

HANDY DANDY MARCHING BAND GLOSSARY

Term	Definition
Auxiliary	The Color Guard is sometimes referred to as the auxiliary.
Band Trailers	Formerly the Band Wagon, band trailers are the highly visible and high tech vehicles used to haul instruments, equipment, and uniforms to performances.
Band Truck	This is the semi tractor-trailer that carries all band equipment.
Basic Block	A basic block is the formation in which basic marching concepts and techniques are taught, rehearsed, and mastered.
Battery	The marching percussion section consisting of snares, tenors and basses is called the battery.
BOA	Bands of America
Boxes	The judges have sheets that break down a band's performance by a strict set of criteria. Box 1 is the lowest score and Box 5 is the highest. To score above a 90 (out of 100), a band must average a box 5 score from all of the judges.
Caption	Separate trophies are awarded to the top performances in areas such as Best Music, Best Marching, and Best General Effect. These areas are called Captions.
Critique	Critiques are held after competitions. During a critique, the band staff meets with the judges to explain the show concept and ask for suggestions for improvement.
Drill Book	This book is known as the marcher's best friend, Marchers plot every coordinate of their drill in this book, which will be memorized.
MCBA	Michigan Competing Band Association
Nationals	BOA National Championships held in Indianapolis in November
Penalties	Penalties are points taken from a band's overall score. Penalties are primarily due to time violations (a performance under 7 minutes or over 11).
Phasing	Phasing is a term used to describe moments when a band is not playing together. Sometimes two portions of the band on the field can be apart by an entire count.
Pit	The percussion section that remains stationary on the front sideline is called the pit. The pit consists primarily of keyboards and timpani, but for Milford it is everything but the kitchen sink, and maybe even that if we need it!
Pit Crew	The pit crew is comprised of the hard-working, ever vigilant group of parents who assist with loading, unloading, and moving band instruments, specifically the Pit's instruments.
Regionals	Band of America Regional Championships
State Finals	MCBA State Championship Competition
Triad	A triad is when a band is doing music, equipment work, body work, and drill at the same time.

Here is one final definition for your glossary

How do you define a MILFORD BAND PARENT?

The Instrumental Music Program at Milford High School, affectionately and generically referred to as The Band, would not exist in its present incarnation of excellence if it were not for the hardworking group of people known as band parents. These are the people who advocate tirelessly for the musical education of their progeny. You may be wondering how you can become involved in the band program, your student's band experience, and music education at Milford High School. The best way is to be an involved band parent.

We need people like you to become involved. We need people who can build, sew, repair, chaperone, make telephone calls, serve on committees, fit uniforms, and even people to organize people. Become an involved parent. You will find out first hand what excellent students we have in our band and you can become part of the band family.

Our program is costly and fundraising is the only way for us to offer such a comprehensive music program at our school. We are counting on every family to contribute with their time, talents, and treasure to the events and projects that will allow us to reach our fundraising goals for this year – goals that will enable us to create the best band ever.

Join the band parents and **WELCOME TO THE BAND.**