

## MONARCH HIGH SCHOOL MARCHING BAND COMMITMENT LETTER 2026

I am committed to being a member of the Monarch High School Marching Coyotes for the 2026 marching season!

I understand that being in the Marching Band requires:

- Being enrolled in a band class (exception for Color Guard who don't play an instrument). Students not enrolled in a band class will not be permitted to be in Marching Band.
- Participating in all camps and rehearsals (director will be notified of conflicts on this document)
- Attendance at all rehearsals, competitions, football games and performances
- Participation in the **2026 Tag Day Fundraiser on Saturday August 15<sup>th</sup>, 2026**
- Parent Volunteering at events and competitions to ensure a successful season

You will be emailed a detailed accounting by the July band camp via CutTime, which can be paid by cash or check (made out to **Monarch Band Boosters**). No student will be denied participation in the band due to finances. Please reach out to Mr. Vandermeer or Wandee Humphreys if you need financial assistance. Expenses to participate break down as follows:

### Participation Assessment

- This covers instructional staff, show music and design, drill design, uniforms, equipment and flags, transportation, meal plan, Band T-Shirt, show entry fees and more.
- The Music Boosters is a 501(c)(3) organization, so a portion of your contribution may be tax deductible. Payment plans can be arranged. Families experiencing financial hardship should contact Tyler Vandermeer. **As the Band Boosters are a 501(c)(3), all payments are considered donations and are non refundable. For tax purposes, the value of meals (\$60), show shirt (\$15) valued at \$75**
- The Marching Band provides most meals and snacks for the students on competition days (including State), and even several breakfasts at the school prior to departure to the event. The \$60 plan is included in the Participation Assessment and breaks down to only a few dollars per meal. Students with severe dietary restrictions (food allergies, religious/cultural issues, etc.) may opt out of the meal plan with the director's permission but are responsible for bringing their own meals and snacks to all competitions.
- New T-shirts are designed for each season, and students will wear this shirt when not in uniform and wear it under their uniforms during shows. Band parent T-shirts will also be available for purchase separately.

\$575

### Additional Expenses:

**School Instrument Fee** – All students using any school instrument, including guard and percussion will need to pay the equipment use and maintenance fee. This covers the entire school year, not just marching band.

\$100

**Marching Shoes** – Students are required to have a pair of marching shoes. The students will have an opportunity to try on shoes for the proper size, and we will place one large order. If your shoes still fit from a prior year, you are not required to purchase new shoes for the 2026 season.

\$40

Uniform Garment Bag – All new students will need to purchase a garment bag to protect your uniform during transportation and storage. It is yours to keep when you graduate!

**\$10**

I look forward to being a part of the marching band! My signature below indicates my commitment to being in the 2026 Monarch High School Marching Coyotes! Please scan and email this form to Wandee Humphreys at [parent@monarchbands.org](mailto:parent@monarchbands.org) or turn in a hard copy by **May 30** (first band camp). The students we include in the show are the students who have completed this form. Students who miss this deadline may become an alternate.

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Student Name (Print)

Instrument

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Student Signature

Date

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Parent Signature

Date

\_\_\_\_\_ (parents please initial) I understand it is a requirement for at least one family member (parent or guardian) work a shift at the Monarch Marching Festival, October 10, 2026

***Marching band assessment payment schedule 2026:***

*May 29-30 (Camp) - \$100 deposit to secure your spot (plus \$100 rental fee if applicable)*

*July 10,11 (Camp) - \$150 payment toward assessment*

*August 1 - \$175 payment toward assessment (plus \$50 for new student shoes & garment bag if applicable)*

*September 4 - \$150 payment toward assessment*

***If you would like to make an extra donation to support families who need financial assistance, please let Mr. Vandermeer or Wandee Humphreys know and we will put the money in our financial assistance fund.***

***You may pay the assessment in its entirety at any point. If you are in need of financial assistance or need to work out a different payment schedule, please contact Mr. Vandermeer or Wandee Humphreys via email ([tyler.vandermeer@bvsd.org](mailto:tyler.vandermeer@bvsd.org) & [parent@monarchbands.org](mailto:parent@monarchbands.org)).***

\_\_\_\_\_ (please initial) I have checked the band calendar at [monarchbands.org](http://monarchbands.org) and am aware of the dates for the season.

**Please note any conflicts below. The director also needs advance notice if you will miss any rehearsals, which are also listed on the calendar.**

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