

General Information and Policies (Continued...)

1. **Uniforms:** All uniforms will be fitted during regular pre-season rehearsal. The uniform rental fee is included as part of your Marching Fees and covers the cost of dry cleaning pants, jacket, and hat. The fee also includes a new Southeast band t-shirt, 2011-2012 show t-shirt, and 1 pair of gloves. Students must purchase black socks, black band shoes, and a flip folder (available at Keyboards and More). The student must also purchase any additional pairs of gloves or t-shirts.
2. **Student Mandatory Health Insurance:** County policy mandates that each marching band member has the minimum policy that is school time coverage only and covers you at all practices, competitions, football games (home and away), and band trips. This amount is additional \$25/student (separate from the \$325 band fees). An application for this policy will be provided at Mini-Camp. You must fill this out and return it before Tuesday's Mini-Camp or you will not be able to participate. Make all checks payable to "SIMBA."
3. **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 at the beginning of practice on Tuesdays and Thursdays. Extra sectionals can be called at will, by the Section Leader, with a week notice and approval from directors.
4. **Alternates/Pass-Offs:** A pass-off system will be used to evaluate marching and playing ability. Section leaders will coach their sections on music and marching. The pass-off will be for a director or captain on Tuesday afternoons. Any student not checked off for a pass-off must replay or march on Thursday. 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.
5. **Equipment Managers:** will be present at every Thursday practice, Friday run-thru, and all performances to assist the band in handling equipment and setting up for rehearsal. Equipment managers' uniform will consist of a marching band t-shirt and jeans or khaki 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.)
6. **Fundraising:** Fundraising is essential to cover costs incurred by the bands such as bus fees, staff, new instruments, entry fees, etc. Students are given several opportunities to assist SIMBA with fundraising projects. A big fundraiser we do is concessions at Rays' games, which you will get more information about at registration. Each student is expected to participate in these fundraising opportunities or an additional fee may be assessed.
7. **Good Standing:** Good standing means that the student is debt free to the band and has attended all obligations. "Obligations" are defined as events on the 2011-2012 Marching 'Noles Schedule.
8. **Code of Conduct:** All members are expected to act in a dignified manner treating each other with respect. This includes band parents, band staff, teachers, and 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 dismissal from this organization.
9. **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 can 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.
10. **Unannounced Performances:** We can expect many requests for our Marching Band to perform and represent Southeast High School throughout Manatee County. Students will be given a 2-week notice and are required to attend.
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 the 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.