

SOUTHEAST HIGH SCHOOL MARCHING NOLES

General Information and Policies

**Please read completely*

1. **Band Rehearsals** – The full marching band rehearses after school on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 3:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. during football season. Sectionals will be held on Mondays from 2:30 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. The first regularly scheduled rehearsal is Monday, August 23rd.

Monday 2:30 – 4:00 Sectionals

Tuesday 3:00 – 5:00 Full Band

Thursday 3:00 – 5:00 Full Band

2. **Colorguard and Drums** – All Guard and Drumline members will have sectionals every Monday. We will also meet over the summer at various times (check calendar).
3. **Thursday Night LIVE!** – These summer rehearsals are for all members. Beginning July 8th, the band will rehearse music from 6:00 – 8:00 p.m. every Thursday. Students who are out of town on any of those rehearsals are asked to call the band office at (941) 741-3366, ext. 2060 and leave a message for the director. Wear light clothes, light hat, and tennis shoes. Bring your pencil, instrument, and music. **MANDATORY:** Bring water in your water jug.
4. **Sectional Rehearsals** – Sectionals are run by the section leaders or the directors. All students are required to attend sectionals. Areas of concentration will be warm-ups, fundamentals, marching, music, stands tunes, and memorization tests. Sectionals will be held on Mondays from 2:30-4:00 pm.
5. **Attendance** – You must attend all practices and performances; this includes being early and attentive. You will not be excused from rehearsal for work. Please schedule doctor's appointments, etc. outside of the rehearsal time. Students with more than one absence in a week (even excused) will be placed on alternate status. Any unexcused absence will result in dismissal from marching band and loss of award eligibility (pins/letters etc). In order to execute a band show, it is imperative that all members are present. Each member is **vital** to our organization, and all members are dependant upon each other.
6. **Unannounced Performances** – We can expect many requests for our Marching Band to perform and represent Southeast High School throughout Manatee County. All performances that are given to you are now on the *Marching Performance Schedule*. You will be given a two week notice and information will be posted on the **Sunday Nole Notes** on the website: www.sehsband.com.
7. **Marching Shoes** – Band Members will be sized for their shoes during the August band camp. Students needing black marching shoes must purchase them from SIMBA for \$35. Black marching shoes still in satisfactory condition from the prior year are acceptable.
8. **Uniforms** – All uniforms will be fitted during August band camp. The Band uniform includes bibbers, jacket, gauntlets, one pair of gloves, hat, cap, and a new marching T-shirt. Band members will also receive a dot book and flip folder. Band students must purchase black socks. Students must purchase any additional pairs of gloves, T-shirts, or caps that are not in satisfactory condition. Guard and Dance team members will have uniforms as designated by their director.
9. **Music and Equipment** – All instrumentalists will be provided with a packet of music. Students will need to provide their own lyre. Take your instrument with you to the music store to have the lyre fitted. Students should also own a tuner and a metronome. The band has certain larger instruments to loan students at no charge. These instruments are checked out at the beginning of the year and returned at the end of marching season. Any damage beyond normal wear and tear will be charged to the student's school account.
10. **Alternates** – A play-off system will be used to evaluate marching and playing ability. Section leaders will coach their sections on music and marching. The play-off will be for a director on Monday afternoons. Any student not passing a play-off must replay or march the following Monday. Alternates must be present at every practice and performance

because they are regular members of the marching band. Students may also be put on alternate status for the following reasons: teacher recommendation, school discipline concerns, and demerits.

11. **Demerit System** – Students can receive demerits for talking during rehearsal, inappropriate behavior, failure to learn and memorize music and drill, tardiness, improper dress, or failing inspection. Students must work off their demerits the day they are received by completing a work detail. Demerit assignments must be completed by Friday in order to march in the game. Everyone is expected to comply with the work detail as it is usually less than fifteen minutes and provides a necessary service.
12. **Lettering** – Students must attend all rehearsals and performances (see *Marching Performance Schedule*). After the second full year has been completed, the member has earned a letter.
13. **Equipment Managers** – Managers will be present at all practices and performances to assist the band in handling equipment and setting up for rehearsal. All equipment managers shall be under the direction of the First Lieutenant and will assist him/her as the need arises. Fees will be adjusted to reflect not wearing a uniform. Equipment managers' uniform will consist of a marching band T-shirt and jeans or long pants – **No Shorts**. They march with the band to and from the stadium, assist with all equipment and loading, and march with the banner at parades. Uniform will be provided for parades at no additional cost.
14. **Fundraising** – Fundraising is essential to cover costs incurred by the bands such as bus fees, staff, new instruments, entry fees, etc. Students have several opportunities to assist SIMBA with fundraising projects. Each student is required to participate in these fundraising opportunities, or an additional fee will be assessed.
15. **Student Accident Insurance** – County policy mandates that each marching band member has the minimum \$25 policy that is school time coverage only and covers you at all competitions and football games (home and away). This amount is in addition to your child's band fees. An application for this policy will be provided at the beginning of August band camp. You must fill out the form and turn it in to the band office with a separate check made payable to **Southeast High School** (not SIMBA). See insurance form for additional insurance coverage options; add this to your payment.
16. **Code of Conduct** – All members are expected to act in a dignified manner, treating each other with respect. This includes members of other bands and schools. Students are to follow Southeast High School's Code of Conduct **at all times**. Deviation from these said rules and regulations may result in the member's release from this organization.
17. **PE Credit** – “Completion of one semester with a grade of "C" or better in a marching band class, in a physical activity class that requires participation in marching band activities as an extracurricular activity, or in a dance class shall satisfy one-half credit in physical education or one-half credit in performing arts.” –Florida Department of Education— Graduation Requirements. The student must still take the Personal Fitness class (.5 credit) to complete the 1 credit in PE. **See your guidance counselor regarding PE credit and Marching Band.**
18. **Good Standing** – Good standing means that the student is debt-free to the band and has attended all obligations.

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