA Bands		MSBOA Bands
Jenison Band: \$1280	Reeths-Puffer: \$2200	Mona Shores: \$300
Rockford Band: \$1400	DeWitt: \$775	Anchor Bay: \$450
Gull Lake: \$400	Kent City: \$325 (2023)	Port Huron Northern: \$375
Fenton: \$450		

Why do we fundraise?

To enhance the signature experience of the program and ensure that all are able to participate. Financial hardship should not be a reason to not experience music education.

Big Fundraisers

Concession stands, Red Flannel Invitational, Cedar Blitz Bike Race, season opportunities

Fundraising

Briefly elaborate on what you want to discuss.

**Without your support
with fees, we cannot
provide the current
band experiences and
opportunities.**



The remainder of
this year

Spring Auditions

What are those?

Spring Auditions determine

- Concert Band placement for 2025-2026
- Wind part placement for 2025 marching band season
- Chair placement for 2025 Holiday cycle

Spring Auditions are NOT for admittance into the high school band.

Auditions for percussion and colorguard sections for marching band are separate from the Spring Audition.

Welcome Weekend

Saturday, May 31, 2025, 9am-4pm

Before you go for the summer, meet the 2025 Cedar Springs Marching Red Hawks! Get to know your student leaders, teammates, and begin learning music for next year.



Registration

Forms

See your band packet

Medical forms

Just to be safe.

Fees Payments

Many options

Volunteer Opportunities

Join in the fun!



Band and...

Can I do band and take a rigorous course load?

Yes!

FACT: Participation in band improve students' academic success

“Students with coursework/experience in music performance scored 52 points higher on the verbal portion of the SAT and 37 points higher on the math portion than students with no coursework or experience in the arts. The difference in scores increased with the number of years involved. Those who studied music for four or more years scored a combined 101 points higher on the SAT than those with no coursework or experience in the arts.” – College Board Profile

Can I do band and athletics?

Yes!

Band and athletics can co-exist. The key for making athletics and band work is communication with coaches and band directors and coordinating schedules on where you're need the most.

Can I do band and EMC or KCTC, and beyond

Yes!

We have band students in:

- Early Middle College (EMC)
- Kent County Technical Center (KCTC)
- Enrolled in at least one AP course
- FFA, National Honor Society, Student Council, Theatre Department, Art, Physical Education,
- Work a part time job

Band can be part of your child's education all the way through graduation.



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- 1. **BAND**
- 2. ELA
- 3. Math
- 4. Science
- 5. Social Studies
- 6. Student Focus

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- 1. **BAND**
- 2. ELA
- 3. Math
- 4. Science
- 5. Social Studies
- 6. Future Focus and Art/Gym

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- 1. **BAND**
- 2. ELA
- 3. Math
- 4. Science
- 5. Social Studies
- 6. Foreign Language or Elective

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- 1.***BAND**
- 2. ELA 9 or Honors ELA 9
- 3. Algebra 1 or Geometry
- 4. Earth Science/ Physics or Biology
- 5. World History or AP World History
- 6. Foreign Language or Elective

*1st year of High School Band satisfies Fine Arts requirement.

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- 1. **BAND**
- 2. ELA 10 or American Lit
- 3. Geometry or Algebra 2
- 4. Biology or Chemistry
- 5. Government/Economics or AP Macro
- 6. World Language or Elective

*2 years of High School Band satisfies 2nd year of World Language.

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- 1.***BAND**
- 2. ELA 11 or AP Language or AP Seminar
- 3. Algebra 2 or Pre-Calc
- 4. Chemistry or AP Bio or AP Chem or Anatomy & Physiology or KCTC
- 5. US History or AP US History or AP Euro History
- 6. Electives (2)

*3 years of Marching Band satisfies PE requirement.

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- 1. **BAND**
- 2. ELA 12 or AP Lit. or AP Lang. or EMC
- 3. Math Elective or AP Calc or AP Stats
- 4. Health & Elective
- 5. Elective (2) or Science or Social Studies

We hope that each of our students stays with band all the way through high school. Students find that it is possible to take all required courses, including AP, honors, KCTC, and GRCC, and still fully participate in band.



**YOU ARE THE
PROGRAM**

Thank you!

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Join the BAND App

