



**2023-24**

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SOUTHSIDE HIGH SCHOOL BAND

# HANDBOOK

A student and parent guide to membership in the Southside High School Band program.



# Southside High School

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*From the principal's desk...*

The Pride of Southside has a long standing, rich tradition of excellence! Our band program has received numerous awards, along with national, state, and local recognition. I am extremely proud of this program and how it continues to grow and excel. I am often humbled by the work ethic of our band students and directors. Band camp can be grueling in the heat and all the after school rehearsals are not for the faint of heart. It takes dedication, discipline, and determination to be a part of The Pride.

I want to say a special thank you to Mr. Weaver and Mr. Waits. Southside is very fortunate to have two directors with such impressive experience, background and knowledge to teach and lead our students and program. I am grateful for them and support them completely.

To be a part of The Pride of Southside is special. This program teaches more than music. Students learn about teamwork, decision making, discipline and so many other life lessons that are so important. There are many memories students will make during their time with this program. Enjoy it and make the most of it!

Lastly, I think it is important to recognize that The Pride remains UNDEFEATED! They are the best band program around and called The Pride for a reason! Go Panthers!

Sincerely,

  
Julie Tucker



SOUTHSIDE HIGH SCHOOL BAND

**THE PRIDE OF SOUTHSIDE**

*Commitment, Discipline, Tradition, Excellence*

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## Welcome to the 2023-2024 School Year!

To All Students and Parents of The PRIDE,

Welcome to one of the most exciting experiences in which you can be a part – The PRIDE! Now, more than ever, we have information to justify why we participate in this demanding, yet rewarding activity. Experts have concluded that the study of music helps with spatial reasoning, test-taking, and overall quality of life! Factor in social skills, emotional development, leadership training, group interactions, aesthetic perception, music-making, and the discipline of being in a band program, and who would not want to be involved in a program as successful as what we are lucky to have here at Southside! The ultimate goal is a lifelong understanding and appreciation for high-quality music-making!

Everyone should read the information in this handbook, even veterans. Some of the information has changed, so be sure you're informed. For those new to "The PRIDE", most questions can be answered by consulting the handbook. It is our hope that this handbook will both inform and inspire! Parents and students need to know that we value them and that what they do is important in our eyes.

This past year was full of successes by our students including an internationally televised performance, multiple performance invitations, and our 34th consecutive year of superior ratings. In all areas of the program, we saw growth and indications that our band will continue to prosper.

As always, I am honored to be your band director and am looking forward to another great year with "The PRIDE"!

Go Panthers & Go PRIDE GO!

Matthew Weaver  
Director of Bands



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## Southside High School Band

Etowah County Schools  
Southside, Alabama



COMMITMENT – DISCIPLINE – TRADITION - EXCELLENCE

### Physical & Mailing Address

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### Website

[www.theprideofsouthside.com](http://www.theprideofsouthside.com)

## PURPOSE

It is an honor and privilege to be a member of the Southside High School Band. As a member of "The PRIDE," each individual assumes the responsibility to maintain this band's reputation for reliability, efficiency, and the highest standards of musical performance. You should take pride in your accomplishments and seek to improve yourself to contribute to this band program's success.

## PHILOSOPHY

It is the purpose of the Southside High School Band Program to help mold students into responsible young men and women and productive citizens through the medium of music; to serve as musical ambassadors for Southside High School, the City of Southside and the Great State of Alabama; and to providing a positive and safe educational environment that promotes growth and development.



## HISTORY

The Southside Band program has long been at the forefront of musical excellence. Our band has a proud tradition of musical excellence, personal integrity, community support, and loyalty to the Alma Mater. Since 1958, members have thrilled fans with their entertaining performances and musical ability. Comprised of some of the school's top students, The PRIDE performs for thousands of people each year at football games, competitions, concerts, recitals, performances, parades, and many other events. With a dedication to musical and personal excellence, this band strives to represent Southside with distinction and class.

### Founded 1959

Officially Proclaimed  
***“The PRIDE” of Southside High School***  
by the Southside City Council  
December 7, 1992

### Thirty-Four Years of Consecutive Superior Ratings

Superior Ratings, Alabama Bandmaster’s Association’s State Music Performance Assessment

1988, 1989, 1990, 1991, 1992, 1993, 1994, 1995, 1996, 1997, 1998, 1999, 2000, 2001, 2002, 2003, 2004, 2005, 2006, 2007, 2008, 2009, 2010, 2011, 2012, 2013, 2014, 2015, 2016, 2017, 2018, 2019, 2020, 2021, 2022, 2023

### Director of Bands

1957-1958 Jan Stowers	1977-1978 Luther Forman
1959-1968 Tony Traylor	1978-1979 Wain Bates
1969-1970 Curtis Whited	1979-1982 Don Robinson
1970-1971 Gary Sims	1982-1984 Curtis Whited
1971-1972 Steve Daniel	1984-1987 Homer McCollum
1972-1974 Tony Traylor	1987-2006 Hal Murphy
1974-1977 Raymond Jones	2007-2012 Nathan Haskew

2013 - present Matt Weaver  
2021-present Austin Waits, Assistant Director



COMMITMENT - DISCIPLINE – TRADITION - EXCELLENCE

**Featured Performance, Alabama Bicentennial Parade**

*Chosen as one of seven bands from across the state to perform for this historic event*  
Matt Weaver, Director  
Montgomery, Alabama  
December 14, 2019

**Featured Performance, Alabama Music Educators Association In-Service Conference**

*Becoming the only band in District II to be invited twice to this prestigious event*

Matt Weaver, Conductor  
BJCC Concert Hall  
Birmingham, Alabama  
January 18, 2018

**Featured Performance, Alabama Music Educators Association In-Service Conference**

*Becoming the first band in the history of Etowah County to be invited at this prestigious event*

Hal Murphy, Conductor  
Auburn University  
Auburn, Alabama  
January 17, 2003

**Featured Performance, Southeastern United States Concert Band Clinic**

Hal Murphy, Conductor  
Troy State University  
Troy, Alabama  
February 3, 1995

**Performances in**

Orlando, Florida  
San Antonio, Texas  
Washington, D.C.  
Phoenix, Arizona  
New York City, New York  
Chicago, Illinois  
Philadelphia, Pennsylvania  
Main Street USA, Walt Disney World's Magic Kingdom, Orlando, FL





## CURRICULUM

The Southside Band program utilizing a yearly curriculum that includes exercises, drills, and ensemble works in addition to the musical literature selected for performance that teach both the national standards of the National Association for Music Education ([NAfME](#)) as well as the [Alabama Course of Study](#) (ACS). For a detailed Yearly Curriculum Guide, visit the members tab of the website.

## GRADING POLICY

The purpose of the Southside Band's grading policy is to ensure that we operate a program that promotes personal responsibility, musical growth and achievement, and consistency in pursuing these goals. This policy aims to hold all to a higher standard as we work together to continually improve our band's proud tradition of musical and personal excellence.

### CATEGORIES & DESCRIPTIONS

**Performances – 50%**

Attendance and preparedness at required performances.

**Rehearsal & Attendance Grades – 20%**

Preparedness, behavior, and attendance at in-class and after-school rehearsals (how the individual is contributing to the ensemble).

**Individual Performance Assessments – 20%**

Excerpt pass-offs, playing tests, etc.

**Materials & Literacy – 10%**

Equipment checks (folder, cubby, instrument checks). Short written assignments (journals, self-assessments, reports, note reading assignments).

**\*Alternate assignments will not be given in place of missed performances. Excused absences will result in an empty grade, unexcused absences will result in a zero grade.**

**\*\*Marching Band students who are absent (excused or unexcused) from the last rehearsal prior to a performance may not march in that show as too much will have been altered; however, students are still required to attend that performance (football game, contest, etc.).**

**SAMPLE NINE-WEEK GUIDE** (subject to change)

**Quarter One**

Daily Rehearsal Grades – 9 (weekly)  
Materials – 6 (Cubby Checks, Instrument Checks, Music Checks)  
Literacy – 3 (1 self-assessment, 2 performance critiques)  
Individual Performance Assessments – 9 (scale & excerpt pass-offs, sight reading)  
After School Rehearsals – 9 (weekly)  
Performances – 7 (individual)

**Quarter Two**

Daily Rehearsal Grades – 9 (weekly)  
Materials – 5 (2 Cubby Checks, 1 Instrument Checks, 2 Music Checks)  
Literacy – 2 (2 performance critiques)  
Individual Performance Assessments – 9 (scale & excerpt pass-offs, sight reading)  
After School Rehearsals – 4 (weekly)  
Performances – 6 (individual)

**Quarter Three**

Daily Rehearsal Grades – 9 (weekly)  
Materials – 3 (1 Cubby Checks, 2 Instrument Checks, 2 Music Checks)  
Literacy – 3 (1 self-assessment, 2 performance critiques)  
Individual Performance Assessments – 10 (scale & excerpt pass-offs, sight reading)  
After School Rehearsals – 1 (weekly)  
Performances – 2 (individual)

**Quarter Four**

Daily Rehearsal Grades – 9 (weekly)  
Materials – 4 (2 Cubby Checks, 2 Instrument Checks, 2 Music Checks)  
Literacy – 3 (1 self-assessment, 2 performance critiques)  
Individual Performance Assessments – 9 (scale & excerpt pass-offs, sight reading)  
After School Rehearsals – 3 (weekly)  
Performances – 2 (individual)

**ENSEMBLES**

“The PRIDE” is one band program divided into three ensembles with additional opportunities for optional chamber groups and ensembles. Every band member is automatically a member of both the Marching Band and one of the two concert ensembles. All members of the Southside Band are required to be members of both the concert and marching ensembles. Band is a class that does sometimes require after school commitments. Please see each ensemble’s description below.

**“The PRIDE” of Southside Marching Band** – After School (Tues, Thurs, & Fri Aug.-Oct.)  
Matt Weaver & Austin Waits, Directors

The Marching Band is comprised of every band member at Southside High School and a select group of 8<sup>th</sup>-grade alternates from Rainbow Middle. The Marching Band rehearses during the summer prior to the start of term and after school two days a week with additional rehearsals for percussion and auxiliary members. The Marching Band performs at all varsity football games (including post-season games), marching contests, and at various parades throughout the year. Students must be a member of the Symphonic Band or the Wind Ensemble course to be a member of the Southside Band and "The PRIDE" of Southside Marching Band.

**Symphonic Band** – 6th Period (Mon, Tues, Thurs, Fri)  
Austin Waits, Conductor

Symphonic Band is one of two band performance ensembles offered at Southside High School. The Southside Symphonic Band is classified as an "Accomplished Level" ensemble in the Alabama Arts Education Course of Study for students with experience equivalent to multiple years of high school study, in grades 9-12. This course is designed to extend students' technical skills and artistry and to provide students with a deeper understanding and appreciation of the study of music. Throughout the four Artistic Processes, students will perform (singing and playing instruments), create, read/write, and listen/respond/evaluate while employing the following concepts: timbre, rhythm, melody, harmony, form, and expression. The skill of connecting is embedded throughout all standards and grade levels. Refer to Appendix F for Essential Questions and Enduring Understandings. Students must be a member of the Symphonic Band or the Wind Ensemble course to be a member of the Southside Band and "The PRIDE" of Southside Marching Band.

**Wind Ensemble** – 7th Period (Mon, Tues, Wed, Fri)  
Matt Weaver, Conductor

Wind Ensemble is one of two band performance ensembles offered at Southside High School. The Southside Wind Ensemble is classified as an "Advanced Level" ensemble in the Alabama Arts Education Course of Study for students with experience equivalent to college-level, honors, or AP study in grades 9-12. Students at this level demonstrate concepts and skills to continue the enjoyment of music in community or professional settings. Throughout the four Artistic Processes, students will perform (singing and playing instruments), create, read/write, and listen/respond/evaluate while employing the following concepts: timbre, rhythm, melody, harmony, form, and expression. The skill of connecting is embedded throughout all standards and grade levels. Refer to Appendix F for Essential Questions and Enduring Understandings. Students must be a member of the Symphonic Band or the Wind Ensemble course to be a member of the Southside Band and "The PRIDE" of Southside Marching Band. Membership in the Wind Ensemble is selected from a band class placement audition conducted by the band directors.

**Full Band (Flex Band)** – 8th Period (Mon, Tues, Thurs, Fri)

The 8th-period class is a flex band period in which every member of the band meets together. During football season and the band's marching competition season, this class offers an opportunity for the marching band to rehearse. After football, this class serves as many purposes as a guided group and individual practice, sectional rehearsal, chamber ensembles, jazz band, and other opportunities, which eliminate the need for many after-school time commitments.

## **ATTENDANCE POLICY**

Students are required to be at all camps, rehearsals, and performances as outlined by the director/instructors. Students are also expected to be at school. **EVERY CLASS COUNTS / EVERY DAY.** Absences are defined as excused and unexcused.

- Students who miss two (2) rehearsals (excused or unexcused) the week of a performance will not be allowed to perform.
- Students who miss one (1) rehearsal the week of a performance may perform at the director's discretion.

### **Excused Absences**

- Excused absences are defined as illness (must include a signed note from a doctor or parent/legal guardian), death in the family, school conflict, or an emergency medical appointment.
- Excuses must be received in advanced or within one school day.
- Students or parents must notify Mr. Weaver of any absence by email regardless of the reason. If no reason is given, or if no communication occurs, the absence will be marked as unexcused.
- Illness or injury that is severe enough to prevent a student from attending and watching rehearsal will be excused; however, if a student is well enough to attend school, they are expected to attend rehearsal.
- Injury does not exclude anyone from rehearsal. Injured members are required to attend rehearsals to watch and to keep up with any materials they may be missing.
- Members who sit out of a rehearsal due to injury must provide a doctor's note explaining the injury and restrictions/precautions.

**Attendance at all after-school rehearsals and performances is a graded requirement.**

Excessive tardiness or absenteeism to rehearsal is grounds for removal from the program.

Any unexcused absence from a performance is grounds for removal.

**You don't come to rehearsal to learn your part, you come to learn how your part fits in with everyone else.**



## REQUIRED MATERIALS

For our band to be successful, every student must have the best equipment possible. Some items the school can provide while others are the responsibility of individual students' families. The directors work extremely hard to keep costs to an absolute minimum. Please see the lists below of required materials.

### In Class Materials

Music Folder (provided)  
Music (provided)  
Storage Cubby (provided and assigned)  
Instrument Label Tag  
Pencil  
Instrument in proper working order  
School Owned Instruments (requires a \$50 rental fee)  
    Tubas & Sousaphones  
    Euphoniums, Baritones & Marching Baritones  
    Mellophones (marching f horns)

### Instrument Specific Required Materials

**Flutes:** Tuning Rod & Swab  
**Reeds:** Three (3) or more good reeds used in rotation & swab  
**Brass:** bottle of a high-quality valve oil of an appropriate weight  
**Trombones:** Container of cold cream & a small plastic spray bottle of water  
**Percussion:** Drum sticks labeled with student's initials on the butt of the sticks

### Marching Band Materials

#### Everyone

Large, wide-mouthed water jug with name label (provided by The PRIDE Music Assoc.)  
Current Year's "Show" Shirt (provided by The PRIDE Music Assoc.)  
Red "PRIDE" Shirt (provided by The PRIDE Music Assoc.)

#### Instrumentalists

Uniform Coat & Shako Hat (provided and assigned)  
Bibbers & Shoes (purchased for \$55 & \$35)  
Black Gloves (purchased for \$5)  
Long, black socks  
Marching Flip Folio & Lyre (provided & assigned)

#### Auxiliary

Colorguard / Danceline Uniform (purchased)  
Drum Major Uniform (purchased)  
*Auxiliary members will be provided with an additional list by their instructors with price and ordering information*

## **Instrument Requirements & Suggested Brands**

As a parent investing in your child's music education, it is crucial to invest in a quality musical instrument. So-called "bargain" instruments, available online or at discount stores, may seem tempting; however, experience has proven repeatedly that these instruments are indeed no "bargain" at all. Most often, the low price is the result of poor craft and lower-quality materials. These instruments usually break more quickly and are difficult, sometimes impossible, to repair. In many cases, they cannot be played in tune, and the quality of the sound they produce is inferior.

It is disheartening to see a child's enthusiasm for music destroyed by an instrument that does not allow them to reach their full potential. A poor-quality instrument also affects the overall sound of the band, tarnishing the experience for all. With these concerns in mind, we provide you with this list of recommended band instrument brands and accessories. Over the years, we have found that these instruments are durable, easy to repair, and will give your child the best opportunity to succeed as a young musician.

If the instrument you are considering is not listed here, ask the seller for the instrument specifications and consult with your child's band director before you rent or buy

**Flute:** Open holed flute with case and tuning rod

*Suggested brand: Yamaha 684 H, Jupiter Di Medici, Altus. \*Piccolo - Yamaha YPC62*

**Clarinet:** Wooden clarinet with case & reed holder with at least three reeds

*Suggested brand: Buffet E-11 (Intermediate) R-13 (Professional)*

**Oboe:** Intermediate or professional instrument with case & at least three reeds

*Suggested brand: Loree or Fox 400*

**Bassoon:** Intermediate or professional instrument with case & at least three reeds

*Suggested brand: Fox Renard 220 or 222*

**Saxophone:** Intermediate or pro instrument with case & reed holder with at least three reeds

*Suggested brand: Selmer Superaction 80 Series II or III, Yamaha Custom*

**Trumpet:** Intermediate or pro instrument with case, valve oil, and slide grease

*Suggested brand: Bach Stadivarius*

**Horn:** Intermediate or pro instrument with case, valve oil, and slide grease

*Suggested brand: Holton 379*

**Trombone:** Intermediate or pro instrument with case, tuning-slide grease, cold cream and water spray bottle (main slide)

*Suggested brand: Bach 42B, BO*

\* **Euphonium:** Intermediate or pro instrument with case, valve oil, and slide grease

*Suggested brand: Yamaha 321-S or Willson*

\* **Tuba:** Intermediate or pro instrument with case, valve oil, and slide grease

*Suggested brand: Miraphone 187*

## MEMBERSHIP

Membership in “The PRIDE” is a privilege. Students registering for band make a year-round commitment. Students are not allowed to drop band class during the school year. Students who move to our community during the school year are welcome to join band as soon as they are enrolled at Southside High School. Transfer students should contact the band office to arrange a meeting with the directors. In addition, students who have not previously been in band may join with permission from the directors and administration.

Students who discontinue their membership in the Southside Band are eligible to return to the band on a one-year probationary basis. During this term, probationary members will not be considered for student leadership positions.

The band directors and school administration will evaluate students who are removed from the program and who wish to return.

## SHS POLICY ON ALCOHOL, DRUGS & TOBACCO

1. All SHS and Etowah County Board of Education rules are in effect. Per county policy, all students participating in band must submit to random drug screening.
2. Involvement with alcohol, unauthorized/illegal drugs, or tobacco products will result in the loss of all extracurricular involvement privileges, or dismissal from the band at the discretion of the director.
3. Any student involved with the use or possession of the above substances on a band sponsored trip or activity will be sent home at their parents’ expense. They will also face legal action from local law-enforcement authorities.

## GENERAL EXPECTATIONS

- Students are expected to behave at a higher standard than other students at Southside High.
- Students are expected to be courteous, polite, and respectful at all times to all individuals.
- Students are expected to not talk when being spoken to, and refrain from inappropriate language, profanity, or derogatory comments in person or on social media.
- Students are expected to be present, engaged, and on time to all rehearsals and performances.
- Students are expected to cheer on and support Southside High School and its students, programs, and community at large at all times.
- Students are expected to pay their fees in a timely manner so that our program can be financially sound and operate effectively.

*Effort & Manners*

## FACILITIES

Students of the Southside Band program are expected and required to treat others and themselves with the respect and dignity that they deserve. This means also that we are expected to honor our facilities and homes in similar fashion. All students of the Southside High School Band will treat the band room, offices, auditorium, restrooms, practice fields, stadium, etc. with the utmost care and respect.

- **All materials are to be stored properly after every class, rehearsal, event, or performance.**
- **No personal belonging should be left out for any reason.**
- **Students are expected to maintain a clean and tidy practice field and dispose of all trash and waste properly.**
- **No food or drink (other than water) are allowed in the band room or auditorium.**
- **The directors' office is to be respected at all times. If the door is closed, students will knock, wait to be acknowledged, and be given permission to enter.**

## UNIFORM CODE

Being a part of The PRIDE means that you are now a member of one of the finest marching bands in the activity and are responsible for continuing our trademark tradition of excellence in performance and appearance.

### MARCHING BAND

1. The uniform is designed for a specific, consistent image throughout the band. Nothing is to be added to or subtracted from any individual uniform. Though auxiliary members and drum major purchase their own uniforms, they represent Southside High and fall under the purview of the uniform code.

2. Hair length on both male and female musicians should not be longer than the collar of the jacket. Hair that is longer than the collar on both male and female musicians should be secured in a ponytail the entire time the student is in uniform, with the only exception being on band picture day. **Hair color should always be in accordance with school rules.**

3. Only stud earrings are permitted. No loops, pins, chains, or any other earrings or piercings are to be worn in uniform. In addition, no bright color makeup should be worn while in uniform.

4. Neither the jacket nor pants shall ever be allowed to touch the ground. Pants are either to be worn or on a hanger. The jacket may be worn, hung up or folded correctly and laid upon the shako.

5. Shakos should always be carried with the opening of the hat facing down. They should never be used as a bucket to carry flip folders, jackets, etc.

7. All members of The PRIDE are to be consistent in their appearance and dress at any given time. For example, only wear the hat if the whole band is supposed to have them on; all jackets are either on or off.

### CONCERT ENSEMBLES

1. The concert ensemble uniform is black, formal ware (tuxedos and dresses)
2. Appropriate undergarments must be worn at all times. No visible underwear straps.
3. Tuxedos – black socks, black dress shoes, no wrist or facial jewelry
4. Dresses – black hose, dress black flat shoes, no wrist or facial jewelry. Pearl necklaces provided



## HONOR BANDS / ALL-STATE BAND

Students will have the opportunity throughout the year to participate in various honor bands hosted by many universities and the Alabama Bandmasters Association. Please follow the proper procedures to participate in an honor band.

- **Honor Bands are announced as they are made known to the directors**
- **Students wishing to participate in an honor band should contact the directors immediately**
- **Students will not be recommended for honor bands if they are not in good standing with regards to behavior.**
- **If selected, students are responsible for completing all relevant paperwork, pay any fee, and communicate with the front office to receive a principal's excuse.**
- **If selected for the Alabama All-State Band, students are responsible for their own hotel rooms at the official, Conference Hotel. A director will accompany All-State students, but the students and parents are responsible for their own transportation.**

## PRIVATE LESSONS

Private lessons are the BEST way to get better at your instrument. Lessons are not required, but are HIGHLY encouraged! Students joining the HS band as beginners are expected to take private lessons to “catch-up”. Any student interested in taking lessons should contact a director for a complete list of instructors.

## ALTERNATES (Marching Band)

The Southside Band, like many other high school and collegiate band programs, maintains an alternate system. This means there are fewer “drill spots” on the field than the current number of members on the roster. Having “holes” in the drill creates a tremendous burden and challenge for every other member and negatively effects our performance. Inevitably, someone will become ill, be injured etc., therefore, it is important to have an alternate system.

- A small, select group of 8<sup>th</sup> grade students from the RMS Band serve as Alternates
- All members, including alternates, attend every rehearsal and performance of the marching band
- Not every member is guaranteed to perform on the field every week
- 8<sup>th</sup>-Grade Marchers pay a reduced membership fee to help cover costs associated with uniform cleaning and transportation

## FEES AND EXPENSES

### Why Do We Pay Fees?

Fees are an unfortunate necessity as the Southside Band is a completely self-sustaining program. It takes approximately \$60,000 per year to run the Southside band program. **The school district does not fund any of this expense.** Membership fees bring in roughly \$30k, which means each year, we need to raise approximately \$30,000 to \$35,000! As an organization, we cannot operate and provide any level of experience/education for our students without a solid financial foundation. Every effort has been made to keep fees as low as possible while still providing the best year-round experience possible.

- Funds cannot be spent until they are received
- Fees are expected to be paid on time
- All payments MUST be made payable to Southside High School
- Online payments can be made through SHS’s MySchoolBucks portal
- Statements will be emailed monthly

### What to Pay

Financial Obligations	Amount	Due By
<b>Membership Fees</b>	\$250	Due in full by September 1, 2023 *Paid in \$50 increments June – Sept.
<b>Auxiliary Member Fee</b> <small>*Reduced amount to accommodate other expenses</small>	\$100	September 1, 2023
<b>RMS Alternate Member Fee</b> <small>*MUST BE PAID VIA CHECK OR CASH – MySchoolBucks is enrollment specific</small>	\$50	June 2, 2023
<b>School-Owed Instrument Rental</b>	\$50	Beginning of School

Payment Schedule		
<i>June Installment</i>	\$75	<i>June 3, 2023</i>
<i>July Installment</i>	\$75	<i>July 7, 2023</i>
<i>August Installment</i>	\$50	<i>August 4, 2023</i>
<i>September Installment</i>	\$50	<i>September 1, 2023</i>

## ADDITIONAL COSTS

Resale items are any materials that students need to purchase in order to participate with the band (shoes, concert attire, auxiliary uniforms etc.) Per Alabama State law, no funds raised in the name of a public institution may be used to purchase items for private use. This means that students may not use fundraisers or credit to purchase items that they keep.

## Instrumental Members

Items	Amount	Due By
Marching Shoes	\$35	May 26, 2023 Purchased through online order form
Marching Bibbers (pants)	\$55	May 26, 2023 Purchased through online order form
Gloves	\$5	May 26, 2023 Purchased through online order form
Member Jacket	\$75	*Optional (Purchased through the band's online apparel store)

## Auxiliary Members

Crimsonettes	Price	Colorguard	Price
**Reduced Band Membership Fee	\$100 (to Southside HS) (Regular 23-24 fee is \$250) <i>*\$50 School-Owned Instrument Rental Fee still applies to any student using school-owned instruments.</i>	**Reduced Band Membership Fee	\$100 (to Southside HS) (Regular 23-24 fee is \$250) <i>*\$50 School-Owned Instrument Rental Fee still applies to any student using school-owned instruments.</i>
'23 Show Uniform	\$230.00 (to Southside HS) \$100 deposit due April 7; \$130 final payment due May 5	'23 Show Uniform	\$230.00 (to Southside HS) \$100 deposit due April 7; \$130 final payment due May 5
Member Jacket	\$75 (Purchased through the band's online apparel store)	Member Jacket	\$75 (Purchased through the band's online apparel store)
Pep Rally Uniform	\$150 (Tutu's) Deposit by May 1 Final due by June 1	Pep Rally Uniform	\$146 (Tutu's)*size based Deposit by May 1 Final due by June 1
Tan Jazz Shoes	\$43.95 (Tutu's) Due by June 1	Tan Jazz Shoes	\$43.95 (Tutu's) Due by June 1
Earrings	\$11.95 (Tutu's) Due by June 1	Earrings	\$11.95 (Tutu's) Due by June 1
Bloch Tan Tights	\$19.95 (Tutu's) Due by June 1	Bloch Tan Tights	\$19.95 (Tutu's) Due by June 1
Backpack w/name	\$65.00 (Tutu's) Due by June 1	Backpack w/name	\$65.00 (Tutu's) Due by June 1
Stadium Seat Towel	\$19.95 (Tutu's) Due by June 1	Stadium Seat Towel	\$19.95 (Tutu's) Due by June 1
Comfort Colors Tee Shirt & Tank	\$52.90 (Tutu's) Due by June 1	Comfort Colors Tee Shirt	\$25.95 (Tutu's) Due by June 1
Vinyl Boots	\$88.95 (Tutu's) Due by June 1	Flag Bag w/ Name	\$53.95 (Tutu's) Due by June 1
<b>TOTAL FINANCIAL OBLIGATION</b>	<b>\$857.65</b>	<b>TOTAL FINANCIAL OBLIGATION</b>	<b>\$791.70</b>

## HOW TO PAY



### BAND FEES – SOUTHSIDE HIGH SCHOOL

#### 1. MySchoolBucks (online payment) EASIEST WAY TO PAY

- Go to SHS’s School Store portal and look for “BAND”
- *Current 8<sup>th</sup> grade students will not be able to use MySchoolBucks until they are officially enrolled in SHS during the summer (after summer school has finished)*

#### 2. Check (made to SHS) or Cash dropped off or mailed

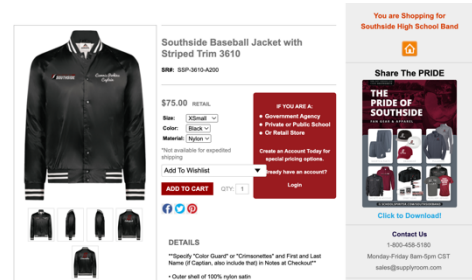
- If you are unable to use MySchoolBucks, you can mail a check, money order, or cash to the band room; or, drop it off to the lock box outside of the band office. ***Be sure to label payments with the child’s name***

### Member Jacket – Online Apparel Store

#### Visit The PRIDE’s online store

Link on the band website’s homepage.

Be sure to select the Auxiliary member jacket and denote Colorguard or Crimsonette in the checkout notes. These will be shipped to you directly.



### Bibbers, Shoes & Gloves

**Bibbers, shoes, and gloves will be purchased through an online order form that is sent out from the directors. All orders are due May 26, 2023.**

## HELP! This is EXPENSIVE!!!

We get it. Being selected as an auxiliary section member is an honor, but costly. Here are two suggestions that might help you raise the necessary funds.

#### 1. Personal Letter to friends, family, or community groups

- Try writing to ask for financial help. Explain that you have been selected to this group, but need support to make that dream a reality.
- Consider how you will approach each possible donor: in person, with a phone call, or by letter. A letter is a great choice for most donors; an email is NOT a good choice for most donors. Also, consider what you will ask of donors; you could ask for direct support for your fees.



- Remember many people may not be able to donate the full amount of your expenses; however, they may be able to contribute a smaller amount. Five, ten, twenty, or even a hundred dollars will add up quickly.

## 2. Social Media Calendar

- While state law prohibits the SHS Band from hosting fundraisers specifically for items that students keep; we *can* show you an idea you may want to try on your own.
- Some parents in the past have had success in posting a picture of a blank calendar along with a picture of their child to social media and asking for financial support since for the child’s activity. The idea is that one picks a date and then sponsors the child with the dollar amount of that date. Baseball parents do this quite frequently.

# SPONSORSHIP PROGRAM

The PRIDE Music Association Band Club is currently focusing on operating large-scale corporate and individual sponsorship campaign. **Band families are asked and encouraged to help us seek out new sponsors. Every band member will be credited 10% of all sponsorships they secure towards their fees.** (Example – Daniel finds a Gold Level sponsor for \$2,000 and gets \$200 off his band fees)

Physical sponsorship forms are available upon request. You can also visit <https://www.theprideofsouthside.com/sponsor.html>

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**Sponsoring a student?**  
10% of your donation can go directly towards the fees of the band member of your choice!

### Individual Sponsorship Form

**Friend (\$10 to \$49)**  
All Friend level benefits, plus:  
• Acknowledgment on [theprideofsouthside.com](http://theprideofsouthside.com)  
• Acknowledgment in printed programs throughout the year  
• "The PRIDE" decal to proudly display

**Silver (\$50 to \$199)**  
All Friend level benefits, plus:  
• Gift of current school year's hallmarks show theme shirt  
• Personal Thank You from the Student Leadership Team

**Gold (\$200 to \$499)**  
All Friend & Silver level benefits, plus:  
• 2 tickets to the Mid-South Marching Competition (Columbus, AL)  
• 2 tickets to the SHS Fall Concert (Chickasaw)

**Platinum (\$500 & up)**  
All Friend, Silver, & Gold level benefits, plus:  
• Invitation & PRIDE admission to all band events throughout the year (includes sporting events)  
• Commemorative certificate and plaque in the SHS Band Hall naming you as an honorary member of "The PRIDE!"

**YES! I am happy to financial support the Southside High School Band Program!**  
I am providing support at the \_\_\_\_\_ level by my donation of \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Address \_\_\_\_\_  
City, State, & Zip \_\_\_\_\_ Cell # \_\_\_\_\_  
Email Address \_\_\_\_\_ \*Band Member to Sponsor \_\_\_\_\_

**Please make all checks payable to: The PRIDE Music Association, OR, visit [theprideofsouthside.com](http://theprideofsouthside.com) to pay via credit card.**

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### Corporate Sponsorship Form

The Southside High School Band, The PRIDE of Southside, is a world-class, award-winning high school music program serving 130 students in grades 9-12. The program strives to give all students a comprehensive music education while instilling important life skills necessary for becoming productive citizens.

**The PRIDE Music Association, INC. – Band Booster Club**

The PMA Band Boosters is a non-profit 501(c)(3) organization whose mission is to provide logistical, financial, and moral support to the Southside Band.

We raise money to purchase musical instruments and pay for repairs, marching uniforms, new instruments, and more. Our fundraising goal for the year is \$45,000.



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Name \_\_\_\_\_ Address \_\_\_\_\_  
City, State, & Zip \_\_\_\_\_ Cell # \_\_\_\_\_  
Email Address \_\_\_\_\_ \*Band Member to Sponsor \_\_\_\_\_

**Please make all checks payable to: The PRIDE Music Association, OR, visit [theprideofsouthside.com](http://theprideofsouthside.com) to pay via credit card.** \*Be sure to email us your company logo!


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### CORPORATE SPONSORSHIP GOALS

It takes approximately \$45,000 per year to run the Southside band program. The school district does not fund any of this expense. Membership fees bring in roughly \$10k, which means each year, we need to raise approximately \$35,000 to \$45,000!

Your donation will help the Southside Band students by:

- Hiring additional instructors and guest clinicians
- Purchasing music & copyrights
- Replacing instruments
- Replacing uniforms
- Purchasing new instruments
- Traveling to competitions, concerts, & performances



**Submit Your Wish List**

- Printing brass line \$85,000
- Uniform Fund - \$20,000
- Replace drumline - \$15,000

### SPONSORSHIP LEVELS AND BENEFITS

	Silver \$250	Gold \$1,000	Platinum \$5,000+
Recognition of Company in all band concert programs	X	X	X
PA link to your Company on the Southside Band website	X	X	X
Sponsorship plaque to display at your business		X	X
Company recognized at home-venue football games with a game announcement		X	X
\$15 Credit at home concessions stand for all home-venue football games			X
Company name on two sides of the bandstand for 12 months			X
Company banner posted at band events			X
One 30-minute ensemble performance at your company			X

## FUNDRAISING

Fundraising is provided throughout the school year to help offset the cost of band membership fees and to provide money to the general band budget. Profits gained from individual fundraising projects are credited to individual students via CutTime. Per state law, money raised in the name of Southside High School cannot be transferred anywhere else or be used for personal items, (aux. uniforms, tee shirts, other resale items etc.).

### Estimated 2023-2024 Student Fundraisers

Coca-Cola Sale  
Cookie Dough Sale  
Trip Fundraiser - TBA

**The PMA Boosters will operate several fundraising and sponsorship events and campaigns. We encourage everyone to get involved!**

## COMMUNICATION

The directors are committed to keeping students, parents, volunteers, and the community in general well-informed of the Southside Band's events. We also try to keep from overwhelming everyone with a constant barrage of useless information. It is essential that we have good, and current information on every student.

### Communication Procedures:

- Blog post uploaded to the website
- Email sent to all addresses registered with an attached document file and link to the blog
- Remind text sent with a link to the blog post
- Social media post made with a link to the blog post.

### Email

Email and our website's blog are our primary means of communication. **A complete calendar is posted on our website at [www.theprideofsouthside.com](http://www.theprideofsouthside.com)** . Please visit our site on a weekly basis to make sure you are up-to-date on all events. We also send weekly "Monday Memo" email reminders. ***Events are subject to change.***

## SUMMER SCHEDULE

### Student Leadership Team Clinics

July 11, 2023 – Clinic with Mr. Pat Stegall of UNA  
Southside Band Room - 8 am – 12 pm / break / 1 – 3 pm

### BAND CAMP (all members)

**Monday- Friday, July 17-21, 2023**

8 am – 12 pm / break / 5 – 9 pm

**Monday- Friday, July 24-28, 2023**

8 am – 12 pm / break / 5 – 9 pm

### FALL MARCHING BAND REHEARSAL SCHEDULE

Mondays	3:15 PM – 5:00 PM	Full Ensemble)
Tuesdays	3:15 PM – 5:00 PM	Full Ensemble
Thursdays	5:45 PM – 8:00 PM	Full Ensemble in Barney Hood Stadium (Open to the public)

### Marching Contests

“The PRIDE” traditionally participates in two marching contests the last Saturday of September and early October.

**Mid-South Marching Festival (Gadsden, AL) – Sat. September 29, 2023**

**Chief Ladiga Marching Festival in Piedmont, AL – Sat. October 14, 2023** (so as not to conflict with Fall Break)

## 2023 VARSITY FOOTBALL SCHEDULE

*All high school football games (including any post-season games) are required, and graded performances for “The PRIDE”.*

**SOUTHSIDE FOOTBALL**  **HYPER**

**2023 SCHEDULE**

-  **FRI AUG 25**  
**AT GUNTERSVILLE**
-  **THURS AUG 31**  
**V HOKES BLUFF**
-  **FRI SEPT 8** ★  
**AT LINCOLN**
-  **FRI SEPT 15** ★  
**V SPRINGVILLE**
-  **FRI SEPT 22** ★  
**AT ST CLAIR COUNTY**
-  **FRI SEPT 29**  
**V BOAZ (HC)**
-  **FRI OCT 6** ★  
**V LEEDS**
-  **FRI OCT 20** ★  
**V ALEXANDRIA (SN)**
-  **FRI OCT 27** ★  
**AT MOODY**
-  **FRI NOV 3**  
**AT ETOWAH**

**AWAY** **HOME** ★ **REGION GAME**

## **BAND BOOSTERS**

The PRIDE Music Association, INC.

The PMA Band Booster Club is an organization dedicated to assisting the Southside Band and its staff in the overall operation and by offering financial assistance through fundraising activities and by the acceptance of donations. Membership is open to all band parents and any community member with a desire to support The PRIDE. The PMA holds four full-membership meetings a year which coincide with the band's major concerts. The Executive Board of Directors meets monthly typically on the second Tuesday at 6:00 pm. The PMA is governed by a set of bylaws which are available online along with all meeting minutes.



### Social Media

We're also active on social media!

**Like us on Facebook at: Southside High School Band**  
**& Follow us on Twitter: @SouthsideBand**



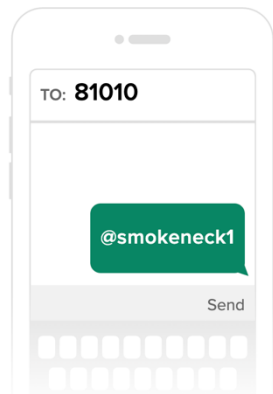
### Remind Text Service

REMIND is going away as of the end of the 22-23 school year. \*\*ECS will be using School Messenger beginning July, 2023 – more info TBA once we have it!

Tell people to text @smokeneck1 to the number 81010

They'll receive a welcome text from Remind.

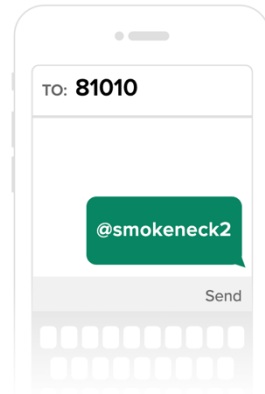
If anyone has trouble with 81010, they can try texting @smokeneck1 to (571) 364-6571.



Tell people to text @smokeneck2 to the number 81010

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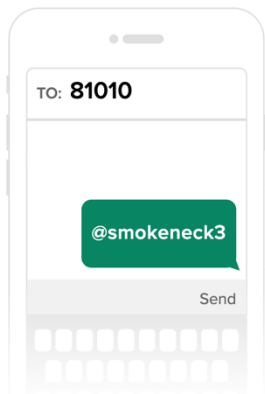
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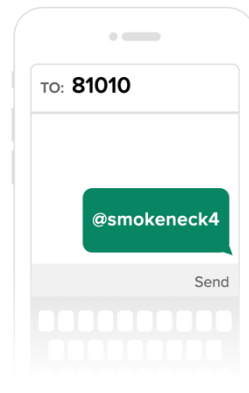
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