



STEP 3

PAY ABPA and DISTRICT ACTIVITY FEES

- ABPA BOOSTER FEE:** This money pays for many necessities for the band during the season. Due by June 1.
- AHII DISTRICT SUMMER PARADE ACTIVITY FEE:** Registration opens April 20, must be paid by May 15th. Please pay at: www.ahconnect.anoka.k12.mn.us
- AHII DISTRICT FALL ACTIVITY FEE:** This link will be unavailable until August 1, but must be paid by August 14. Please pay at: www.ahconnect.anoka.k12.mn.us

****Links to pay the district fees will be unavailable until a sports physical is on file with the district.**

FINANCIAL NEED/FEE WAIVER: If your family receives assistance from the school district free/reduced lunch program, you may qualify for a reduced district activity fee.

PAYMENT PLANS/SCHOLARSHIPS: Please do not let financial difficulties keep your student from participating. **ANY FAMILY** can request a payment plan or apply for a scholarship to offset costs. Each family must have fees paid or a plan on file with Mr. Hauser to participate in marching band. Please contact Mr. Hauser to discuss possibilities of alternate payment options.

VOLUNTEERING!

Many hours of volunteer time are necessary to keep the marching band program running smoothly. Volunteer hours are required of all families - your valuable time is needed and much appreciated.

\$100 of the ABPA fee will be returned at the end of the season banquet (usually in November), to the families who have fulfilled their 20 hours of volunteering.

Please see the ABPA website section labeled **Volunteering** for descriptions of opportunities for fulfilling hours.

www.AnokaBandParents.com

FUNDRAISING!

The Anoka Band Program holds several fundraisers throughout the year:

Sales of Heggies Pizzas, Tornado Night Out and sales of crates of fresh peaches from Washington.

Still have questions?

Please contact your Parent Liaison or email the ABPA at: parents@anokabandparents.com

"Marching Band throws together a group of people putting in hard work, dedication, chaos, and fun, and at the end we all come together to create an amazing family."

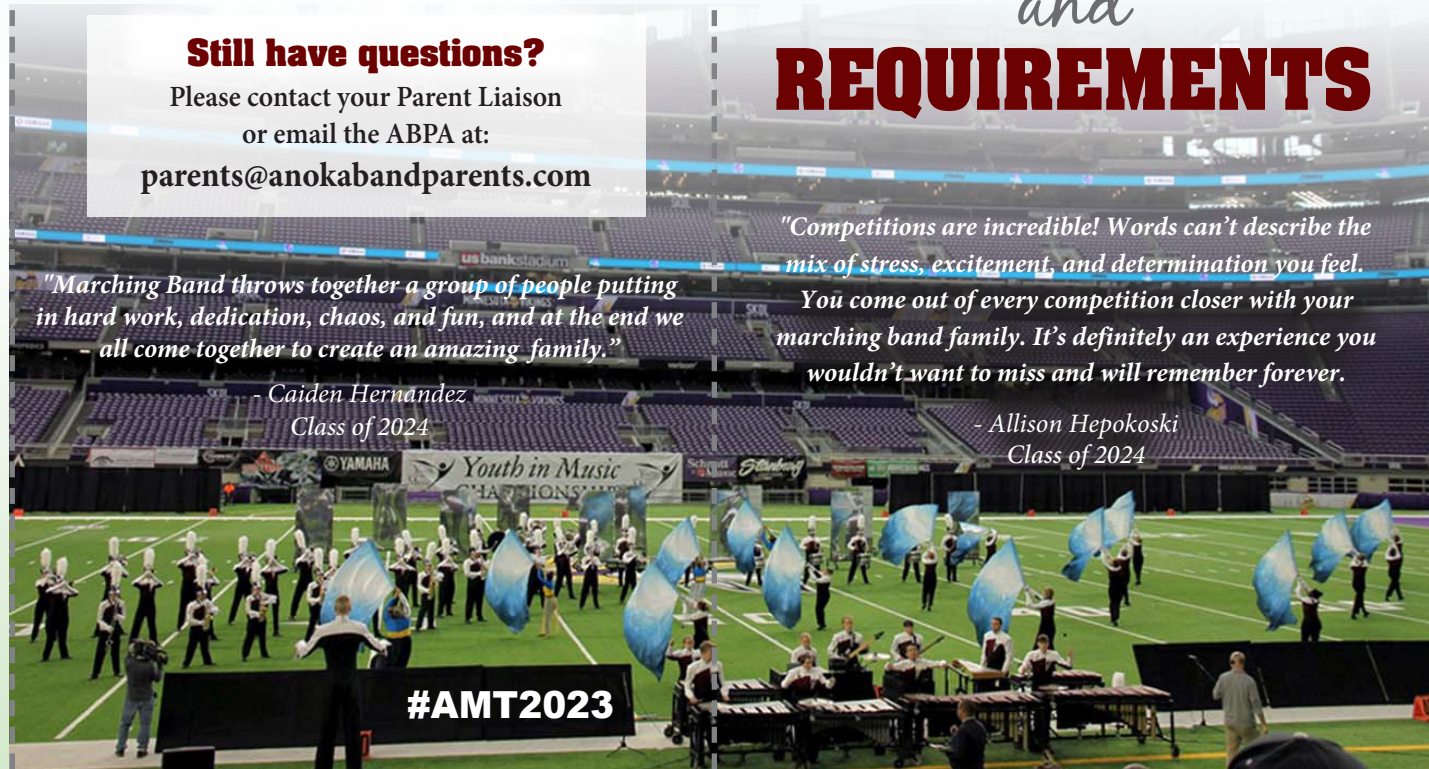
- Caiden Hernandez
Class of 2024

"Competitions are incredible! Words can't describe the mix of stress, excitement, and determination you feel. You come out of every competition closer with your marching band family. It's definitely an experience you wouldn't want to miss and will remember forever."

- Allison Hepokoski
Class of 2024



MARCHING BAND REGISTRATION and REQUIREMENTS



REGISTRATION

STEP 1 SIGN UP FORMS

Please complete the **Registration form** that will be given out at the parent info meeting.

The Registration form includes lines to order the following:

- **STUDENT SHOW SHIRTS** (included with ABPA fees) (Required)
- **EXTRA SHOW SHIRTS** (purchased by families for parents, siblings, etc.) (Optional)
- **ANOKA BAND BLACK SPANDEX SHIRT** (included with ABPA fees) (Required)
- **SHORTS** (purchased by families) (Required)
- **SHOES** (purchased by families. Order with 2023 AMT Payment Form.) (Required)

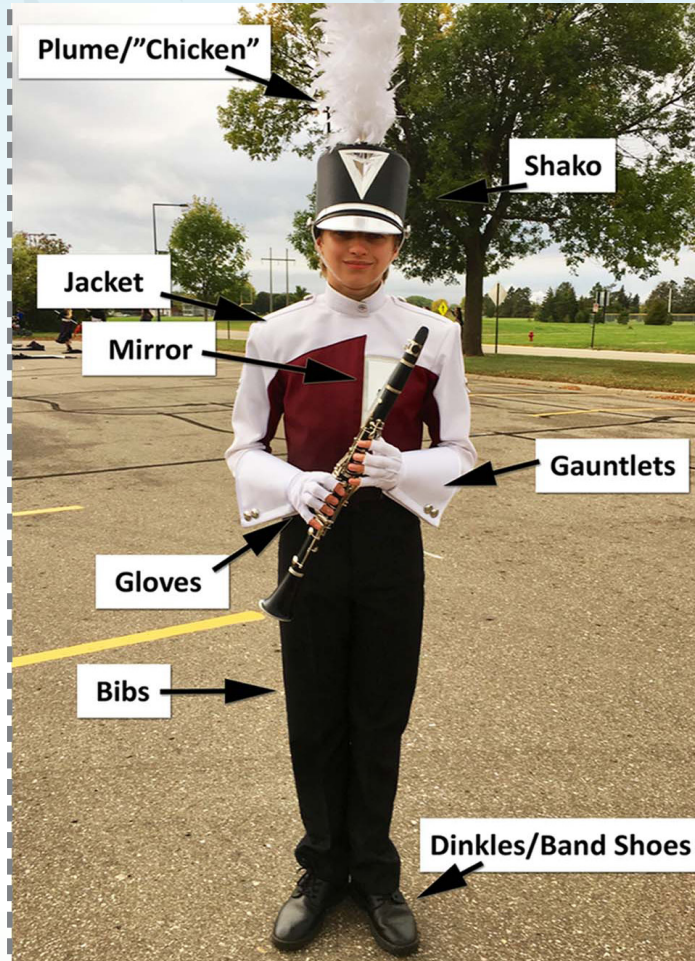
STEP 2 COMPLETE A SPORTS PHYSICAL

The Minnesota State High School League requires that a **Sports Qualifying Physical Examination Clearance Form** must be on file with the high school and renewed every three years for each student involved in a sport/activity. Clinics such as Fairview and Twin Cities Orthopedics have provided free high school physicals by appointment during the summer. Appointments are limited and registration often opens as early as the first week in June - check their websites for details:

www.tcomn.com or www.fairview.org

Physicals may be submitted in person to:
Anoka HS Activities Office
3939 7th Ave., Anoka MN 55303

UNIFORMS



What is worn beneath the uniform? The Anoka Band black spandex shirts ordered at registration are required to be worn beneath the uniform. Spandex serves to protect the uniform throughout the season and allows band members to change into and out of uniforms on the bus before and after performances. It also serves to maintain uniformity when the band is warming up or performing in half-dress (bibs and spandex only)

In addition, families are required to purchase **black spandex shorts** and **black knee-high socks** for all instrumentalists. Socks should be snug to prevent slouching when marching.

FAQs!

Are families responsible for uniform care and cleaning?

No. After uniform fittings in the summer, all washable pieces of the school-issued uniform are stored on the band trailer in garment bags labeled with the band member's name. Shakos are also stored in the trailer in labeled boxes. If uniforms become noticeably dirty, band parent volunteers will take them for cleaning. Dinkles may be worn home or stored in the back zipper pocket of the garment bags to prevent loss. Band parent volunteers distribute and collect chickens and mirrors before and after each performance.

What about Color Guard uniforms?

Color Guard uniforms are ordered each year to fit the theme of the season's field show. Measurements of each guard member will be taken in the summer. Guard uniforms are also stored on the band trailer in labeled garment bags and will be cleaned, if needed, by band parent volunteers.

What are Show Shirts and when are they worn?

These t-shirts display the season's field show theme on the front and a dated list and location of every expected band performance on the back. Extra show shirts are often purchased and worn by family members when volunteering or attending competitions. Band members wear show shirts on the way to competition performances, and for school pep fests or other activities as requested by Mr. Hauser.

