



AVON LAKE HIGH SCHOOL BAND

Marching Band Terms

- **8 to 5:** 8 steps for every 5 yards (there can also be 6 to 5)
- **Attention:** The Position in which Marching Shoremen stand with heels together (feet are at a 45 degree angle), back straight with excellent posture, and horn held with 2 hands in the proper positions. The students are focused, not looking around and are not talking.
- **Auxiliary:** Another term for Guard or Flag member.
- **Band app:** Our official way to communicate to all member of the Band program, we no longer use remind.
- **Battery:** The marching percussion on the field
- **Dinkles:** The official shoe of the Marching Shoremen
- **Doors:** This is the time when the Band Room doors will be open
- **Dot Book:** A series of pages in which students create the marching field and use “dots” for their location on the field so the students know their drill
- **Drill:** The movements or marching steps on the field
- **Friday Morning Run-Throughs:** This Avon Lake historical event happens during the marching season EVERY Friday morning. Doors open @ 6:45am, Line up in parade block and step-off @ 6:53am and we are on the stadium field @ 7am to go through that evening's performance. This has been an Avon Lake tradition since the 60's at least.
- **Front Ensemble:** Also known as the “Pit” This is the portion of the percussion section that is only on the front of the field and doesn't march due to the instrument requirements.
- **Gauntlets:** Part of the Uniform, gauntlets go on the sleeves of the Marching Shoremen
- **Guard:** The Color Guard (flag and majorette) Auditions are in the spring
- **Mark Time:** To march in place
- **On Time:** To arrive to the event 15 minutes early
- **Parka:** The Marching Shoremen raincoat
- **Pow-Wow:** Also known as “Team Meeting”. This is the time in which we will have sit down discussions
- **Respect:** What we must show our Band Room, Teachers, Directors, each other and most importantly ourselves no matter what.
- **Rookie:** First year member of the Marching Shoremen
- **Sectionals:** This is the time in which we work on our music
- **“Set”:** A voice command used for our Attention position. There is no moving around at this time
- **Set or Page:** Our drill is organized by sets (sometimes pages). Members “dots on the field” is correlated with a set or page number.
- **Shako:** The Marching Shoremen hat.
- **“Stand By”:** A voice command used for the first of 2 steps with being at attention
- **UDB app:** Ultimate Drill Book app, our new way to replace dot books and it's all on our phones!!!!
- **Visuals:** This is a time in which we work on our marching
- **Whistle:** This is the time the Drum Major will blow the whistle and the students will be in parade block, go to attention, and step-off to march to their destination