



# THE NORMAL MARCHING BAND

## Bloomington Labor Day Parade

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 1, 2025

### Equipment

This itinerary is tentative, pending final information from parade organizers.

All instruments and equipment should go home with you after NMB rehearsal on Thursday night, after school on Friday, or after the NCHS football game on Friday night.

### Appearance

Wear your **NMB Parade Uniform**, which consists of the *parade shirt*, NMB-approved *black shorts*, *black socks*, *solid black ball cap*, and black *Super Drill Masters* marching band shoes. The parade attire is intended to look uniform, so we ask that you stick to the provided ball cap and designated shorts. Black socks should be plain and ankle height. Color guard information remains the same as the State Fair Parade.

If you have longer hair, wear it in a low ponytail, and use gel/hairspray to look neat and uniform. The ponytail can sit below the hat or feed through the opening in back. Shorter hair must be trimmed above the eyebrows, over the ears, and off of the collar in back. Makeup, if worn at all, should be minimal and natural in appearance. Faces are to be clean shaven. Colored nail polish should not be worn. Jewelry should not be worn.

### Safety/Security

Students are encouraged to carry their cellular phone on the parade route. It should not stick out of a pocket or be visible. Be sure to carry your inhaler or other rescue medication.

### 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 route backwards to return to their cars after the completion of the parade.

## 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 in your vehicle and carry only the items that you will carry down the parade route.

TBD

Meet and stage/warm up in Downtown Bloomington. At the time this itinerary was published, final information had not been received from the parade committee. The specific call time and warm up location will be posted in the BAND App prior to the event. Visit [normalmb.org/appnotifications](https://normalmb.org/appnotifications) to join.

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!