

DC BANDS
PRIDE,
EXCELLENCE, &
COMMITMENT

Dassel-Cokato
Drumline Handbook
2021-2022

This handbook contains all the
necessary information for you to
have a successful and fun Drumline
season.

We are looking forward to a successful season this year. One thing that is essential to the success of this group is **parental involvement**. Throughout the season there are many ways in which your talents as a parent can be instrumental:

- Prop Building
- Floor Painting
- Sewing, measuring and fitting of uniform
- Home Show planning
- Winter Camp planning
- Fundraisers
- 6-8 chaperones are needed for each performance

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DC Music Boosters

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Roles/Responsibilities of Boosters:

- Budget
- Winter Camp
- Chaperones for events
- Send-off show meals
- Home Show planning
- Fundraising

The DC Bands mantra/slogan/words to live by are:
PRIDE, EXCELLENCE, & COMMITMENT

1. **STUDENT COMMITMENT**

- a. Commitment to Drumline is: A commitment to your classroom teachers that you will turn in assignments, study for tests, complete all work and behave in class. It is NOT the responsibility of staff to push you to get assignments completed!! Your teachers will report on eligibility to us and we will enforce the suspensions, detentions and /or Saturday schools are ***unexcused absences***. Academic ineligibility will NOT BE TOLERATED.
- b. Commitment to Drumline includes:
 - i. Practicing outside of scheduled rehearsal time
 - ii. Attending each rehearsal and performance. (exceptions can be made with prior approval, please communicate.)
 - iii. Learning/Memorizing music, drill & visuals as assigned by instructors.
- c. Commitment means: Attendance:
 - i. Communication is key – if you must miss, please contact the directors/instructors immediately upon notice of schedule conflict.
 - ii. Attendance will be taken at each rehearsal/performance.
 - iii. DC Drumline uses a 3 Strike Policy – After 3 unexcused absences, you will be removed from the ensemble.
 - iv. Review the school activities/attendance policies (ex. If you are gone from school, you cannot practice)
 - v. If you must miss a rehearsal, you are responsible for learning anything that was introduced ***before*** the next rehearsal. We can't take rehearsal time to reteach everything that was covered in a rehearsal when a member is absent.
- d. Commitment requires:
 - i. Each student and parent need to sign a contract for intent to participate in the DC Drumline (commitment form at the end of handbook)
 - ii. Students must register online through the Activities Page at www.isd466.org before they can participate in Drumline! (No activities fee due at registration – all fees are paid to the DC Music Boosters). All rules and consequences apply from the Minnesota State High School League guidelines as well as Dassel-Cokato Activities policy. ***Once you are registered, you must turn in your eligibility card to Carlos Mendiola on or before October 14, 2021!***
 - iii. If you have questions regarding registration, please contact the Activities Director at 320-286-4100 ext. 1810.
- e. Commitment takes pride in what you do:
 - i. Arrive on time- practices start at the designated time so please arrive early to prepare for the rehearsals/performances.

- ii. Be prepared for rehearsal / performances
 - 1. Everyone is required to wear tennis shoes suitable for running and marching. No one will be allowed to rehearse without proper footwear.
 - 2. Music and dot books **MUST** be with you at ALL rehearsals.
 - 3. Everyone must have their own water bottle with them.
 - 4. Comfortable clothing must be worn at ALL rehearsals and performances. **NO JEANS**. This is a physical activity and jeans won't work.
 - 5. Bring some snacks to keep your energy up.
- iii. Ask for individual help at appropriate times from the appropriate people. During rehearsal is not the time to talk to people around you. Wait for a break to ask a question of the director/instructor or senior leader.
- iv. Clean-up – band room, gym, bus or whatever spaces we use should be returned to their original state. No one leaves until this is accomplished. We will leave area we use better than we found it.
- v. Respect
 - 1. Your Director/Instructors
 - 2. Your peers
 - 3. Your instrument
 - 4. Your uniform
 - 5. Your surroundings

2. PARENT COMMITMENT

a. Commitment is:

- i. Getting your student to rehearsals/performances at least 15 minutes early and that they are picked up within 15 minutes after each rehearsal/performance. Instructors must wait until ALL students are picked up before we leave.
- ii. Following school guidelines for picking your student up at an event (written note and the parent must be present, they cannot ride with anyone else).
- iii. Fundraising
- iv. Attempt to schedule appointments, travel, and other functions with the Drumline calendar in mind.

b. Commitment requires:

- i. Each student and parent need to sign a contract for intent to participate in the DC Drumline. (Form at the end of handbook)
- ii. Each student and parent need to complete the DC Activities registration (***DO NOT PAY DC Activity fees for Drumline!***) All rules and consequences apply from the Minnesota State High School League guidelines as well as Dassel-Cokato Activities policy. **Once you are registered, you must turn in your eligibility card to Jake Pavia on or before first scheduled rehearsal (See calendar)**

- iii. Please contact the Activities Director at 320-286-4100 ext. 1810 with questions regarding registration.
- c. Commitment takes pride in your student and the Drumline:
 - i. Support and encourage practice at home. Ask them to play for you!
 - ii. GET INVOLVED!!
 - iii. Bring ALL questions, comments, concerns to the Director/Instructors.

3. **STAFF COMMITMENT**

- a. Communicate with parents and students.
 - 1. There is a website created for Drumline that all information will be communicated. Parents and students will find all drumline related information on this site. This will change daily as the season progresses, so visit the site frequently for updates on schedule, music, drill and other important dates.
 - a. <https://www.dchsindoor.com/>
 - i. Member login password is "raddad"
- b. Staff will arrive to rehearsal 20-25 minutes before rehearsal starts to open doors.
- c. All music/drill changes will be documented during rehearsal so that changes can be made and submitted.
- d. Staff may email and discuss rehearsal plan ahead of rehearsal
- e. No students will be given rides by staff.

SCHEDULE INFORMATION

You will be able to find the calendar on the website in the member section. This calendar is tentative and can change daily. Please review the calendar frequently to get the most up to date information.

- I. Website: <https://www.dchsindoor.com/>
 - a. Member login password is "raddad"

Some schedule highlights:

September 21st – FRONTLINE TRY IT OUT DAY!

September 23rd – BATTERIE TRY IT OUT DAY!

October 14th – COMMITMENT DAY– DC Music Booster payment #1 (\$150)

o Schedule Examples:

- **Tuesday Rehearsals:** (3 hours playing time)
 - o · Report: 5:30
 - o · Downbeat: 6:00
 - o · Out the Door by 9:30
- **Thursday Rehearsals:** (3 hours playing time)
 - o · Report: 5:30
 - o · Downbeat: 6:00
 - o · Out the Door by 9:30
- **Saturday Rehearsals:** (4.5 hours playing time)

- · Report: 8:00
- · Downbeat: 8:30
- · Out the Door by 4:30

COMMUNICATION IS KEY TO OUR SUCCESS!

1. Frequent email communication will be sent out to all Drumline families! Please make sure your contact information is UP TO DATE!
2. Bookmark the drumline website
3. Please join the Facebook Group: Dassel Cokato Drumline. Information will be shared on this page as well! (this FB page is not maintained by ISD466 staff)
4. Contact instructor with Drumline related questions or concerns.

FEE Information

1. **Activity Fee: Students are required to pay DC Drumline activity fees to the DC Music Boosters (NOT ACTIVITIES OFFICE).** Fees for 2021-2022 season are TBD ~\$950 but this is completely dependent upon the number of students participating and fundraising and sponsorships.
2. **Scholarships:** Please do not hesitate to request scholarship funds for any of these monies. You can find this form, in the forms section of the website. Fill out the form and send directly to the DC Music Boosters. This information will be kept confidential.
 - a. Scholarship form: https://0337f0ed-e225-4d76-90cf-f07dfc37bec3.filesusr.com/ugd/c60f43_7c63343e0ed745cb99ee3a50fcc426cf.pdf
 - b. **DC Music Boosters**
PO Box 242, Dassel, MN 55325
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3. **Family discount:**
 - a. First Child = normal rate
 - b. Second Child = \$100 off
 - c. Third+ Child = \$200 off
4. **Payments:** All payments are non-refundable with the exception of a special situation that will be reviewed by staff, administration, and Boosters on an individual basis. (For example: parent suddenly job transferred out of district.)
5. **Other Fees:** Other season costs to think about (not included in DC Drumline Activity Fee)
 - a. Optional -Group Pictures – Zahler packages
 - b. Optional - Drumline jacket - ~\$50
Drumline Jacket Order Form: <https://0337f0ed-e225->

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- c. Optional -State finals T-shirts - ~\$10-\$15
- d. **FOOD MONEY ON SHOW DAYS!!!** Some meals may be paid for by DC Music Boosters, but students must always plan for some meal purchase. Bring snacks and think ahead.

All checks should be made out to DC Music Boosters and mailed to:

DC Music Boosters

PO Box 242

Dassel, MN 55325

Please follow this procedure for all payments. It makes life much easier for staff and tracking payments.

Dassel Cokato Drumline 2021-2022 Commitment Form

A FIRM COMMITMENT is due by October 14, 2021 (This information is important, PLEASE PRINT CLEARLY)

Name _____
Address _____
City/State/Zip _____
Home Phone _____ Alternate Phone _____
Student Email _____
Parent Email _____
Parent Email _____

2021-2022 Grade: ☐ 7th ☐ 8th ☐ 9th ☐ 10th ☐ 11th ☐ 12th

T-Shirt Size: ☐ S ☐ M ☐ L ☐ XL ☐ XXL

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You MUST be registered with the activities office and your eligibility card MUST be turned in to Jake Pavia or we cannot allow you to practice or participate.

By signing below, you affirm the following:

1. I understand the **financial commitment**:
 - a. The total fee for all **members of the DC Drumline** is **TBD; ~\$950**.
 - b. This form and activities registration before allowed to practice.
 - c. The first payment of \$150 is due by October 14, 2021. The remaining balance is due no later than January 27th, 2021. **Make checks payable to DC Music Boosters.**
 - d. No student will be excluded because of financial hardship. Please contact Carlos Mendiola if you have any concerns. mendiola.carlosc@gmail.com OR 612.940.7443.
2. I understand the **time commitment**:
 - a. Double check the rehearsal and performance schedule. **Please do not schedule events that conflict with Drumline events.**
 - i. <https://www.dchsindoor.com/>
 - b. The current schedule is subject to change.
 - c. Attendance at all rehearsals is **MANDATORY**.

I am making a commitment to be a member of the 2021-2022 Dassel Cokato Drumline:

Student Signature: _____ Date: _____

Parent Signature: _____ Date: _____