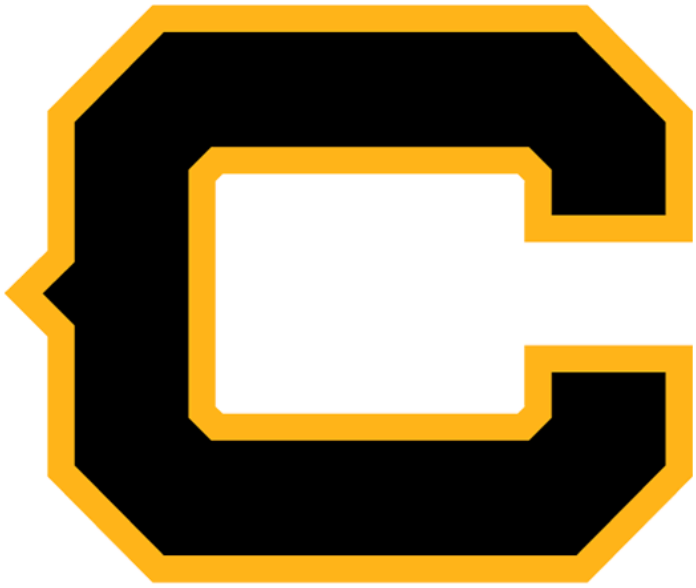

BAND

2026-2027 Member Handbook

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Introduction

We are excited that you have chosen to join the ranks of the Corner High School Band! Band members are some of the most dedicated and successful students on campus, and we take great pride in that. Our hopes are for you to develop a love of music, sharpen your skills, strengthen your character, form strong friendships, and make lasting memories - in short, to help you better yourself. We will work diligently toward this end, and we know you will too.

For the Corner Band to run smoothly and effectively, certain procedures and rules must be established. **We expect you to read and understand the handbook, as well as refer to it as questions arise.**

First and foremost, the band directors and school administration have authority over the Instrumental Music Program. If a student violates the rules laid forth in this handbook, or exhibits a behavior/attitude that the directors or administration feel is not in the best interest of the band, he/she may be subject to disciplinary action and/or dismissal from the band program. By enrolling in the Corner Band, students agree to abide by these expectations.

If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to contact us. We are here to help you in any way we can.

Welcome to the Corner High School Band!

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Band Room Phone: (205) 379-3225 **www.thecornerband.com** **Corner High School Band** **chsjacketband**	

Costs & Fees – Winds & Percussion

$100 Jefferson County Course Fees *($50 per semester, due at class registration)*
**These are charged by the county and are SEPARATE from band fees.*

$450 for Band Fees. This is paid to the CHS Band Boosters, not the school. Cash, check, card or PayPal. Due by end of band camp. Here is what that covers:

$200 goes to Marching Band expenses (instruction, music, travel, etc.)

$100 goes to uniform cleaning & maintenance

$90 goes to the "Spirit Pack"
- Includes two t-shirts, one long sleeve shirt, sweatshirt, shorts, socks, and gloves or stick tape.

$60 goes to meals for the students at band events.

PLUS *$35 Band Shoes *(required for new marchers, as needed for returners)*
PLUS *$35 Senior Banner Fee *(seniors only)*

** Special trip costs are **not** included in the above breakdown.*
** Receipts are provided on My Music Office account within about 1-2 weeks.*
For questions, please email: thecornerbandboosters@gmail.com
**** DO NOT LET MONEY BE THE REASON YOUR CHILD IS NOT IN BAND.***
We can arrange a payment plan. Please contact Mr. Murphy.

YOU are responsible for acquiring the following items by the start of band camp:
- Tennis shoes
- Large water bottle
- Deodorant – *please use it!*
- Drum sticks *(snare and tenor drummers only)*
- Reeds, cork grease, swabs *(woodwinds only)*
- Valve oil/slide grease & polishing cloths *(brass only)*

Costs & Fees – Guard & Dance

Auxiliary (dance and color guard) costs and expectations are largely covered during our annual parent meeting that precedes tryouts. Auxiliary costs are higher because of the purchase of uniforms, equipment, makeup, apparel, etc. that do not pertain to winds and percussion. Their costs may vary year to year depending on if new uniforms need to be purchased or old ones will be reused.

Refer to the Auxiliary Constitution for full details, or contact one of our sponsors if you have any questions. Auxiliary members are not subject to any of the payments for winds & percussion page; however, they do have the option to purchase a band shirt.

The amounts seen below are the **total** amount to be paid.

New Dance Members **$1750**	**New Guard Members** **$1700**
Returning Dance Members **$1250**	**Returning Guard Members** **$1200**

$50 Jefferson County Course Fee *(due at class registration)*

- Auxiliary members who play an instrument will pay this fee both semesters.

***$25 Uniform Cleaning Fee** *(*Auxiliary who play in concert band ONLY)*

- Cash, check or PayPal to CHS Band Boosters.

Mrs. Megan Garner **Auxiliary Sponsor** **mgarner@jefcoed.com**	

Music Office, Website, Photo Circle

MY MUSIC OFFICE - www.mymusicoffice.com

My Music Office is an online platform that we will be using to help track payments, keep current contact information, and more. A "family access account" will be created for each student. Once you receive your login information, you will be able to login and view your balance statement.

WEBSITE - www.thecornerband.com

The band website houses much important information for parents and students, as well as some fun features and historical information on our band. You'll find:

- **Calendar** - this is updated regularly with events, times & descriptions.
- **Announcements** - we will post things like tryout results here.
- **Sponsors** - become a sponsor or view our sponsors.
- **History** - read our program history and see photos from bands of old.
- **Ensembles** - see all that we have to offer!
- **Forms** - you can find things here like this handbook, travel forms, etc.

PhotoCircle is the app that we use to compile pictures taken during the year. Upload your photos to our community folder and download photos of your child.

Download the app & scan this QR to access our folder:

Member Expectations

As a member of the Corner Band, you are held to a high standard of conduct. Our band has long promoted three values which should guide your actions:

CLASS	DISCIPLINE	PRIDE
▪ Respect others ▪ Positive attitude ▪ Be cooperative, helpful, & selfless	▪ Self-motivate ▪ Always be improving ▪ Consistency of effort & attendance.	▪ Spirit & enthusiasm ▪ Care about quality ▪ Be your best self & help others be better

Student Leadership – Done by tryout process

Drum Major – The public face of the marching band, but also dedicated behind the scenes, the Drum Major should be the epitome of a servant leader.

Band Leadership – Leaders will be relied upon for leadership within the ranks. We have the expectation that they will be servant leaders for their peers.

Auxiliary Captains – Will serve by communicating with their section, breakout routine assistance, "keeping the peace," etc..

Bandroom Rules

- Take PRIDE in the bandroom…keep it clean! (*No trash on floors, put folders up, instruments in cases when note in use, leave cases in lockers, etc.)*
- YOU are responsible for your instrument. Exercise caution and care!
- Your locker should be clean and orderly *(no loose papers, trash, etc.)*
- Leave chairs and stands in their setup.
- No food, drink, or gum *(except bottled water)*.
- Appropriate attire should be worn at all band functions.
- Parents, visitors, and other guests must check in through the main office.
- The director's office is private. Please knock before you enter.

Attendance

Corner Band members are required to attend all rehearsals and performances. If you *must* miss, however, here is what you should know:

REASON	EXCUSED?	ACTION REQUIRED
Family Emergency	Yes	Parent/guardian email or call director as early as possible.
Serious Illness	Yes	Parent/guardian email if sick for practice. Performances must be doctor excused and official doctor's note provided.
Doctor Appointment	Yes	Parent/guardian email or call director in advance; student provides doctor's note.
Approved School Event	Yes	Provide excuse from teacher/sponsor in advance.
Vacation, Camps, Work, etc.	No*	Please schedule around band calendar; contact Mr. Murphy *at least* 2 weeks prior.

**It is the student's responsibility to ensure that their absence is excused. Above all, I ask that you are proactive and communicate with me in advance.*

Unexcused Rehearsal Absence = meet with director, possible suspension

Unexcused Performance Absence = suspension, grade lowered, possible dismissal from band program

Tardy Policy – Students are considered ABSENT if they are 10+ minutes late to a rehearsal with no excuse. Students who *must* arrive late or leave early *must* have a parent/guardian call in advance. Multiple tardies may result in suspension.

** The directors reserve the right to make exceptions on a case-by-case basis.*

"To be on time is to be late;
to be early is to be on time."

Rehearsal

In-School Rehearsals are Monday through Friday from 1:45 – 3:00.
**Be in your seat, ready to play, by 1:50.*

After-School Rehearsals are Monday, Tuesday, & Thursday from 3:00 – 5:00.
**We may shorten or cut these rehearsals as football season winds down.*

"The key to a productive rehearsal is the ability to <u>focus</u>."
Cell phone use in rehearsal is prohibited, unless otherwise noted by the director.

Students should dress appropriately for outdoor rehearsals.
Tennis shoes are required for safety purposes.
*Drinking lots of water, eating full meals, & sun protection is **strongly** encouraged.*

Performance

Bands exist to perform. They should be taken seriously, but they should also be fun and exciting! The following guidelines should help our performance go smoothly.

- Be prepared – have instrument, equipment, music, uniform, etc.
- Focus your mind during pre-performance warm-ups. It's not social time.
- No food or drink (except when provided) at performances.
- Stand/sit in your assigned seat during the game/performance.
- After halftime, band members will report back to the stands with 4 minutes left in the 3rd quarter. **<u>No</u>** leaving the stadium; **<u>no</u>** food in uniform.
- Students will be dismissed from games/performances from the band room. Do not leave before this dismissal.

Uniforms

The Band Uniform is a symbol of class, discipline & pride.
Treat it as such when wearing it and not wearing it!

Corner Band members (winds and percussion) will be issued a uniform during band camp by the Band Booster Uniform Manager. Auxiliary members who play in concert band will be issued a band uniform after marching season.

Corner Band uniforms will be turned in at the end of every game in the band room. Please respect the process and those who will be collecting them.

In order for us to look truly "uniform" while in uniform, the following applies:

- **No** hats are to be worn while in uniform other than your shako.
- **No** jewelry is to be worn while in uniform. (Schedule your piercings wisely.)
- **No** food or drink in uniform, except when provided to you by the band.
- The shako should sit low on your forehead when worn. Use your index & middle fingers (appx. 2") to check between the brim and your nose.
- Only prescription glasses for vision should be worn in uniform.
- Gloves should be worn when holding your instrument. Flutes and clarinets are allowed to carefully cut holes in the gloves at the fingertips.
- Shoes should be tied in a double knot for safety purposes.
- All components of the uniform should fit and be worn as intended.
- Tell the Uniform Manager if your uniform needs adjusting or repair.

Students are responsible for the cost of repairs or replacement of damaged or lost uniform components. If you have an issue, please see a director or the Uniform Manager.

Travel

A completed and signed JEFCOED PARENTAL PERMISSION FOR STUDENT TRAVEL form must be on file from each student at the beginning of the fall semester before making any trip with the band.

<u>All</u> band members <u>must</u> travel to band functions with the band.

Permission to travel home with parents or other designees <u>must</u> be cleared with Mr. Murphy via email *<u>before</u> leaving for the destination.*
(If there is an emergency, please see Mr. Murphy immediately.)

<u>Travel Rules</u> – *Remember, these are for your safety.*

- All Jefferson County student travel regulations apply during travel.
- BE ON TIME! (A.K.A….EARLY!)
- Stay on the bus to which you are assigned.
- Anytime we get off the bus, you are to be in uniform or "Spirit Pack" attire.
    - *Directors will designate which is appropriate ahead of time.*
- Don't leave the group for any reason without a director or chaperone.
- Make sure your personal property is labeled visibly and clearly.
- Only band members, band staff, and chaperones travel on buses.
- Clean up after yourselves. We will leave things cleaner than we found them. This applies to any buses we ride and any place that we go.
- Chaperones are approved by the director. Please respect their authority.
- Use common sense. If you have to ask yourself "Should I?" then don't do it.
- Obey health safety rules when applicable.

Boosters & Parent Expectations

The Band *needs* parent involvement to function. It is the backbone of our band! The organization in which parents can get involved is called the Band Boosters.

*We have many ways for you to get involved! Scan this QR to let us know how **you** would like to get involved!*

One of the most important things parents can help us do is parking at home football games. We ask that all band families commit to ONE football game to help with parking. There is an online sign-up form through "Sign-Up Genius" that we will email out. PLEASE do your duty by signing up and showing up!

Fundraising

We need YOU to help fundraise! Take an active role and encourage others to do the same!

Some of the annual fundraisers that we may do include:

- Parking at home football games
- Annual calendar fundraiser
- Sales - Boston Butt / Hams / Chocolate bars / Detergent / Mattress / Socks
- Sponsorships – corporate and local business
- Swamp John's pick-up dinners
- Events like Jazz & BBQ, concert day dessert bars, etc.

These fundraisers can help both the band and the students….win / win!

Regulations

Class III Violations

The band program esteems a high standard regarding member conduct. Students who receive a Class III violation during the school year will not be eligible to go on elective (non-graded) band trips for the year in which they received the violation.

Quitting & Returning Policy

Students that have been a member of the Marching Band or Concert Band and quit are eligible for re-admittance into the band program with permission from the Director of Bands. This is not taken lightly. If this applies to you, please schedule an appointment with Mr. Murphy.

The use of tobacco, vape, alcohol, or illegal drugs is strictly prohibited, and their use will not be tolerated. Any student found in violation of this will be subject to disciplinary action, including possible removal from the band program.

It's great to be in the Corner High School Marching Jacket Band!

Parent/Student Contract

Due <u>signed</u> to Mr. Murphy by Friday, July 17th.

As a Corner High School Band student, I have received and viewed a copy of the Corner Band Handbook, and I understand and agree to the expectations listed therein. I will be on time and prepared for all rehearsals, performances, and activities, and I will communicate with my band directors about conflicts ahead of time. Above all, I pledge to give my best effort and attitude at all times.

Student Signature **Date**

As a parent/guardian of a Corner High School Band student, I have received and viewed a copy of the Corner Band Handbook, and I understand and agree to the expectations listed therein. I agree to make sure my student is on time to all rehearsals, performances, and activities of the band program. I pledge to encourage my student(s) in their musical endeavors and provide them with the necessary equipment to be successful.

Parent/Guardian Signature **Date**

Social Media Release:

May we post pictures of your student online? *Circle one.* **YES** **NO**

PARENTS/GUARDIANS – <u>VERY IMPORTANT</u>

Please attach or turn in a copy of your insurance card so that we may have it on hand in case of emergencies when traveling.