



Fossil Ridge High School Band Student and Parent Handbook

*“TRADITION, through the pursuit of EXCELLENCE,
that builds upon SUCCESS.”*

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Welcome!

Dear Band Members and Parents,

Welcome to the Fossil Ridge High School Band program! We have developed this ***Marching Band Handbook*** to help students AND parents gain a better understanding of the workings of the Band program, what we do, how we do it, and your responsibility to the success of the program.

To the Students:

This ***Handbook*** is designed to give you information that will enable you to have a highly successful year as a member of the FRHS Band program, and to have a better understanding of what it means to be a Band Member. *Please read this handbook carefully* so that you may understand what is expected of you as a Band Member and what you can expect from the Band program in return. The success of YOUR Band program requires that YOU be 100% dedicated to doing your part to ensure that success. YOU are the most important part of the Band program, and the guidelines, regulations, and information contained in the ***Handbook*** are designed to help YOU ensure the success of YOUR Band!

To the Parents:

The success your child enjoys in Band is largely due to your support as a parent. Encourage your child to practice regularly at home, and see to it that they are prepared and punctual for rehearsals and performances. If possible, arrange for private lessons and show your support by enthusiastically attending every performance. *You are their most important audience!*

In addition, your role in the success of the Band program is immeasurable. No large organization can achieve success without the help of dedicated, enthusiastic, and caring individuals who are willing to help behind the scenes with all that goes into a successful Band program. From attending Booster meetings, to fitting uniforms, to helping raise funds, to moving equipment on performance days, chaperoning trips, cooking, sewing, or cheering enthusiastically in the stands, the more you give, the more you get. The Band program simply cannot survive without the help of a strong, dedicated parent Booster organization.

Finally, as the Directors, we are dedicated to the success of the Fossil Ridge High School Band program. We will strive for excellence in all aspects of the organization, and will work to communicate information efficiently and effectively, to conduct rehearsals in a positive and productive manner, and to model the ideals of integrity, responsibility, attitude, passion, and character for which we feel the Band program stands.

Sincerely,
Your Band Directors

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Music Office

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The FRHS Band program has developed several means of relaying important information to students and parents. Each of the following are important links between the Band Directors, students, and parents. Please make a note of each our communication lines and stay in the loop.

The Music Office:

Call or email the Music Office with questions for Mrs. Muñoz or Mr. Faires. The *most* reliable way to contact the Directors is through email.

Communication

The Band Website: www.FRHSBands.org

The Band Website should be your number one stop for information about the Band. The newsletters, rehearsal schedules, announcements, music, forms, and the Band Handbook are all available online. Bookmark this page and check it often!

The Band Website also features a “***Members Only Info***” section where we post music, recordings, photos, practice tracks, and other important information for members. For security and copyright purposes, the “Members Only” section is password-protected. Contact the Music Office if you do not have the password.

Email:

Email has proven to be one of the most effective methods of communication for the Band program. We send out a weekly email update of announcements, and also use our email lists to disseminate information about events, schedules, or other Band news. Please help us get important information to you by ensuring that we have an ***accurate, up-to-date email address***. All students will be included on this email list through their student/school email accounts, but students and parents should also submit their “personal” accounts (Yahoo, Comcast, etc).

Fanfare!:

Fanfare! is a weekly announcement bulletin that is sent to all on the Band student and parent email list, and is also available on the Band website. Most often, the ***Fanfare!*** will serve to remind students and parents about upcoming performances, meetings, and announcements, or will direct you to the Band website for further information. A couple of minutes to read through the ***Fanfare!*** on the part of students AND parents will go miles towards keeping everyone informed about all of the great activity within the Band program. Fanfare! is also available as a weekly Podcast that may be automatically downloaded to your media browser.

Remind:

Remind is a free text messaging app that will help the Band Directors, Band Staff, Students, and Parents/Guardians communicate quickly and efficiently. ***Students:*** Text @d9fg44 to the number 81010. You will receive a welcome text from Remind. If you have trouble with 81010, try texting @d9fg44 to (757) 772-0960. ***Parents/Guardians:*** Text @4g47k73 to the number 81010. You will receive a welcome text from Remind. If you have trouble with 81010, try texting @4g47k73 to (757) 772-0960.

Band Parent Meetings:

These meetings are specifically designed for the parents. You will hear the plans for upcoming events, what our needs are, and how we plan to meet those needs. This is also where we address the “business” of running a Band program. Parents will also have the opportunity to vote on important issues facing the Band program. The Parent meetings are one of the best ways for parents to stay involved, participate in discussion, have their opinions heard, see old friends, and meet new ones.

FRHS Band Boosters:

The FRHS High School Band Boosters is a non-profit 501(c)(3) organization whose mission is to provide logistics, moral and financial support to the Fossil Ridge High School Bands Program. It consists of parents, family and friends who support the FRHS bands’ curriculum classes such as marching band, color guard, jazz bands, Wind Symphony, Symphonic Band and Concert Band, as well as extracurricular activities, including the FRHS Winter Guard.

The FRHS Band Boosters raises money throughout the year to purchase musical instruments and pay for repairs, marching uniforms and concert wear, sheet music, transportation to performances and competitions, financial assistance to students, instructional costs, and any other pertinent needs. We cooperate fully with the band directors, school administration, and the Poudre School District Board of Education so that the band program at Fossil Ridge High School can be maintained at the highest standards of excellence.

Additionally, the organization strives to create and foster better channels of communication among all FRHS Band parents, and to develop a sense of community and “esprit de corps” among the parents. The Band Booster Organization has several committees, each focused on a specific need of the Band during the school year. We encourage Band Parents to volunteer their time when able, as the services provided by the Band Parents are crucial to the success of the Band, and help to connect individuals to the larger community of Band Parents. Please consider helping the following Booster’s Committees: Uniform, Food, Equipment (Pit), Props, Chaperone, Fundraising and Communications. For more information regarding committees, please email: [*fossilridgebandboosters@gmail.com*](mailto:fossilridgebandboosters@gmail.com).

Student Organizations

FRHS Bands Student Leadership Team:

The *FRHS Bands Student Leadership Team* is comprised of Student Leaders who applied for and were selected to establish, guide and maintain high standards within the FRHS Band Program. *The FRHS Bands Student Leadership Team* plays a vital role in establishing morale, spirit, and tradition for all members within the band organization. To provide authenticity, integrity, and adeptness within the Band program, Student Leadership Team members must conform to the rules and regulations established in the Student Leadership Team Handbook and adhere to school and Band Handbook policies.

Drum Majors:

The *Drum Majors* are the student conductors of the Marching Band. The *Drum Majors* are selected for their experience and leadership within the Band program, and are given the responsibility of leading their peers in performance, rehearsal, and through their representation of the Band program on and off of the field. The *Drum Majors* are usually the first line of communication between the Director and the students of the Band during each rehearsal.

Section Leaders and Leaders-In-Training:

The *Section Leaders* and *Leaders-In-Training* are responsible for coordinating each individual section of the Band and help the Band Director assess student performance, handle many of the day-to-day “nuts and bolts” of rehearsal, and also help with maintaining a productive atmosphere during rehearsal. *Section Leaders* and *Leaders-In-Training* may coordinate times outside of the full band rehearsal for their section to get together to work on music, marching, or other “social” events for your section to get to know each other.

The Schedule

The Band program at Fossil Ridge High School is very active, especially during the Fall. Having said that, the importance of the rehearsal schedule and monthly calendar of events and meetings cannot be overstated. PLEASE take time to look through the schedule, *and we highly encourage all students and parents to “Subscribe” to the online (Google) calendar (linked from the Band website homepage!!!)* Once you subscribe, all Band events and activities will automatically update to your smartphone, tablet, home computer, etc. We try very hard to make as few changes as possible, and do our best to convey information about the schedule as many ways as possible. Keep the calendar handy and refer to it often.

“Spring Training”:

These rehearsals are designed specifically for students who will be participating in the *Percussion or Color Guard* sections of the FRHS Marching Band, and occur throughout April and early May. The “Spring Training” rehearsals allow the Band Staff to introduce the skills needed for performances in these sections, as well as accurately place individual students within each section. See the Band Calendar for specific dates and times.

New Member “Skills Camp”:

This rehearsal is designed specifically for *all students who will be new* to the FRHS Marching Band. The Band Staff and BLT members will introduce all new students to the various techniques, terminology, and traditions students will need to master as a member of the Band.

Pre-Season “Mini Camp” Camp:

We will kick off the Marching Band season with two full band rehearsals. This is a great opportunity to meet your sections members and lay a great foundation for success in the Fall!

The Summer Sectional Program:

Throughout the summer, we schedule various "full band" and "sectional" rehearsals to help prepare for the upcoming season. These are very important, as they help set the foundation for the Band in the Fall. Emphasis is placed on proper technique (marching and playing), learning the music for the show as well as football games, getting to know each other, and most importantly, developing a sense of community and family within the Band. Attendance is expected at all full band and sectional rehearsals. We understand that family trips and other conflicts come up, but we expect you to do your best to work with the schedule provided, and INFORM the Music Office of conflicts.

Band Camp:

Band Camp is probably the most important time for the Marching Band. The Band really comes together during this time, and we move into high gear with both the music and the marching programs. We start learning the drill for the show, memorize the music, and take care of all the "nuts and bolts" that need to be mastered before the school year kicks off. The Band Camp sets the foundation for the entire Fall season. If we get behind or don't have a

successful camp, we spend the rest of the season playing catch-up. Attendance at Band Camp is REQUIRED. **Attendance at Band Camp is mandatory for participation in the FRHS Marching Band, and students who miss camp may not receive a spot in the Band and will be placed on “alternate/reserve” status.** Students with conflicts should contact the Music Office as soon as possible so we can try to resolve the conflict.

The Fall Season:

Once school starts, the Band starts weekly rehearsals. *For the most part*, rehearsals are on Mondays and Wednesdays from 3:15-6:15p.m., and Saturday mornings from 9am-1pm. There are some exceptions to this rule due to holidays, sectional rehearsal days, or other school functions, so check the calendar. This is the only time we put together the full Marching Band, so they are absolutely crucial to the success of the Band. Attendance at all rehearsals is REQUIRED. At Fossil Ridge High School ***Marching Band is a class***** for which ***students will receive credit*** (separate from their Concert Band)! Attendance will be taken and registered just as any other class. If you miss a rehearsal, you may lose the participation points for that day. Students with attendance problems may lose the privilege of performing on a full-time basis with the Marching Band.

**The Marching Band season begins with Band Camp, and concludes following the State Championship performance OR last home football game/playoff appearance. Even though it is listed as a 1st semester class, Marching Band does NOT run the full duration of the 1st semester.

****Some General Rehearsal Guidelines**

- Be early to rehearsal. Allow time to gather your music and equipment, check in the Band room for instructions, and be in the proper place ahead of time.
- All students need a pencil at every rehearsal.
- All students need a three-ring binder with sheet protectors for all handouts, including music, exercises, drill charts, etc. The binder needs to be at every rehearsal.
- Talking must be kept to a minimum. Raise your hand during rehearsal to have questions answered.
- WATER, WATER, WATER! Avoid caffeine (soda, coffee) prior to rehearsals. Caffeine leads to dehydration. Bring a water jug to rehearsal.
- SUNSCREEN, SUNSCREEN, SUNSCREEN!
- Wear comfortable, supportive tennis shoes. Texas, Birkenstocks, flip-flops, etc., clunky hard-soled shoes, or bare feet, are not acceptable at any time.
- Baseball hats or other wide-brimmed hats and sunglasses are suggested.

About the Schedule

Plan ahead and watch the weather report DAILY. Be prepared! This activity takes places outside, so plan for different weather scenarios. We do live in Colorado, where the weather can change dramatically over the course of a few hours or even minutes. Bring plenty of sunscreen, sunglasses if you wish, and a hat is highly recommended. It is always a good idea to have a sweatshirt or jacket available in case it gets chilly. Also, towards the end of the season, it has been known to be downright COLD!! And the Band, as they say, played (practiced) on.

It is important to note that the times listed on the rehearsal schedule are *the start and end times of the actual Band rehearsal*. Just as with the school day or classes, students should arrive to the school a bit early in order to be in class on time. Also, just as at the end of the school day, it may take a few minutes to collect all their things, attend to personal business, meet with their section, or put away their equipment before they are ready to leave the school.

If rehearsal is scheduled to end at 6:15 pm, parents should expect their student to be ready to leave anywhere from 5-15 minutes after that. Some students hangout after rehearsal, and some days, your students' section will have a job to attend to at the end of rehearsal. The Band staff will do everything to ensure that rehearsal ends on time. In all honesty, we do that almost every time. Sometimes we do run a few minutes late. For that, you have my apologies in advance. Your patience, and understanding of what happens at the end of rehearsal, are appreciated.

Think of it this way: Have you ever had a family vacation that runs exactly on time, as planned, for the entire vacation? No? Now consider 200 teenage "family members"...

To be EARLY is to be on time. To be on time is to be LATE. To be late is to be WRONG!

Performance Conduct

All members of the FRHS Band are expected to conduct themselves with the highest degree of integrity, professionalism, and character at all times when we are in the public for a performance. ***Inappropriate behavior will not be tolerated at any time while in uniform or in public.***

- ❑ Band members are expected to be in the Band room (or other designated area), dressed for the performance, with everything they need, at the call time designated by the Director.
- ❑ We will always move as a group, and sit as a group.
- ❑ Non-Band members are not allowed to sit with the Band (excluding Booster parents).
- ❑ While at a performance venue, be considerate of other groups or ensembles that may be performing. Be attentive, considerate, and respectful. We expect them to do the same.
- ❑ Once the performance is complete and we return to FRHS, properly put away all equipment and your uniform. If the equipment trailer is being used, ***all*** students will stay and help unload. Attendance will be taken and students will be dismissed from the Band room once all equipment is unloaded, and all areas of the school that we have used have been cleaned and checked by the section leaders.

Uniform Etiquette

- ❑ While in uniform, you are a representative of Fossil Ridge High School. Therefore, all actions reflect (positively or negatively) on the entire Band program and Fossil Ridge community.
- ❑ Absolutely NO food, gum or drinks other than water AT ANY TIME while you are in your uniform.
- ❑ The uniform is either on or off...never in-between (unless specified by the Director to be in “half uniform”). The uniform will be worn properly at all times.
- ❑ No baseball hats, tennis shoes, bright nail polish, jewelry, etc. while in uniform.
- ❑ Students (male or female) with hair that extends below the collar of the jacket will be asked to have their hair appropriately put up with hairpins, a hairnet, etc., while in uniform.
- ❑ No swearing or “public displays of affection” while in uniform.
- ❑ The uniform consists of black bib pants, jacket, black shoes, black socks, band T-shirt, white gloves, gauntlets, and hat with plume.
- ❑ Personal items should not be put into your uniform bag. All students need a backpack or shoulder bag for personal items on performance days.

Travel To/From Performances

All students will travel to and from all Band events with the Band, as a group. In the event that a student needs to make alternate travel arrangements, the student may be transported to and/or from a Band event *by their parents only*, and only after completing a “***Travel Release Form***”, *located on the website under the “Members Only Info” tab*. Students may not drive themselves or other students to and/or from any Band event.

The Band Performs as ONE GROUP. There is no “second-string,” and everyone plays “every down.” Every student is absolutely critical to the success of the whole...if you weren’t needed...we wouldn’t put you in the show in the first place! Therefore, attendance at all Band performances is REQUIRED, regardless of the performance activity or venue (ie: Pep Band, Concert Band, Competition, Football Game, Parade, etc.).

Missed Performances

Students who have an *absolutely unavoidable* conflict with a performance should contact the Music Office immediately (work, babysitting, etc., are not unavoidable!). Students must complete the “***FRHS Band Pre-Arranged Absence Form 2018***”, *located on the website under the “Members Only Info” tab*. Students may be given the opportunity to earn *partial* credit through completion of a music-related project, but the missed performance *will* have an impact on the students’ final grade in Band.

Lettering in Band

Students at Fossil Ridge High School can earn a school Letter Award through their participation in Band. Earning a Letter is not easy, and signifies achievement above and beyond the ordinary within the Band program. Students earn points toward their Letter for participating in a variety of activities. Points accumulate from year to year, and are awarded on the following criteria:



Fossil Ridge High School Bands Lettering By YEAR

_____ Name

_____ Class

Activity	# of Pts.	9th	10th	11th	12th
Band Class (per class, per quarter)	2				
Marching Band	6				
Marching Band: Perfect Attend.**	3				
Section Leader/D.M.	4				
Private Lessons (per quarter)	3				
Music Camp (per camp, list on back)	3				
Audition for All-State/Honor Bands	2				
Performance in All-State/Honor Bands	5				
Solo & Ensemble Contest/Collage Concert	2				
Musical Pit Orchestra	3				
Pep Band (winter sports)**	up to 4				
Other (Director Discretion; Explain on Back)	up to 4				
Attending authorized concerts	up to 4				
Total					

45 Points = Letter
90 Points = 1st Pin
135 Points = 2nd Pin
180 Points = 3rd Pin

**Director will assign points toward letter

Color Guard Members who are not involved in another part of the Band program (Concert Band, Jazz, etc) will earn a Letter in Band upon the successful completion of their **third season** with the Fossil Ridge HS Marching Band (this is approximately the equivalent of the time for a general Band student to earn a letter should they not participate in any other activities that count towards a letter).

Move-In Students: Each year we have a number of students who move in from another school. While we understand that many of you will have completed some sort of progress towards a letter at your previous school, **points toward a School Letter from Fossil Ridge will only be awarded for activity AT Fossil Ridge.**

Band Fees

Students within the FRHS Band program are responsible for various fees associated with their participation. Please look through these carefully, as not all fees apply to all students.

- ❑ **Marching Band Shoes:** (cost TBA, approx. \$30-\$35) All wind and percussion students will purchase marching shoes through the Band Office.
- ❑ **White Gloves:** (\$3.00/pair) White gloves are need by brass and woodwind players only. Available through the Band Office.
- ❑ **Percussion Fee:** (\$50/year) paid to “FRHS Band” by all percussion students; covers the cost of drum heads, large mallets, and general maintenance and repair of school-owned percussion equipment.

School-Owned Instruments

- ❑ **Instrument Rental:** (\$125/year) paid to “FRHS Band” at check out for all students requiring a school-owned instrument; covers the cost of general maintenance and repair, chemical cleaning of instrument at end of rental period. In the event that a student requires more than one instrument during the year, only one rental fee will be charged.
- ❑ Do not handle another Band student’s instrument or equipment. Any student found to have mistreated, damaged, or destroyed facilities, equipment, or instruments will be held responsible for necessary repairs. *“If you break it...you buy it.”*

Participation Donation

The costs associated with providing the highest quality Band program are staggering. Unfortunately, only about 5% of the funds needed for the Band program are provided through Poudre School District. In an effort to meet these financial needs, the FRHS Band Parents approved requesting a participation donation. We are requesting that each student involved in the FRHS Marching Band contribute \$525 towards the expenses associated with their participation. Funds will be used for, but not limited to, the following:

- ❑ Contest Registration Fees
- ❑ Transportation
- ❑ Copyright Releases and Performance Royalties
- ❑ Visual Drill Design
- ❑ Custom Musical Arrangements
- ❑ Professional Staff and Instruction
- ❑ Equipment Truck Rental
- ❑ Meals on performance days

We simply ask that all students and parents do what they can to contribute to the financial stability of the Band program, and ALL families are encouraged to ***take advantage of the Grocery Card program*** to generate the funds for their Participation Donation. The Fossil Ridge High School Band program *will not* exclude participation to *any* student based on financial need or status. Please communicate with the Directors any concerns about costs associated

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Fossil Ridge Marching Band – Participation Donation Payment Form

(return this form with your payment)

First Name: _____ Last Name: _____
 Address: _____ Phone: _____
 Total Enclosed: \$ _____ Check # _____ Student ID# _____

Please make all checks payable to "FRHS Bands"
 Return form and payment to FRHS Band, 5400 Ziegler Rd, Ft. Collins, CO 80528

My Band Account (ISA)

An Individual Student Account (ISA) is created for each student in the Fossil Ridge Band program. The ISA helps track all expenses charged to a student, as well as deposits, payments, or fundraising proceeds that you may have earned. Students may apply funds in their ISA towards their Band participation and/or other Band-related expenses. Funds earned through fundraising efforts such as the Grocery Card program *cannot* be disbursed directly to the individual student.

Grocery Cards

The Grocery Card program is simply the easiest fundraising activity ever. Support the Fossil Ridge High School Band by purchasing the groceries, gasoline, coffee, movies, and hundreds of other purchases you are ALREADY purchasing. Use the Grocery Card program to make all your purchases at King Soopers or Safeway stores and 5% of your purchase comes back to the Band.

It's This Easy

- Calculate how much your family spends on groceries, gasoline, and other purchases each week
- Purchase Reloadable Grocery Cards for \$2.50 per card (Each card will have \$2.50 preloaded on the card)
 - Pay online with SchoolPay via credit card - **Please note there is an \$0.09 convenience fee per card purchased**
 - Pay in person at the Fees Window via cash/check
- Card orders will be ready for pick-up from the Music Office on Thursday or Friday afternoons
 - Please note orders submitted after 8:00 am on Thursday will be ready for pick-up the following week**
 - In addition to paying, please complete the ***FRHS Bands Grocery Card Order Form***, located on the band website under the Grocery Card tab
- When you receive your cards, use them to make your purchases as usual
 - Please note, BEFORE purchasing groceries, you must reload your Grocery Card** (cards can be reloaded at the check-out register or customer service desk)
- Complete your purchase using your Reloadable Grocery Card
- That's It!

An Intro to Our Competitions

The Colorado Bandmasters Association (CBA) is responsible for the coordination of competitions within the state. Schools are assigned a classification (1A-5A) based on the school size. State Champions are crowned each year in each class. Fossil Ridge will participate in class 5A during the 2016 marching band season.

“Legacy Marching Festival” Competition – Saturday, September 29th

Contest Site: 5-Star Stadium, Thornton, CO

Prelims: 9:00a-5:00p

Finals: 6:00-10:00p

This contest is sponsored by the Legacy HS Band Boosters. 32 bands will compete in the preliminary contest throughout the day. The top 12 bands from the afternoon advance to the evening finals competition.

CBA Northern Regional Contest – Wednesday, October 17th

Contest Site: Centaurus HS Stadium, Lafayette, CO 4:00p-9:30p

This contest is one of five regional “state championship qualifying events.” Bands compete within their own class. In class 5A, the top 18 scoring bands from throughout the week’s regional competitions will advance to the state championship competition, with the top 6 receiving an automatic “bye” into the state championship semi-finals.

“Arapahoe Marching Festival” Competition – Saturday, October 20th

Contest Site: Littleton HS Stadium, Littleton, CO

Prelims: 9:00a-5:00p

Finals: 6:00-10:00p

This contest is sponsored by the Arapahoe HS Band Boosters. 32 bands will compete in the preliminary contest throughout the day. The top 12 bands from the afternoon advance to the evening finals competition.

CBA Class 4A-5A State Championship Quarter-Finals –Friday, November 2nd

Contest Site: Falcon Stadium - US Air Force Academy, Colorado Springs 12:00-6:00p

In class 5A, the *top 18* scoring bands from the various regional competitions advance to the championship competition, with the top 6 bands receiving an automatic “bye” into the semi-finals. The *top 6* scoring bands from the day’s quarter-finals advance to semi-finals.

CBA Class 4A-5A State Championship Semi-Finals –Saturday, November 3rd

Contest Site: Falcon Stadium - US Air Force Academy, Colorado Springs 12:00-4:00p

In class 5A, the *top 6* scoring bands from quarter-finals advance to semi-finals and join the 6 bands that received a "bye." The *top 8* bands from the day's semi-finals advance to finals

CBA Class 4A-5A State Championship Finals –Saturday, November 3rd

Contest Site: Falcon Stadium - US Air Force Academy, Colorado Springs 6:00p-10:00p

In class 5A, the *top 8* scoring bands from semi-finals advance to the championship finals.

A (very) Brief Intro to How Bands are Judged

At each competition, a panel of 7 judges will be evaluating the band. Each judge is assigned to a specific "caption," and will be looking for achievement in very specific categories. Points are awarded based on levels of achievement within each "caption."

"General Effect" – 2 music judges and 1 visual judge

- ❑ These judges are looking at how the overall musical and visual performance works together, the professionalism, and emotional impact of the performance as a whole.

"Ensemble Performance" – 1 music judge and 1 visual judge.

- ❑ Each of these judges is looking at the level of achievement of the technical elements of the performance of the band as a whole. Are they playing together? Moving together? Do the forms look complete? Can you hear every section? Etc.

"Individual Performance" – 1 music judge and 1 visual judge.

- ❑ Each of these judges is looking at the level of achievement of the technical elements of the performance of each *individual* within the band. These judges are on the field and moving amongst the performer during the performance.

All seven judges score are compiled to give a final score out of 100. In addition, there are two judges who look specifically at the percussion and color guard sections. They give comments and ratings, but their scores do not count towards the overall band score.