



Grand Haven
Area Public Schools

Grand Haven Bands

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Dear Directors,

The Grand Haven High School Buccaneer Marching Band and our Band Boosters would like to invite you and your band to participate in the **19th Annual Grand Haven Marching Band Invitational** on Saturday, September 26, 2026. Grand Haven boasts a top-notch athletic facility with a new Prescription Athletic Turf (PAT) field and a main grandstand capable of accommodating over 5,000 spectators. Participating bands have been very pleased with our facility! Located in MSBOA District 7, snugly between districts 1 and 10, our location is a prime performance destination for *all* West Michigan bands—consider coming our way!

The Grand Haven Invitational boasts **an afternoon/evening performance schedule**. This is a great weekend performance opportunity for bands that have sport conflicts during the week and/or for smaller bands that would not otherwise perform. The schedule will be built in reverse with the awards ceremony beginning at approx. 8:50 pm. Depending on entries, we may also have an earlier class C/D awards. Starting time is also dependent upon how many bands register. Please consider bringing your band to perform!

The \$150.00 entry fee and online application deadline is Friday, August 21, 2026.

[Online Registration](#) [Publicity Form](#)

Grand Haven will use the Michigan Scholastic Marching Band Contest format. There will be five divisions: AA, A, B, C, and D, with classification determined by average grade enrollment. The four judging areas used to determine placement and caption awards are **music, music effect, marching, and visual effect**. A Color Guard judge and Percussion judge will be used to determine caption awards for these two areas. Awards will be given for individual placements in each classification as well as music, marching, percussion and auxiliary. An Overall Grand Champion Award will also be given. Each Director (Band) will receive a copy of his or her band's performance as well as a USB compilation of judges' comments.

There are a number of competitions and invitationals available to you around the state. However, we feel that an afternoon/evening performance opportunity coupled with our outstanding performance venue at Buccaneer Stadium will make this a truly positive educational experience.

In addition to completing the online application, if you are considering attending, please email us as soon as possible to let us know. In your email, if you need any accommodations for your group or are planning on eating at the invitational, please also let us know. Many thanks!

Sincerely,

Luke Kirkopoulos, Invitational Chair

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