



THE NORMAL MARCHING BAND

Bloomington Labor Day Parade

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 8, 2026

Equipment

All instruments and equipment should go home with you after rehearsal on Thursday, September 3 and/or after school on Friday, September 4.

Uniform/Appearance

The parade uniform includes the black parade shirt, black shorts, solid black ball cap, solid black short socks, and black marching shoes. The color guard parade uniform includes the parade tunic/top, guard shoes, black leggings, and guard gloves. (Same attire as the state fair, for all.) All members' hair must be long enough that it can be worn in a ponytail or short enough that it does not extend over the eyebrows or ears in the front, or touch the collar in the back. Any artificial hair coloring treatment must result in a naturally-occurring hair color. No sunglasses, jewelry, make up, or visible fingernail polish is permitted when performing. Performers should be clean-shaven.

Safety/Security

Additional safety procedures will be discussed during rehearsal. We encourage students to carry their phones on the parade route, if possible. Students are expected to carry rescue inhalers and any other necessary medication on them during the parade.

Route

The Bloomington Labor Day Parade marches from Front Street in Downtown Bloomington to Miller Park. Students are discouraged from driving themselves, as they would need to walk the entire parade route backwards to return to their cars.

In Case of Emergency: Mr. Budzinski's cell: (815) 370-8730 | Mr. Carter's cell: (215) 749-2673

Itinerary

before parade

Be sure to eat a healthy breakfast and drink plenty of water on the day of the event. The parade begins at 10:00 AM. Understand that street closures will be in effect, and we recommend that students be *dropped off* with only the equipment needed for the parade. Leave instrument cases, flag bags, and drum covers/cases in your vehicle.

Call Time TBD

Meet and stage/warm up in Downtown Bloomington. The staging location and call time will be publicized as soon as it is shared by the parade committee. **BRING ONLY YOUR INSTRUMENT OR EQUIPMENT** and leave cases, flag bags, and drum covers in your car.

after parade

Performers should be picked up from the north entrance of Miller Park.

A Note from the NMB Directors

We are looking forward to this opportunity to showcase the NMB in town. Let's have a great performance!