

## 10 Easy Ways For a “Rookie” Parent to Help the Band Program

1. **Give your child support & encouragement for being in band!** Tell him/her how proud you are of what they are learning and how they are changing as part of the band!
2. **When picking up your kids from band, leave your car and get to know the other parents!** Better yet, come early to watch the kids’ progress and socialize with other band parents. The last 15 minutes of practice are open for parents to view our progress. Building relationships with other adults in the program will benefit both you and your child!
3. **Come to the Band Booster Meetings!** Booster Meetings will be scheduled as seen needed by the directors and booster officers. You’ll always walk away with information your kids forgot to tell you.
4. **Pay your Fees on time.** We know it’s not easy, but it is important to the existence of the band program.
5. Join the **“Care Crew”** and help with the Care & Feeding of students. During band camp, parents are needed to help serve dinner. And, kids LOVE baked goods and snacks anytime!
6. **Help build stuff.** Every year, something besides musical instruments needs repaired or built. This can be anything from repairing the drum major podium to rewiring the band’s equipment trailer. If you need inspiration for projects, ask Mr. Thompson.
7. **Attend football games and competitions to cheer for them!** The band ALWAYS performs better with a large cheering block behind them.
8. **Volunteer to help.** After all, you’re coming to the game/competition anyway!
9. **Join our Field Crew for performances.** Not everything is heavy, and much of it is on wheels. Not able to attend? Lend a hand at the school when you drop-off & pick-up your child.
10. **Help with FUNdraisers!** The more hands, the easier the work!