# Permian High School Band MOJO MAJORETTE HANDBOOK



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## **PHILOSOPHY**

The art and activity of twirling is one that combines quality music with an effective visual presentation. Through consistent and positive instruction, it is the goal of the staff to provide our students and audiences with both a highly competitive, yet equally entertaining marching band show. We want to teach students who are enthusiastic and want to learn.

## **CODE OF CONDUCT**

All members of the Majorettes are expected to adhere to the code of conduct set forth in the Permian High School Student Handbook and the Permian High School Band Handbook. In addition, all members of the Majorettes must adhere to the following conduct guidelines:

#### **EXPECTED BEHAVIOR**

Members of the Majorettes are expected to be exemplary members of the student body of Permian High School. This shows in their in-class behavior, their out-of-class behavior, their grades, and their attitude. They are enthusiastic individuals with pride in their school, themselves, and are willing to work as a team. They are polite, respectful, and courteous. Majorette members are supportive of each other and the Permian High School Band. Whether they are in the halls, on the football field, at a parade or at a competition, all members of the Majorettes are expected to be kind and polite.

Students will not participate in a group that competes with the Majorette line. Students shall not intimidate other team members through verbal, text messaging, or social media sites that results in a team member feeling oppressed. Students should not show public display of affection while at school, school functions, or Majorette team events. Majorette students must be willing to display school spirit and good sportsmanship. It is not the purpose of this code to create ill feelings in the event of turning in members to the Director, but to encourage the maintenance of the high standards set forth by this constitution.

#### **SOCIAL NETWORKS**

All ECISD policies concerning social media (i.e. Instagram, Facebook, Twitter, YouTube, etc.) will be strictly enforced. Any use of pictures on individual accounts must not include anyone in uniform without the consent of the band director and individuals involved. Additionally, no profanity, negative comments about rehearsals, team members, or staff should ever be posted online. Anyone who fails to follow rules regarding social media may be dismissed from a performance or the team altogether. All team members are expected to represent yourself and your team and the Permian Band with class including when on the internet.

#### **REHEARSAL CONDUCT**

All members of the ensemble will be taught and given specific details as to proper etiquette during basics block, sectionals and field rehearsals. The band/majorette staff in charge of the specific rehearsal will define the etiquette. There are five basic rules that will always be in effect and will be strictly enforced during all rehearsals:

- 1. Show respect for all band & majorette staff
- 2. Follow all instructions given by the band/majorette staff and the band/majorette officers
- 3. Use only appropriate and respectful language, no profanity
- 4. Comply will the rehearsal dress code: no chewing gum, no jewelry, appropriate clothing (see Rehearsal expectations)
- 5. Remain positive and congenial. Any member exhibiting poor attitude or disrespect toward the Majorette program, procedures, expectations, the band/Majorettes staff, or any other member may be placed on probation or removed from the performing Majorettes. If this continues the member may be dismissed from the Majorettes.

All members are expected to respect and adhere to the chain of command and follow instructions as handed down by those above them in the chain of command. No member is to abuse their power within the chain of command.

#### **CHAIN OF COMMAND:**

- 1. Band/Majorettes Staff
- 2. Drum Majors
- 3. Majorette Captain/Head Section Leader
- 4. Rank and File Members

## UNIFORM CONDUCT

Please refer to the Equipment/Uniform Care & Procedures portion of this handbook for specific details on the care and maintenance of your uniform. The reason for these strict guidelines is simply because when we are in uniform we are representing not only ourselves, but also Permian High School. Our conduct in the uniform is crucial to developing a strong sense of pride and uniformity in what we do. The following is a list of behaviors that are NOT acceptable while you are in uniform:

- 1. Profanity
- 2. Chewing gum
- 3. Jewelry
- 4. Immature behaviors (screaming, yelling, arguing, thoughtless actions, etc.)
- 5. Public displays of affection

#### MEMBERSHIP ELIGIBILITY

All members of the Permian High School Majorette Line are expected the meet the following requirements:

- 1. Be a member in good standing of the Permian Band for the entire school year.
- 2. Maintain acceptable grades in all classes (see Grade Requirements)
- 3. Maintain a positive attitude and willingness to receive instruction and constructive criticism.
- 4. Be prepared to fulfill all time obligations.
- 5. Desire to be a part of the Majorettes and accept the responsibilities of this performance and competitive sport.

Members are expected to come prepared to all rehearsals and performances; they must show improved knowledge and ability of the fundamentals and the show. Rehearsals are intended to rehearse as a Majorettes unit, individual practice is necessary outside of the Majorettes rehearsal time. Any member who does not show necessary improvement and competence may be removed from the performing Majorettes until the band/Majorettes staff determines that the member has improved to a satisfactory level.

#### **AUDITIONS**

#### Permian Majorette Auditions will consist of 4 sections:

#### 1. Dance Routine (25% score)

This is a routine that you have prepared to any (respectful) music of your choice. It will consist of skills in 1 and 2 batons only, as well as some dance. The skills requirements for varsity and junior varsity are listed below. You may begin and end your routine anywhere you like using half-gym only. The routine should follow this procedure: (1) intro salute (2) walk to judge (3) routine (4) walk off (5) ending salute. This section is your chance to show off your skills with confidence and poise. This routine should be less than 2.5 minutes.

#### 2. March Routine (25% score)

This is a routine that is performed to march music only. It should follow this procedure: (1) intro salute (2) Permian Band Style march across gym two times while performing a march routine (3) ending salute. You may stop in the middle to perform a brief show to the judges as you cross the 1<sup>st</sup> time only. You are required to march off the 2<sup>nd</sup> time. No other style of marching is allowed. This routine should be less than 1.5 minutes.

#### Auditions (continued)

#### 3. Skill Section (25% score)

This section will consist of the following 1 and 2 baton tricks to be performed in small groups. 1 baton tricks (1) 1 turn vertical (2) 1 turn horizontal (3) 2 turn (4) sit toss horizontal/vertical (5) toss reverse illusion. 2 baton tricks (1) double thumb (2) horizontal vertical

#### 4. Group Routine (25% score)

The group routine will be taught to you by either a senior majorette or by the line instructor. You will have 2-3 days to perfect this routine. It will be taught the Saturday or Sunday prior to the audition. This section will demonstrate your ability to learn and perform a routine in a short amount of time.

These skills will be judged in dance routine and skill section.

#### **Varsity Skill Requirements**

- 1 turn vertical & horizontal
- 2 turn vertical
- Sit Toss vertical or horizontal
- Toss reverse illusion
- Double thumb (2 baton)
- Horizontal Vertical (2 baton)

#### **Junior Varsity Skill Requirements**

- 1 turn vertical & horizontal
- 2 baton vertical high toss with pass and trick (ex. toss pass sling catch)
- 2 baton horizontal high toss (ex. Toss neck wrap catch)

#### **Additional Audition Information**

- The tryout attire will consist of black dress shorts (no athletic shorts), a white shirt, and either cougars or tennis shoes.
- Prior to auditions, all band fees from previous years must be paid in full.
- All students must have evaluation sheets submitted from their teachers
- All students are required to attend the group routine practice session

## ATTENDANCE REQUIREMENTS

#### **EMAIL NOTIFICATION FOR ABSENCE**

Notification by email to the head band director is always required when missing a practice for any reason.

Email: Jeffrey.Whitaker@ectorcountyisd.org

#### **EXCUSED ABSENCES**

Excuses absences may include: school functions, standardized tests/placement exams (i.e. SATs), major family events (i.e. weddings), college visitations, or religious holidays. All absences need to be discussed with the band/Majorettes staff at least 48 hours in advance and must be accompanied by a parent note or a program/flyer from the event.

Emergency excused absences will be determined on a case-by-case basis. These may include illness, injury, or family emergency (i.e. family death). In the event of an emergency absence the band/Majorettes staff must be notified immediately by phone or email. Asking another member to make the excuse will not be acceptable.

Absence due to illness may be excused if the member was also absent from the school day, or if the parent/guardian notifies the band/Majorette staff by e-mail or note. Asking another member to make the excuse will not be acceptable.

In addition to band & majorette rehearsals, all members are expected to attend all academic courses as well. Unexcused absences from academic courses may result in a suspension of the student from that week's activities.

#### **UNEXCUSED ABSENCES**

Unexcused absences will negatively affect a member's grade and may negatively affect their ability to perform in upcoming performances or contests. Unexcused absence from performance or competitions will not be tolerated. Any member without proper excuse will be removed from the performance Majorettes and placed on probation. A parent/guardian conference may be requested before the member is permitted to continue as a performing member.

Tardiness will not be tolerated; repeated tardiness will result in a member placed on probation and may result in the member removed from the performance Majorettes. Any member with excessive absences or tardiness will result in the member not being allowed to participate in upcoming performances or competitions.

#### **ILLNESS OR INJURY**

- 1. Due to the athletic nature of Majorettes, there is a great demand placed on each member to be able to march and perform a complete show. It is the belief of the band/Majorette staff that all members should practice proper physical conditioning in order to facilitate a strong personal performance and to prevent injury. Calisthenics, stretching and running may be advocated and reinforced at rehearsals. Members are always encouraged to stretch and warm-up their bodies individually before rehearsing or performing.
- 2. As with any physical activity, injuries may affect a few members. Illness may also affect a member's ability to rehearse and perform. A doctor's note should always be obtained in the case of a physical injury. In this case of illness or injury, the proper attendance policies must be used to notify the band/Majorette staff of an absence.
- 3. If a member becomes too sick or injured to practice or perform for an extended time, they may remain in the Majorette as a shadow member until they can be added back into the drill or choreography.

#### **REQUIRED TEAM FUNCTIONS**

All new team members and parents must attend a mandatory post tryout meeting. Failure to attend this meeting in its entirety will forfeit their spot on the team.

#### Section 1 - Varsity Majorette Line

- 1. All members must attend and participate in the following activities:
  - a. Summer Camp and rehearsals/practices that follow Before or after camp
  - b. All summer band rehearsals/practices
  - c. Yearly band show and all necessary rehearsals / contest as a Majorette (includes one evening per week and weekend contests)
    - i. Consequences resulting from the Majorette Handbook cannot negatively affect the band show routine. If a consequence requires a girl to sit out from performances, this excludes the band show routine, <u>if the</u> director feels that it would negatively impact the show.
  - d. All practices
  - e. All District and Play-off Football Games as a Majorette (Home and Away)
  - f. Pep-rallies and Bonfire pep-rally
  - g. Any band concerts (when applicable)
  - h. Parades
  - i. Performances at select men's and women's basketball games
  - j. All team fundraisers (for example, car wash, Majorette clinic)
  - k. Recital/ Summer, Fall, & Spring Shows and Rehearsals
  - I. In-state competition (when applicable)
  - m. Out-of-state competition (when applicable)
  - n. Guest performances and community appearances

#### Section 2- Junior Varsity Majorette Line

- 1. All team members must attend and participate in the following activities:
  - a. Summer Camp and rehearsals/practices that follow before or after camp
  - b. All practices
  - c. Yearly band show and all necessary rehearsals / contest as a band member(includes one evening per week and weekend contests)

- i. Consequences resulting from the Majorette Handbook cannot negatively affect the band show routine. If a consequence requires a girl to sit out from performances, this excludes the band show routine, <u>if the director feels that it would negatively impact the show.</u>
- d. Performances at select JV football game Halftime performances
- e. All District and Play-off Football Games as a Band member (Home and Away)
- f. Bonfire pep-rally (if applicable)
- g. Any Band Concert (if applicable)
- h. Parades
- i. Performances at select men's and women's basketball games
- j. All team fundraisers (for example, car wash, Majorette clinic)
- k. Recital/Summer, Fall, & Spring Shows and Rehearsals
- I. In-state competition (when applicable)
- m. Out-of-state competition (when applicable)
- n. Guest performances and community appearances

#### **TRANSPORTATION**

For school safety, all majorette team members will ride a school furnished vehicle or charter bus to/from all band and majorette events unless special permission is obtained from the head band director and campus administration. Any student that does not ride home with the team must submit the proper, signed Trip Change Form prior to departure.

## REHEARSAL RULES, GRADES, AND EXPECTATIONS

#### **DAILY CLASS REHEARSAL**

The Majorettes class meets every day during first period. Attendance, participation, and homework (individual practice) for the Majorette line are just as important as in any other class. Majorette members must be ready to begin at the start of class. All members will receive a participation grade; this grade can be negatively affected by a member's lack of participation or attendance.

#### **BEFORE/AFTER SCHOOL REHEARSAL**

The morning and afternoon/evening rehearsal schedule will be determined by the band/Majorette staff. Participation and attendance at these rehearsals are crucial as well as a part of the member's daily participation grade. Attendance is mandatory; any absences by any members affects how the rest of the Majorette unit works and rehearses, therefore please make doctor's appointments etc. at times other than rehearsals.

#### **BAND CAMP**

All summer rehearsals prior to band camp are required for all majorette members. All Permian Majorettes are required to attend either the Texas Tech Band Camp or the WTAMU Band Camp. This is not an option. The uniform(s) for band camp will be decided by the band/majorette staff.

#### REHEARSAL EXPECTATIONS

- 1. No gum, candy, or food during rehearsals.
- 2. Stud earrings may be worn. Absolutely no rings, necklaces, bracelets, long chains, hoop or dangle earrings, etc.
- 3. No cell phones during rehearsals. Cell phones may not be on any member's person during rehearsals; they may remain off or on silent in the member's bag (phones do not need to be left on vibrate).
- 4. Members must bring their own water bottle to all rehearsals. Cokes, energy drinks, Kool-Aid like drinks, etc. are not allowed at any rehearsal. Sports drinks may be consumed but must remain outside of the rehearsal area and away from all equipment.
- 5. Members must be dressed in appropriate rehearsal attire: tennis shoes or jazz shoes, athletic shorts or pants, and tank-tops or t-shirts. Sandals, boots, jeans, skirts, or any other clothing that limits the movement of the body are not acceptable. Any member arriving at rehearsal wearing inappropriate clothing will be asked to leave and only return when properly clothed, this absence will also affect their daily participation grade.

- a. Certain rehearsals may require rehearsal black attire. Members are expected to come dressed in full black while still meeting the requirements for appropriate rehearsal attire.
- 6. All rehearsal time is intended for rehearsing. Socializing or goofing-off is to be done on the member's own time. Disruptive behavior will result in dismissal from the rehearsal and will affect the member's grade and possibly their ability to participate in upcoming performances or competitions.
- 7. Attendance at daily class rehearsals and before/after school rehearsals is expected; however, the last practice before a performance or competition is mandatory for participation in the performance or competition (see Attendance Requirements).
  - a. Excessive absences or tardiness for any reason will be cause for a drop in grade. Excessive tardiness or absences may cause the member to be placed on temporary probation by the band/Majorettes staff. Probation may result in the member's inability to perform or compete. This step will be made at the discretion of the band/Majorettes staff; however, it will not be placed into effect without the occurrence of a conference between the band/Majorettes staff and the member's parent/guardian.

#### **ROUTINES AND PASSOFF**

Routines will be decided upon by the band/majorette staff. The band/majorette staff will choose music for all performances. Prior to each performance a tryout will be held, including before the eastside concert, pep rallies, game features, etc. You will have three chances to pass off the routine. If at the end of the third time you have not performed to the instructor's expectations, you will not perform at the respective performance. Majorettes that do not pass off routines are still required to show up to the respective performance in full uniform.

Being selected onto the Majorette line does not guarantee that each member will perform in every performance routine – half-time, pep rally, contest, recital, etc. throughout the year. Members absent on the day of auditions will not be allowed to audition on a different day or at a different time for placement in that routine/performance (in the case of an illness emergency or death in the immediate family, it is at the discretion of the director to allow an exception to the rule).

### DISMISSALS AND RESIGNATIONS

Any member who has been dismissed or resigns from the Majorette line will not be permitted to audition for any following season.

## APPEARANCE, EQUIPMENT/UNIFORM CARE & PROCEDURES

#### **APPEARANCE**

- 1. A member will not have any piercings other than two small (needle only) piercing in each of their earlobes during performances, appearances, games, practices, competitions, or any other function or event as a Permian Majorette team member. If they have a piercing other than the one listed above, they will either be required to remove the piercing or understand that they will not be allowed to participate in that event.
- 2. A member may not have a tattoo that is visible while wearing Permian Majorette attire (includes practice attire), uniforms, or costumes. This rule is applicable whether you have make-up or another mean of covering up the tattoo. Any violation in this rule, will result in the member not able to perform and possible removal from the team.
- 3. A member may not have hair of unnatural color or hair no shorter than an inch below the shoulders in length during performances, appearances, games, practices, competitions, or any other function or event as a Permian Majorette team member.

#### **MAJORETTES UNIFORM PROCEDURES**

The desired goal is that the Permian High School Band and Majorette Line continues a tradition of excellence. The manner in which the Majorette Line presents itself can leave either a positive or negative impression on the audience and the other Majorettes. The care of the uniform and the Majorettes member's behavior while wearing it goes far toward creating pride and exuding excellence. While in uniform, each member is constantly being observed.

The personal appearance and actions represent not only the individual member, but also the Permian High School Band, Majorettes, school and community. Each member is responsible for the care and maintenance of their uniform. The specific uniform will be determined by the band/Majorette staff.

All portions of the uniform including shoes should be kept clean and neat. Hair and makeup designs will be determined by the staff. All members are required to comply with the hair and make-up design so as to ensure uniformity throughout the Majorettes. Any member in violation of the uniform policy will not be permitted to perform or compete at that time.

At some point you may be required to wear a uniform that you are not fond of. In this situation it is not acceptable to make negative comments or ask the coach or band director to change the required uniform. Failure to comply will result in the student not performing at the respective performance. **Do not call, ask, or petition any band/majorette staff member to change the selected uniform.** 

- 1. Students should not wear the uniform in public before or after team events.
- 2. No eating in uniform except with the team.
- 3. No public displays of affection while in uniform.
- 4. Uniforms should always be hung correctly after each performance.
- 5. It is your responsibility to clean your uniforms at an approved cleaner.
- 6. Each majorette must have her own hanging bag.
- 7. All uniforms issued to you belong to the Permian Band and must be returned at the end of the Majorette season. If they are not returned in the same condition that they were issued, the majorette/parents will be responsible for replacement.
- 8. Uniforms will be worn only to Permian Band/Majorette events. No uniform representing Permian may be worn to any other event.

#### **ALTERATIONS**

- 1. All majorettes will use the line seamstress unless given direct permission by the head band director or majorette coach.
- 2. Majorettes must have your uniform to the seamstress by the required deadline.
- 3. Majorettes must show up at all fittings on time.
- 4. Payment for alterations must be made before it is released to you. Failure to pay for alterations before a performance will result in the respective student not participating in the performance.

#### **MAJORETTES ROOM PROCEDURES**

This room is to be used exclusively for the storage of Majorette equipment including batons and flags. It is also to be used as a uniform storage room on the day of a performance or competition. This is a shared space between the Majorettes and the rest of the band; all members must remember that this space is a privilege and if abused will be taken away.

Majorettes members are expected to keep the Majorette room neat and clean at all times. There is to be no food or drink in the Majorette room at any time (water is allowed). It is every member's responsibility to ensure that equipment is put away properly, uniforms are taken home promptly, and that all trash is picked up.

A cleaning schedule will be created by the band/majorette staff; all members are to respect and cooperate with this schedule.

## **FUNDRAISING & FINANCIAL OBLIGATIONS**

#### **MAJORETTE INDIVIDUAL FEES & GROUP FUNDRAISING**

The Permian Majorette program is funded through both individual fees and group fundraisers. The combination of these allows us to run a quality program with a balanced approach to fundraising. It is important that the student and parent understand the difference between individual fundraisers and group fundraising. Membership on the Majorette Line is voluntary; therefore, members are responsible for all expenses. However, the payment of these expenses only provides the opportunity to perform as a member, but does not guarantee performance.

#### **INDIVIDUAL FEES**

| Total Amount     | \$400.00  | \$300.00       | August 22, 2016 (1st Day of School) |
|------------------|-----------|----------------|-------------------------------------|
| Band Assessment* | \$200.00* | \$200.00*      | August 22, 2016 (1st Day of School) |
| Majorette Fee    | \$200.00  | \$100.00       | August 22, 2016 (1st Day of School) |
|                  | Varsity   | Junior Varsity | Deadline                            |

<sup>\*</sup>The band assessment is subject to change. The above fees will show on charms.

#### **FUNDRAISING FOR INDIVIDUAL FEES**

Both the Majorette Fee and Band Assessment Fee can be paid through individual fundraising. Individual fundraisers are setup by the fundraising chairperson of the band booster club. They are available to any member of the Permian Band who wishes to take part in the fundraisers and are not required. These fundraisers are provided as an aide to both the student and parent who do not want to pay for fees out-of-pocket. If an individual fundraises an amount in excess of both the majorette fee and the band assessment fee, the overage can be applied toward majorette supplies, band camp and other band events such as a spring trip. Both the majorette fee and band assessment must be paid (or fundraised) in full before credit can be applied toward any other band activity.

#### **BAND CAMP REQUIREMENTS**

All majorettes must attend band camp. You can apply individual fundraisers towards band camp once your Majorette Fee and Band Assessment are paid in full. However, because band camp is in July it is usually not possible to fundraise before the camp payment deadline.

West Texas A&M Band Camp = \$925 (2-week camp) or Texas Tech Band Camp = \$650 (1-week camp)

Application Deadline: June 1, 2017 Registration Deadline: June 9, 2017 Payment Deadline: June 15, 2017 Payment Deadline: June 9, 2017

#### OTHER INDIVIDUAL FINANCIAL OBLIGATIONS FOR MAJORETTES

The fees below reflect <u>estimated</u> out-of-pocket expenses. Your cost may be more or less depending on your needs. You can apply individual fundraisers towards these expenses once your Majorette Fee and Band Assessment are paid in full. The majorette coach will order these items for each individual through the band boosters. Any of these items your student orders will be reflected on the students Charms statement. Students must pay for these items before they will receive them.

|                                | 1st YEAR MEMBER | RETURNING MEMBER |
|--------------------------------|-----------------|------------------|
| MAJORETTE SHIRT                | \$ 40           | \$40             |
| BLOOMERS                       | \$ 20           |                  |
| <b>BOOTS &amp; ALTERATIONS</b> | \$150           |                  |
| UNIFORM ALTERATIONS            | \$ 10           | \$ 10            |
| BATONS                         | \$ 14           |                  |
| TIGHTS                         | \$ 40           | \$ 40            |
| COUGARS                        | \$ 30           |                  |
| SHOES                          | \$ 70           |                  |
|                                | \$374           | \$90             |

#### **ESTIMATED OPTIONAL FEES**

Yard Sign = \$75 Theme Shirt = \$35 New Uniform = \$75 Band Car Decal = \$15

#### **CHARMS**

The Permian Band uses Charms to track individual finances. Charms is a CPA approved financial system that allows us to track fees, trips, fundraisers and more online. You can also make individual payments online with a credit card. Students and parents can see a complete financial statement for your student online.

The website to access charms is: www.charmsoffice.com

You may also download the Charms app for your Android or iPhone

The School Code for charms is: PermianBand

The Student Area Password is your ECISD student ID number. (After your first log in it is recommended you change the password)

#### REQUIRED GROUP FUNDRAISERS

Because individual fees do not cover the entire cost of running the majorette program, required group fundraisers will be setup for the majorette teams. These fundraisers serve 2 purposes: 1) It allows us to have a much lower individual fee. 2) Group fundraisers teach cooperation and teamwork among the group. Required group fundraisers may include: car washes, brisket fundraiser, poster sales, mini twirling clinics, etc. All fundraiser will be set up by the Band Director, Majorette Coach and Band Booster Club.

Attendance and participation at all majorette fundraiser are required. Missing a group fundraiser is the same as missing a performance. Group fundraiser have the same attendance requirements as any performance.

It is vital that all members of the Majorette Line understand the need and expectation of their financial responsibilities. All outstanding fees must be paid before you can audition for the majorette line. Failure to pay fees can result in removal from the majorette line.

## **MAJORETTE OFFICERS**

#### **SECTION 1 – Majorette Captains**

- 1. The Band Director/ Majorette Staff will determine the number of officers each year and will determine their rank. The Band Director/ Majorette Staff will also establish the audition guidelines and requirements for each year.
- 2. Qualifications for Majorette Captain:
  - a. Shall be a leader and conduct herself to the benefit of the team.
  - b. Shall be in good standing with the band program.
  - c. Must not hold a job or be a member of another program that interferes with the duties of the office.
  - d. Must have maintained a high standard of leadership, character and sportsmanship throughout all years on the team.
  - e. Must serve at least one year as a line member before serving as a majorette captain.
  - f. All members auditioning for a captain position must perform a solo either at contest or recital during the same year, prior to the captain auditions.
  - g. Any member auditioning for the position of captain must not have missed more than one practice for any reason other than the three excused absences. Should an illness with a doctor's note require that the twirler miss more than one practice for the safety of the team, the Director holds the right to make an exception to this rule.
- 3. Duties, Responsibilities and Expectations of Officers
  - a. It is the duty of all officers to be devoted, determined, and to maintain pride in self and in the Constitution. A Captain must cooperate with the Band Directors/Majorette Staff and each other, maintain a sense of responsibility for the organization, as it is their first priority, and wear the uniform with pride. She must attend officer camp when applicable, line camp, and avoid asking for special privileges.
  - b. A Captain will lead by example at all times.
  - Is first to arrive and last to leave.
  - d. Does not ask to miss practices or performances for any reason.
  - e. Provides leadership in the absence of the Majorette Staff at games, practices, and performances. In the case that there is more than one captain in charge, the captains must work together to lead the team.

- f. Promotes loyalty within the captains, directors, and team.
- g. Performs any duty assigned to her by the band Directors/ Majorette Staff.
- h. Reports any misconduct to the Band Directors/ Majorette Staff while understanding this is not tattling, but fulfilling their responsibilities as a captain.
- i. Sees that her team member performs well and stays late to help work with them.
- j. Helps members who do not know the routines.
- k. Support Band Director/ Majorette Staff in all decisions made for the team organization.

#### 4. Demotion

- a. A captain will be demoted from the position for any of the following reasons:
  - 1. Probation of any kind (grade, social, or demerit)
  - 2. Lack of leadership from expected captain qualities as defined
  - 3. Moral problems example: inappropriate picture on social media
  - 4. Speaking poorly of the Majorette Staff or any other team members.
  - 5. Verbal or physical altercations, including social media and text messaging.
  - Excessive Absences, un-excused or excused from team functions, activities, events, or performances
    (first offense will be a warning, second offense will result in demotion). Everything is mandatory for
    captains.

## **PARENT SUPPORT**

The participation of your student in this program will hopefully prove to be not only rewarding for your student but for you the parents and guardians as well. Please help the band/Majorette staff in establishing the proper attitude toward the Majorettes program at home. Also, support what your child is doing by attending regular performances of the band and encouraging your son or daughter to practice at home.

The band booster organization is another great way to get involved with your child's activity. It is highly recommended that parents/guardians of all Majorettes members join and actively participate in the Permian Band Boosters. The booster club is designed to help students achieve great success. The entire band organization constantly needs people to sew, chaperone, help with equipment, travel, and other miscellaneous projects. The booster club also finds additional ways to fund the performance groups' needs.

#### **Parent Guidelines:**

- 1. Positive parental involvement is appreciated throughout the majorette program. Parents play an important role in supporting and encouraging their majorette team member and the majorette program.
- 2. Parents are encouraged to work in a positive manner with the Band Director(s)/Majorette Staff and the High School Administration to promote and improve the educational, financial, and ethical welfare of the high school majorette program and all the students involved.
- 3. Parents should never make any negative remarks about any individual majorette, majorette team as a whole, Band Director(s)/Majorette Staff, or other school Majorette teams in public or on any social media sites.
- 4. Parents are responsible for picking up their majorette.
- 5. Parents must be willing to follow all rules and guidelines in regards to their financial obligations as stated.
- 6. Parents are expected to participate alongside their majorette in all team fundraisers.
- 7. Parents must sign all contracts given during tryouts and throughout the year.
- 8. Parents who interfere with minor decisions of the Band Director(s)/Majorette Staff, such as, but not limited to, uniform selection, choice of routines, which majorettes perform in routines, location of majorettes within the formations of performances, or other minor decisions made by the Band Director(s) / Majorette Staff may result in the removal of their child from the team.

## **BAND/MAJORETTES STAFF RECOMMENDATION**

The Permian High School Majorettes will spend many hours outside of class to build and maintain our high standards. We ask you to carefully consider the commitment that you will be making and the responsibilities you must accept. All members can expect multiple morning and afternoon/evening rehearsals throughout the year in addition to class time. As well, all members need to be prepared for the extra time spent on weekends for performances and competitions. If any student has problems maintaining at least a 75 average in all classes each grading period, it is recommended that you not participate with the Majorettes as the extra hours may take away from your studies. It is, however, a highly rewarding experience that is fun and exciting!

Please feel free to contact any of the band/Majorettes staff at any point during the season to discuss any concerns or questions you may have. Communication between parents, students and the directors is crucial to the success of the program.

## JUNOR VARSITY MAJORETTES

|   | Varsity | Junior Varsity |
|---|---------|----------------|
| Attend Band Camp  | Yes     | Yes            |
| Perform a Solo at UIL Twirling Contest                            | Yes     | Yes            |
| Perform in a Permian Ensemble at UIL Twirling Contest             | Yes     | Yes            |
| Perform at Permian Pep Rallies                                    | Yes     | No             |
| Perform at Permian Varsity Football Games as a Mojo Majorette     | Yes     | No             |
| Perform at NBTA events as assigned by the coach and band director | Yes     | Yes            |

JV Majorettes must be members in good standing with the Permian Band. JV Majorettes must march and perform on their band instrument as assigned by the band directors.

## CONFIRMATION OF STUDENT HANDBOOK

| ent Name (Printed)                     | Student Signature   | Date                  |
|--|---|-----------------------|
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| e undersigned parent or guardian, ha   | ve read and understand the policies as set forth i  | n the Band Handboo    |
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| nission for my child to be an active m |   | orettes. In addition  |

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| the financial requirements as well as the | esponsibilities explained in the Permian Majorette<br>time commitment necessary to ensure and contin<br>he terms of attendance and participation.           |   |
|---|---|---|
| Student Name (Printed)                    | Student Signature   | Date                                    |
| permission for my child to be an active m | ve read and understand the policies as set forth ir<br>ember of the Permian High School Band and Majo<br>Furthermore, I understand that I must meet all fir | prettes. In addition, my child has full |
| Parent/guardian Name (Printed)            | Parent/guardian Signature   | <br>Date                                |