2026-2027

BAND HANDBOOK

Play Loud, Have Fun.

Dear Karns Band Students and Parents/Guardians,

Welcome to the Karns High School Band Family and congratulations on your decision to be a part of the longstanding tradition of excellence that is the Karns Band. There are few organizations of any kind so rich in tradition and success that also include so many real-world experiences for students and parents/guardians alike. The 2026-2027 school year gives us all the opportunity to carry on this outstanding tradition of excellence. The Karns Band provides musical activities that encompass a wide scope and allows everyone a chance to reach the highest possible level of success.

The fall semester emphasizes the excellence of our marching band program, made up of winds, percussion, majorettes, and color guard. Our performances include a schedule of football games, regional marching competitions, as well as area parades. The spring semester features an outstanding concert program that has developed a reputation for musical excellence through concert and festival performances. The wind ensemble, symphonic band and concert band will present several public concerts throughout the spring semester.

Moreover, during the winter months, our winter guard and indoor percussion ensembles offer additional performance opportunities for our students. Programs such as these involve select groups of auditioned students who will perform locally and travel to regional and national competitions during the winter months.

The cornerstone of the Karns Band program is striving for excellence through dedication, learning, and a team effort from students, parents/guardians, and staff. The substantial recognition that the Karns Band receives is largely a result of the successes of the previous bands reaching for and obtaining excellence. The coming year offers an exciting opportunity to build on that legacy.

Hard-working students, dedicated staff, involved and active parents/guardians, and a supportive administration and community combine to make it possible for the Karns Band Program to offer an outstanding array of musical opportunities for our students. Our students are expected to set and reach high goals for themselves and their program, and the rewards of meeting those expectations are immeasurable. The program is proud to have the highest GPA of any student group at KHS, oftentimes containing many of the top decile of students in each graduating class. In addition, a major benefit to the total band experience is the fun and lasting relationships and memories that are developed by both students and families.

This handbook is intended for use by students, parents/guardians, administrators, staff, and directors as a convenient source of information regarding various aspects of the Karns Band program. We have tried to cover as thoroughly as possible every facet of the program. Students and parents/guardians should read this handbook carefully. Band members will be expected to understand and abide by all rules and regulations set forth in this book.

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Organization Membership Requirements

Marching Band (Fall Semester)
To be a member of the Karns High School Marching Band, the student must be enrolled in the correct Marching Band period during the fall semester. Each student must comply with all rules and regulations for that particular organization. The student agrees to attend all rehearsals and is required to attend band camp. Each member must meet all financial obligations and must attend all rehearsals, sectionals, and performances (competitions, parades, football games, etc). The directors must approve any absences from rehearsals or events in advance.

Fall Color Guard / Majorettes
As a specialized part of the marching band, students selected ***by auditions*** to the color guard/majorettes will enroll in the Fall Color Guard Class. This class will offer members of the Fall Color Guard /Majorettes the opportunity to master basic techniques in body movement, flag, weapons, and batons as well as expose the student to more advanced techniques later in the semester. This class will also prepare students to audition for the competitive Winter Guard.

Wind Ensemble/ Symphonic Band / Concert Band (Spring Semester)
To be a member of the Wind Ensemble, Symphonic Band, or Concert Band, the student must be enrolled in their respective band during the spring semester and must meet all financial obligations. Each student must comply with all rules and regulations for that particular group. The student agrees to attend all rehearsals and performances. All absences must be cleared with a director prior to the absence. Students are expected to maintain a high level of preparation throughout the spring semester. Private instruction from a specialist is highly recommended and encouraged. Private instructors can be recommended on request.

Indoor Percussion Ensemble (November - March/April)
The Indoor Percussion Ensemble is a select group with membership through audition and/or director invitation only. The student agrees to attend all rehearsals and performances. The student must have been a member of the fall marching band and must have met his or her financial obligations for the fall (exceptions through director approval only). Each member must meet all financial obligations (second-semester budget plus indoor fees) and must be a member in good standing of their respective band class.
Cooperative Fee for Indoor Drumline — TBA

Winter Guard (November - March/April)
The Winter Guard is a select group with membership through audition. The student agrees to attend all rehearsals and performances. The student must have been a member of the fall guard and must have met his or her financial obligations for the fall (exceptions through director approval only). Each member must meet all financial obligations.
Cooperative Winter Guard Fee — TBA

Jazz Band (Fall Semester)
The Jazz Band is a select group with membership through audition and/or director approval. The student agrees to attend all rehearsals and performances. Jazz Band meets during the Fall Semester for 90 minutes during the regular school day.

The Band Curriculum: A YEAR-LONG Course of Study
The successful development of our student musicians is a YEAR-LONG process. Performance opportunities offered during the academic year are designed to enrich students' overall academic experience, build life-skills, and reach their full potential as student musicians. Due to the sequential nature of the band curriculum, it is very important for student musicians to remain in the program for the ENTIRE YEAR. Exceptions will be made ONLY when there is a time conflict between the proper band class and courses necessary for graduation (with proper written notification from a guidance counselor or an administrator). Any student who does not satisfy these requirements will not be allowed to rejoin the band program without the director's approval. Any student who drops out of any of these organizations during the semester will not be allowed to rejoin at any time and must drop that specific class immediately or as soon as the administration deems possible. ***The director and principal must approve any exceptions to the requirements above.***

Requirements for New Membership
New members of the Karns High School Band must meet the following requirements before beginning their first semester in the high school band program:

- A positive recommendation from the previous band director (attitude, effort & ability)
- Attend the **New Member Meeting (April 23)** and **Mandatory Fall Registration (May 18 or 19)**
- Enroll in Marching Band – Fall
- Enroll in the Spring Semester Wind Ensemble/Symphonic/Concert Band

New Member Meeting gives parents/guardians and students the "inside scoop" on the band program. Everything from band camp to boosters will be covered in this informational event. Come ready to take notes and ask lots of questions! One parent from each family is required to be present—it is that important!

Mandatory Fall Registration gives parents/guardians and students the ability to pay fees, correct contact information, receive marching show music, check out school instruments, etc. Every member and a parent of the Karns Band must attend one day of the mandatory fall registration. Held on May 18th and 19th from 5:00-7:00.

Requirements for Returning Members
Returning members of the Karns High School Band must meet the following requirements before beginning their next semester in the high school band program:

- Directors recommendation
- Attend the Mandatory Fall Registration
- Enroll in Marching Band – Fall
- Enroll in the Spring Semester Wind Ensemble, Symphonic Band, or Concert Band

Grading Procedures
Band is a unique course at Karns High School. It has curricular requirements, just as any other academic discipline, but it also has out-of-class time requirements. The strength of our band program is the consolidation of these requirements into one performance-based, academic course of study. The level of commitment from each individual student is the driving force behind the organization and is reflected in the level of achievement reached by the individual and the program.

Marching Band Rehearsals

- The rehearsal schedule is normally set well in advance, allowing students to plan other activities and obligations around the established schedule. For Fall 2026, the marching band will rehearse on **Mondays from 4:00 - 7:00 and Thursdays from 4:00 - 7:00 or 6:00 - 9:00.**
- Punctuality is a trait that will serve you well in any endeavor. Plan to arrive at <u>least</u> 15 minutes early to any rehearsal.
- Rehearsals are **never canceled** due to inclement weather.
    - Students should dress for the weather at the time of rehearsal. Students are required to wear athletic shoes for rehearsals. Boots, Crocs, and/or sandals are **NOT** permitted.
    - Music lanyards, chalk, hats, sunglasses, and sunblock are also required materials for all rehearsals.
- Directors should be notified **IN ADVANCE** if a student is going to be absent from a rehearsal or performance. Absences from band rehearsals or performances are unexcused unless due to:
    - Personal illness
    - Death in the family
    - Important emergency
    - Special permission from the director obtained in advance by the parent or guardian.
- Students must exhibit consistent responsibility in these areas. Excessive absences **<u>for any reason</u>** may result in the student being removed from the performing group or band program altogether. ***Non-emergency dental and/or orthodontist appointments should be made at times that do not conflict with rehearsals.***

Rehearsal Attendance
Band is a learning activity. Rehearsals, whether during or after school, are the means by which students learn, and by their very nature cannot be reproduced or made up. Therefore it is imperative that students be present unless the absence is absolutely unavoidable. Excessive rehearsal absences may result in the student not being able to perform

at upcoming performances due to insufficient rehearsal time. This decision lies solely with the directors, with the standard being that the student not miss more than an average of one (1) rehearsal day/week. Any issues with attendance can and will be discussed with the student, parents/guardians, directors (and administration if need be) to make sure a fair ruling is made. Rehearsals are **not** optional and are heavily weighted in the student's final grade. To put it simply: Be in rehearsal.

Performance Attendance
All performances are viewed as tests. Performing is a learning experience that cannot be duplicated in a rehearsal hall or practice room. The level of concentration required in a public performance assists each student in developing an insight into his or her own level of performance. Performances are also an important evaluative tool, allowing comparison of a student's performance in relation to classroom objectives presented and with past performances. Absences from performances are only excused in the event of:

- Extreme emergency
- Serious illness or hospitalization of the student
- Death in the family
- Religious holiday
- Other reasons deemed excusable by the director.
    - The band director must approve all absences **IN ADVANCE**. *Unexcused absences* may result in the student being removed from the performing group or band program altogether. Absences from a class must follow the policies and procedures set forth by Karns High School and Knox County Schools.

Grading Rubric
The grading rubric for band class has been designed to evaluate each student's performance, quality of participation, daily attendance, and preparedness for rehearsals and performances. Each student is expected to be on time and to bring the proper equipment (pencil, music, instrument, coordinate sheets, etc.) to every rehearsal and performance. Grades will be determined by the evaluation of both individual performance and quality of participation in the program. Grade deductions will result from any of the following:

- Tardies from class, rehearsal, or performance
- Absence from rehearsal (unless the absence is excused)
- Unexcused absence from a performance

Attitude

- Those students who have a positive mental attitude, regardless of their individual skills, will always have a place in the Karns Band. Regardless of your ability, if your attitude is not positive and you are not doing your personal best to make the group successful, you should not be a part of this organization. In fact, students who do not project an attitude that is positive and cooperative will be given the opportunity to change their personal perspectives or leave the organization.
- Characteristics of a positive mental attitude include a generally cheerful outlook toward rehearsals and performances, cooperation in the preparation and maintenance of equipment and facilities, and an eagerness to do what is necessary to be successful. In short, the total band member is someone who is always willing to give his or her best for the good of the organization.

Cooperative Fees and Fundraising Opportunities

- There is a tremendous cost associated with the operation and maintenance of a total band program. With little or no financial support coming from Knox County Schools, the responsibility for meeting the financial needs of our band program rests on the shoulders of the band members and band boosters. These funds are an absolute necessity in order to have a meaningful and successful program.
- The directors develop a budget each year to cover expenses such as instructional staff, travel, music, visual design, instrument and equipment needs, maintenance/repairs, etc. This budget is carefully amended to be as efficient as possible while still meeting the needs of a thriving and successful band program. Priorities are set based on the needs of the students first. The final budget is then divided by the projected number of students participating in the activity. The individual student's financial responsibility is referred to as the cooperative fee. All cooperative fees are based on one per family (to help families with more than one child in the band program).

- In an effort to reduce the out-of-pocket expense of cooperative fees, students and their families are asked to support the band through various fundraising activities. The band boosters will sponsor several fundraisers during the year. Fundraising is not mandatory, but strongly encouraged.
- **Families with financial hardship will not be turned away from the Karns Band program.** Fee waiver forms are available in the Karns High School office and online for those who qualify. Alternate payment schedules can also be worked out with advanced notice.

Cooperative Dues List:

- **2026/27 Full-Year Cooperative Dues: $350**
  - **First Payment**: Monday or Tuesday, May 19th or 20th, 2026 ($100) - This payment guarantees a spot in the half-time marching show.
    - *School-Instrument User Fee: $75*
  - **Second Payment**: Monday, July 20, 2026 - $100
  - **Third Payment**: Friday, August 14, 2026 - $100
  - **Fourth Payment**: Friday, September 11, 2026 - $50
- **2026/27 Winter Guard Cooperative Dues: TBA**
  - The payment schedule will be announced when Winter Guard begins.
- **2026/27 Indoor Percussion Ensemble Cooperative Fee: TBA**
  - The payment schedule will be announced when Indoor Percussion begins.

School-Owned Instrument Fee

- A small user fee of ***$75 per semester*** is assessed to any student who uses a school-owned instrument. This fee is used to help cover the expense of maintaining each instrument. **Percussionists are to provide all of their own sticks and mallets under the direction of the directors.** Students who use a school-owned instrument must submit a completed rental contract with payment upon instrument check-out. Percussionists are responsible for this fee as well.
- It should be understood students will be assessed for all costs associated with the abuse and neglect of instruments/equipment left in their care. This includes the replacement of the instrument/equipment due to loss or theft.
- **Any damage will be repaired at the student's expense**.

Band Uniform Guidelines

Summer Uniforms

This uniform consists of a blue band polo with the band logo. Each student is also required to have a pair of black shorts. This will serve as the dress for at least the first two to five football games. The shirt will also be required as part of the dress on away trips.

- Blue Band Polo: Each member is required to have at least one blue band polo. They will be available for $35 each. **Please indicate the student's shirt size on the emergency form.** No money will be collected until shirts have been delivered (check or money order made out to Karns High School).
- Additional shirts will be available for purchase by family members to show your affiliation with and support of the band at ballgames and competitions.

Guard and Majorette Uniforms

The guard and majorette uniforms will be determined by the directors in consultation with the visual design coordinator and instructors. Color guard members will purchase their own special types of shoes, warm-up suit, flag bags, and carry-on bag. Prices are TBA and will be ordered during band camp.

- The Directors will make all final decisions regarding the style, color, and fabric of uniforms. Student suggestions are welcome and will be considered.
- Uniforms for Indoor Percussion and Winter Guard will be determined by instructional staff and directors. Members will be responsible for all costs associated with the uniforms.

Traditional Uniforms

Each student will be issued a band jacket and bibbers (pants) with the best possible fit from the current inventory. Uniforms will be issued at the beginning of the fall semester. Do not leave the uniform in cubbies/lockers unless instructed to do so. Do not leave your uniform in an unlocked vehicle unattended. This could be a very expensive mistake! **Replacement Cost: Jacket - $380, Bibbers - $125**.

Each student is responsible for keeping up with all parts of the uniform. Uniforms will have to be properly and neatly hung after each use and dry cleaned when needed. No alterations are allowed to the uniform without the director's permission. The material should NEVER be removed from the uniform. No one is allowed in the uniform room without permission from a uniform officer or the directors. Abuse or neglect of the uniform may result in costly repairs or replacement as well as removal from the performing group. Any costs associated with the damage or loss of any uniform part are the responsibility of the student and parents/guardians. Students are expected to remain in full uniform at all times at performances, unless otherwise directed.

Other items you will need:

- Black "DrillMaster" band shoes. They can be ordered at Rush's Music, or online through the link on our website. Cost is approximately $35.
- Tall black dress socks
- White gloves.
    - Purchase in the band office for $5/pair
    - Each band member except percussion and color guard is required to have at least one pair of gloves.
    - Woodwinds with open keys will have to cut the ends from the fingers. (This will occur during band camp and should not be done without instruction from director(s)/student leadership.

Section leaders will check with each person in their section to make sure each has his or her instrument and all parts of their uniform. *No T-shirts, hats, or any type of clothing with alcoholic beverages, drugs, or other vice advertising are to be worn during any band activity.*

Rules for Classroom / Rehearsal / Performances / Trips

The Karns High School Band operates under the rules and regulations set forth by the Knox County School District and Karns High School. These rules and regulations can be found in the student handbook issued to each student and the beginning of every school year. In addition, certain classroom and rehearsal rules are necessary to maintain a safe and productive work environment. Each student is expected to comply with all rules set forth in terms of participation in the band. Any student who fails to abide by these rules/regulations will be disciplined accordingly. Flagrant disregard for rules will result in point deductions, extra work assignments, detentions, and/or removal from the band program. All punishments will be in accordance with the established rules and regulations of the Knox County School District and Karns High School.

Classroom Procedures

- Students should treat other students, staff, and directors with respect at all times.
    - There should be silence when a director steps onto the podium.
    - CELL PHONES should not be used when a director is instructing the ensemble without explicit permission from the director.
    - Players should have all materials needed at all times. Pencils, mutes, reeds, mouthpieces, and all other required materials should be with each student every day.
    - Talking during rehearsals must be kept to a minimum. Talking should always be about the music we are studying and should never be a distraction to the conductor or other students.
- Reed players should have at least one spare reed at their seat during rehearsal.
- Cases should be left in the instrument storage rooms during rehearsal time.
- At the end of rehearsals put all of your equipment away correctly. Music that is not being taken home should be placed in the proper place with your instrument.
- Problems of an individual nature (missing music, problems with instruments, etc.) should be taken care of outside of class time, not during.
- Percussionists should each have a stick/mallet bag with a collection of:
    - Concert Snare sticks
    - Acrylic Mallets
    - Vibraphone Mallets
    - Marimba Mallets
    - Timpani Mallets
- Percussionists during marching season need to make sure they have all of the required equipment needed to perform their assigned instrument.

- Percussion equipment is to be put away at the conclusion of rehearsals. Timpani and mallet instruments should be covered. Small equipment should be returned to the percussion storage room.
- Do not leave money, purses, wallets, or other valuables unattended during rehearsals or during the school day. We are not responsible for valuables left in unsecured areas.

Instrument Care
School-owned instruments become the responsibility of the student to whom they are issued. A small user fee is assessed to any student who uses a school-owned instrument. ($75/semester). See Mr. Crawford for a School-Owned Instrument Rental Form. This form should be completed and returned with the user fee on the first day of classes in the Spring semester (The form for the Fall semester will be filled out/returned during the marching band registration dates).

General Rules
- Be courteous and respectful at all times.
- No PDA while in association with the band program in any capacity, which is always.
- Hair should be a natural color during the marching season (students with unnaturally colored hair will be asked not to perform).
- Make sure your name is on all equipment (shoes, instrument case, uniform bag, etc.).
- All band members are to remain until the band is dismissed.
- Leave your valuables at home when possible.
- Flip-folders and music should be taken to all football games.
- Always do what chaperones ask without question.
- Keep your language clean.
- Always cheer for the football team and other bands.
- **The purchase, use, or possession of narcotics or alcohol in any form is strictly prohibited. This is a zero tolerance policy and will result in immediate severe consequences.**
    - If the student is taking a prescription drug, the directors must be notified in advance.

Game Day Rules
- Do not wear hats in the stands or with your uniform, except the regular marching band hat. If it is cold, stocking caps, earmuffs, or something for warmth is permissible.
- There is to be no random playing in the stands.
- The band will remain standing during the game.
- No screaming/arguing. Yell for the team - not at each other.
- No one is allowed in the band stands that is NOT a **current** band member.
- Band students will be limited to the Band Room, Auditorium, and Band Hall between school dismissal and games.

Bus Rules
- Answer roll call for yourself only with a “Here, sir” or “Here, ma’am.”
- Do not change buses.
- Keep noise to a minimum. No screaming, radios, speakers, sing-alongs, etc.
- Do not play your instrument on the bus.
- Do not throw anything out of the windows. Keep arms, head, etc. inside at all times.
- Put trash in garbage bags when done with them or at the end of the trip.
- When we return, be sure to say “Thank you” to the driver and chaperones. Remember to close windows.
- At away games and competitions, you must return with the band, unless your parents/guardians pick you up in person. Parents/Guardians must provide a signed permission note for the directors in advance.
- Get all equipment off the truck when we return to the school. EVERYONE HELPS UNTIL IT IS DONE!

Competitions and Festivals
- Competitions, festivals, and other adjudicated activities are important features of the Karns Band program. It is through these activities that we obtain valuable feedback about our progress as individuals and as a program. Although our season is not defined by anyone's opinion of our performance, it is important that we learn the value of giving maximum effort and standing by the results as our best possible effort that day.

- Competitive performances are packed with emotion. Because of the amount of time, work, and discipline required to produce award-winning performances, we develop great camaraderie within the organization. We share in the hardship, discomfort, fatigue, oppressive heat, chilling cold, long bus rides, disappointment, tears, success, and joy.

Individual Opportunities

- East Tennessee School Band and Orchestra Association (ETSBOA) and Tennessee Band Directors' Association (TBA) sponsor several events throughout the school year. These give students the opportunity to excel individually on their instruments and to receive recognition for their musical achievements.
- A list of opportunities will become available when the respected association releases dates and fees. To be eligible for auditions and/or participation, students must be members in good standing of the Karns High School Band and pay the audition fee. There are always outstanding musicians in the Karns Band, and we strongly encourage widespread participation in these activities.

Private Lessons

- Private lessons are an important part of building strong musicianship and a successful band program. Students who study with a qualified instructor often experience rapid improvement, increased confidence, and greater motivation to practice, making them stronger contributors to the ensemble.
- Private instruction benefits both the individual student and the program as a whole. Directors are happy to assist in selecting an instructor if needed. For best results, students should begin lessons early and practice consistently outside of lesson time.

Student Leaders

- Section leaders and Drum Majors are a group of student leaders that work with the directors in an advisory capacity.
    - Eligibility for a student leadership include being full participants in the band program (both semesters) while having an exemplary attitude, loyalty, dedication, and willingness to give their personal time for the betterment of the Karns Band.
    - All section leaders will also go through an application and interview process required for selection.
- Directors select leaders on the basis of music and marching ability, service, dedication, loyalty, attitude, and leadership qualities. All student leaders will carry out the policies of the band, directors, school, and school administrators to the best of their abilities.
    - Any time you question or disagree with specific instructions from a student leader, please avoid confrontation and discuss the matter with the directors as soon as possible.
- Student leaders do not handle money or fund-raising merchandise for any other student and cannot be held responsible.
- Student leaders cannot give you permission to miss a rehearsal or performance, be tardy, or leave early.

Instructional Staff

- Anyone on the staff of the Karns Band has been selected due to the skills and qualities they possess and for the benefit they can bring to the program. They should be respected in the same way as the directors.

Chaperones

Chaperones serve as another extension of the directors' authority. Without their dedication and support, many of our trips and performances would not be possible. They volunteer their time and effort, and in return, deserve our respect and appreciation. Students are expected to be respectful, polite, cooperative, and to use "please" and "thank you."

- On all trips, chaperones will be seated toward the back of the bus, while directors will be seated in the front.
- Students are expected to follow all instructions given by chaperones. If a student disagrees with a directive, they should comply at the time and then speak with a director as soon as possible. This policy will be strictly enforced.
    - In the unlikely event that a directive would require a student to violate civil law or moral standards, the student should immediately ask the chaperone to take them to a director.

- Any student reported by a chaperone for being uncooperative, disrespectful, or otherwise inappropriate will be subject to disciplinary action.

Parental/Guardian Involvement

Parents/Guardians are an integral part of the Karns Band and have a vital role to play. Without the assistance and cooperation of band parents/guardians, there would not be an opportunity for the level of success we wish to reach. There are many things parents/guardians can do:

- Attend Karns Band Booster meetings (first Tuesday of each month at 6:30 PM in the Karns High School Band Room).
- Volunteer for parent/guardian committees. There are many tasks with which we need your assistance, and everyone can find their niche.
- You can be supportive of the band program and your student's participation by:
    - Assisting your student so that they are prepared and punctual for every rehearsal and performance.
    - Notifying directors if your child is to be absent or late for a performance or rehearsal. This should be done well in advance unless there is an absolute emergency.
    - Encouraging your student to practice at home and help them find a quiet place to do so.
    - Show interest and support in your student's music study by enthusiastically attending every performance possible as a chaperone or audience member.
    - Discuss with directors and staff anything that will help them understand or better serve your student.
    - Arrange for private lessons for your student, if at all possible.
- We welcome visitors to rehearsals, but request that they remain quiet so as not to disturb the focus of the students or staff. Cheering at appropriate times is always welcome!

The Karns Band program and Knox County Schools has a zero tolerance policy on physical, sexual, or substance abuse for its staff, chaperones, and members. If anyone has any speculation or reason to believe there has been a violation of this rule, a director should be notified immediately so appropriate action can be taken.

All rules and regulations in this handbook are for the betterment of the Karns Band program and all members of the organization. We as directors stand by our words above and also have the ability to modify any parts of this handbook as we or our administration see fit. By enrolling your student(s) in the band program here at Karns High School, you agree to abide by and uphold all of the rules and regulations from the above handbook for the duration of your student(s) tenure within the band program.

2026 Karns High School Football Schedule

(All Games begin at 7:00 PM unless otherwise noted)
The schedule is tentative and may change. We'll notify everyone if anything changes.

August 21	vs Hardin Valley (Home)
August 28	@ South Doyle (Away)
September 4	@ Campbell County (Away)
September 10	vs Clinton (Thurs) (Home)
September 18	@ Powell (Away)
September 25	vs William Blount (Home)
October 2	@ Halls (Away)
October 23	vs West (Home)
October 29	vs Central (Thurs) (Home)

2026 Competition Schedule

September 26	Karns Marching Invitational	Karns High School
October 24	Alcoa Marching Competition	Alcoa High School
October 31	TBA	TBA

Other Dates

Knoxville Veterans Day Parade	November 11
WIVK Knoxville Christmas Parade	December 4
Karns Christmas Parade	December 5

Important: Please keep these dates open and we will let you know additional information as soon as it becomes available.

2026 Karns Band Camp Schedule

July 16-17	**Color Guard & Percussion Members**
8:30 AM - 11:30 AM	Rehearsal
11:30 AM - 1:00 PM	Lunch (not provided)
1:00 PM - 4:00 PM	Rehearsal (Sectionals)

July 20-24	**All Karns Band Members**
8:30 AM - 11:30 AM	Rehearsal
11:30 AM - 1:00 PM	Lunch (not provided)
1:00 PM - 4:00 PM	Rehearsal

July 27-31	**All Karns Band Members**
8:30 AM - 11:30 AM	Rehearsal
11:30 AM - 1:00 PM	Lunch (not provided)
1:00 PM - 4:00 PM	Rehearsal
4:00 PM - 6:00 PM	Dinner (not provided)
6:00 PM - 9:00 PM	Rehearsal

IMPORTANT DATES for Fall 2026

July 16-17	**Band Camp - 8:30 AM - 4:00 PM (COLOR GUARD & PERCUSSION ONLY)**
July 20-24	**Band Camp - 8:30 AM - 4:00 PM**
July 24	Band Camp Pool Party @ Karns Pool 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM
July 27-31	**Band Camp - 8:30 AM - 9:00 PM**
July 28	***MANDATORY BAND PARENT MEETING - 6:30 PM***
July 31	**Parent Performance @ KHS 8:00**
August 4	**Mandatory Band Rehearsal - 6:00 PM - 9:00 PM**
August 10	**After School Rehearsal - 6:00 PM - 9:00 PM**
August 13	After School Rehearsal - 4:00 PM - 7:00 PM
August 17	After School Rehearsal - 4:00 PM - 7:00 PM
August 20	**After School Rehearsal - 6:00 PM - 9:00 PM (stadium)**
August 21	**Home Football Game vs. Hardin Valley**
August 24	After School Rehearsal - 4:00 PM - 7:00 PM
August 27	After School Rehearsal - 4:00 PM - 7:00 PM
August 28	**Away Football Game @ South Doyle**
August 31	After School Rehearsal - 4:00 PM - 7:00 PM
September 3	After School Rehearsal - 4:00 PM - 7:00 PM
September 4	**Away Football Game @ Campbell County**
September 8	After School Rehearsal - 4:00 PM - 7:00 PM
September 10	**Home Football Game vs. Clinton**
September 14	After School Rehearsal - 4:00 PM - 7:00 PM
September 17	After School Rehearsal - 4:00 PM - 7:00 PM
September 18	**Away Football Game @ Powell**
September 21	After School Rehearsal - 4:00 PM - 7:00 PM
September 24	**After School Rehearsal - 6:00 PM - 9:00 PM (stadium)**
September 25	**Home Football Game vs. William Blount**
September 26	**KARNS MARCHING INVITATIONAL**
September 28	After School Rehearsal - 4:00 PM - 7:00 PM
October 1	**After School Rehearsal - 6:00 PM - 9:00 PM (stadium)**
October 2	**Away Football Game @ Halls**
October 5-9	**FALL BREAK - NO SCHOOL - NO REHEARSALS**
October 12	After School Rehearsal - 4:00 PM - 6:00 PM
October 15	After School Rehearsal - 4:00 PM - 6:00 PM
October 19	After School Rehearsal - 4:00 PM - 6:00 PM
October 22	**After School Rehearsal - 6:00 PM - 9:00 PM (stadium)**
October 23	**Home Football Game vs. West**
October 24	**CONTEST - @ Alcoa**
October 26	After School Rehearsal - 4:00 PM - 6:00 PM
October 29	After School Rehearsal - 4:00 PM - 6:00 PM
October 31	**CONTEST - TBD**
November 11	Knoxville Veterans Day Parade
December 4	WIVK Downtown Knoxville Christmas Parade
December 5	Karns Christmas Parade