

# 2017 Westlake Marching Thunder Contract

*Contract & \$100 Non-Refundable Deposit Due February 15th*  
*All remaining fees are due July 14<sup>th</sup>*  
*Physical form due May 1st*

As a member of the 2017 Westlake High School Marching Thunder, I agree to abide by the following policies and procedures. I further understand that for the betterment of the band, a violation of any one of these policies could result in my being assigned as an alternate or removal from the Westlake H.S. Marching Thunder.

1. Attendance Policy:

- Rehearsals/Sectionals: Practices and sectionals are required and essential in order for a performance group of this caliber to continue to be competitive. When a student misses a rehearsal, it places an unnecessary hardship on the entire ensemble- both musically and visually. For this reason, it is vital that parents and students work out schedules, as well as any academic/behavioral consequences, that do NOT include missing rehearsals. The attendance policy will be strictly enforced so please check your calendars carefully and do not commit to the season if you are not able to participate fully according to this attendance policy. See calendar at [thunderband.com](http://thunderband.com) for all dates. Any additional performances or practices not on the calendar currently will be part of this contract if two weeks' notice is given.
- Absences: All members will be allowed a maximum of: 0 unexcused absences; 3 excused absences (prior approval required); and 3 tardies for the duration of the season. Acknowledging that families don't always have control over some camp dates assigned for various activities, these allowed excused absence options are there to take care of these situations. Use your allotted absences sparingly. All absences must have prior approval from Mr. Mangelson and an excuse form must be filled out and turned in to gain this approval. Simply turning in a form does not guarantee approval. Drum Majors and/or Mr. Mangelson will return the excuse form to those who submit requests ASAP only if the absence request is denied. A minimum of 2 weeks' notice is required. No absence at the rehearsal prior to a performance will be excused and if still missed will result in not marching at that competition, game or parade that follows as well as possibly forfeiting their spot permanently to an alternate.
- Parades: Members are expected to be at all of the parades as they are actual performances. See calendar for specific parade dates and follow the attendance policy for absences if you need to miss a parade.
- Performances/Competitions: All performances are required. No exceptions will be given except for rare, extenuating circumstances. See calendar for specific dates of performances. If a performance is missed and prior approval is not received, he/she may forfeit their spot permanently to an alternate at Mr. Mangelson's discretion.
- Camps/Clinics: **All are required if you "opt-in" to participate in the marching band.** These dates are all located on the calendar at [www.thunderband.com](http://www.thunderband.com)

2. Participation in the marching band at Westlake High School is completely optional. However, participation in a "core" band class concurrently for the entire school year is required to participate in the marching band. Concert Band, Symphonic Band, Wind Symphony and either the percussion classes are considered "core" band classes. It is required that you remain in one of these classes after the marching season for the entire duration of the school year. Violators to this policy will forfeit eligibility to march the following year if the students have not graduated.

3. All music must be memorized by the designated deadlines. Music must be passed off to a designated staff member and/or Mr. Mangelson. Section and squad leaders are there to help you so please utilize their help with your music.
  4. Members may be asked at various times throughout the season to perform their drill segments and marching technique for their section leaders, staff and/or Mr. Mangelson. Drill segments will include proper field position, horn position, body motion, music performance, etc.
  5. Regarding Eligibility: **4<sup>th</sup> quarter grades are required to be checked to ensure eligibility to participate for fall sports. 1<sup>st</sup> Quarter grades will be checked end of term to insure continued eligibility for state finals, BOA regionals, and any other tours.** “Any U.H.S.A.A. sponsored activities must meet academic eligibility as established by the state or region. Music, Flags, when competing must have a 2.0 G.P.A.” Members must maintain a 2.0 grade average to be eligible for competitions and tours.
  6. **Fees:** The total basic fee for opting in to participate in the marching band is \$825. This amount includes the trip to St. George for State Championships and Bands of America Regional Championship but does NOT include the tour fees to the Rose Parade. **All fees must be paid by the designated dates given and are non-refundable regardless of removal from the group (voluntary or involuntary).** Tour payments for the Rose Parade trip are separate and all of those payments should be made directly to the tour company and according to the payment schedule specified. By “opting in” to be a part of the marching band I am agreeing to travel to Pasadena for the Rose Parade and pay the associated fees for that tour. I understand that marching band is not a required activity and that by “opting in” the basic fees and tour costs are not waiveable and that the student and/or parent is responsible for these fees.
  7. To insure uniformity of the band, extremes in appearance such as unnatural hair color, facial jewelry, hair over the collar, beards, mustaches, “Jedi braids” (or similar), etc. are not permissible at any time during the season. This will be strictly enforced.
  8. **I will not complain to anyone who cannot fix the problem. If the problem cannot be fixed, I will still not complain. I will not listen to anyone else complain! This applies to both parents and students!**
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**(DO NOT FILL OUT THIS FORM- For Reference ONLY!)**  
**Official Form is to be filled out and completed on the Register My Athlete website.**

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Instrument (or Color Guard) \_\_\_\_\_

We wish to participate in the following:

\_\_\_\_\_ Marching Band  
\$825 non-waiverable board approved fee  
Includes commitment to pay tour cost to Bob Rogers Travel for the Rose Parade trip to Pasadena, CA.

Shirt size (adult) \_\_\_\_\_ Student Phone (h) \_\_\_\_\_ (c) \_\_\_\_\_

Student ID# \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_ City \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Student E-mail \_\_\_\_\_ Grade next year \_\_\_\_\_

Parent/Guardian Name(s) \_\_\_\_\_

SAMPLE- DO NOT FILL OUT  
\_\_\_\_\_ Phone (c) \_\_\_\_\_ Email \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_ Phone (c) \_\_\_\_\_ Email \_\_\_\_\_

By signing below we understand and agree to the above stated policies in this contract. We realize that the success of the Westlake High School Marching Thunder Band is dependent upon our dedication and commitment to these policies. We agree to have the above named student removed from the Marching Band if these expectations are not adhered to. We also understand that this contract constitutes a binding agreement that the above named student will be enrolled in marching band at Westlake High School and that the deposit associated with this contract is non-refundable. We also agree to be charged the above stated fees in their entirety (according to the option chosen) as of May 1, 2017 unless written notice is given to Mr. Mangelson that we would like to have the above named student removed from the marching band **before** this deadline. We also acknowledge that all fees are non-refundable regardless of the above named student's removal from the group either voluntarily or involuntarily after this deadline.

Band Member's Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

Parent's Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_