

Dear Prospective Member of the 2024 Tiger Marching Band,

We are very thankful for your interest in our marching band. Being in this group is a mixture of hard work and fun. You will learn a lot, make great friends, and experience the joy of performing in a large, successful ensemble. Our band has a history of excellence and we are known throughout Illinois as one of the best marching bands. In recent years, we have had very successful outcomes at competitive marching contests throughout the state.

An important part of our band's success is that every year we have custom drill. Having a show written for our group is a very expensive endeavor, though it makes for such an amazing product when we are able to perform it.

Many programs similar to ours charge students between \$750-1200 per season to help cover the cost of uniforms, instruments, custom drill design, props, and other expenses. We don't currently have any fees for marching band except for polos, marching shoes, and the show shirt. Orders and payments will be processed immediately so we can get everyone outfitted for our first performances.

Each and every performer in our show has a role written especially for them. Because of this, we ask for a commitment from each student who wishes to be a part of this experience at Urbana High School. Once you have decided to be a member, we ask that you and your families sign a commitment contract, stating your willingness to participate with the group throughout the 2024 season, which begins with band camp and ends at the end of the fall semester. Signed contracts along with medical forms and merchandise orders are due by Thursday, May 30, 2024. After that date, our custom drill designer will begin his work writing an exciting show with a spot just for you. By signing the Commitment Form, you are agreeing to participate through the end of the semester (December 2024).

Important dates for this ensemble are listed on our website at www.tigermarchingband.com and are included in this packet. Students and their parents are encouraged to sign up for Remind as well as our email list. Please make sure your email addresses are legible on the Summer Contact form on the website so you can receive important emails about our season.

Parents – we need your volunteer help in many ways. Please let us know how you are interested in helping out the Tiger Marching Band this season.

Thank you,
Mrs. Christi Fernsberg, cfernsberg@usd116.org
Ms. Stacey Peterik, speterik@usd116.org

2024 Tiger Marching Band Student Commitment Contract

_____ (student initials) I understand that the Tiger Marching Band is investing over \$2000 in a custom written show. By signing this form, I am committing myself to fill a role in the show. I understand that a spot will be written especially for me. It will not be possible for the directors to replace me, which will cause problems for the rest of the band members who have made a commitment to the Tiger Marching Band.

I, _____ (print student's first and last name) understand by signing this form, I am making a commitment to be in the Tiger Marching Band for the 2024 season, which runs July through mid-December.

Student signature: _____ Date: _____

Parent/guardian signature: _____ Date: _____

**Students who have made a commitment to the Tiger Marching Band need to fill out the information below as well as a medical form. The deadline to submit this form, the merchandise form, and the medical form is Thursday, May 30, 2024.

PLEASE PRINT NEATLY

Student's Grade next year (check one). _____ 9 _____ 10 _____ 11 _____ 12

_____ New Member _____ Returning Member

Section I plan to join:

_____ Drum Major _____ Flutes _____ Clarinets _____ Saxophones

_____ Trumpets _____ Mellophones _____ Trombones _____ Baritones

_____ Sousaphones _____ Percussion _____ Color Guard

Do you need to use a school owned instrument? _____ Yes _____ No