

Marching Band Commands!

command // response
Attention – band atten-hut // one
 1 2 3 4 ← beats

- Feet together, look forward, eyes on the horizon
- Stand straight, shoulders and hips back

Parade Rest – band pa-rade rest // one
 1 2 3 4

- Feet should be shoulders-width apart
- Same as attention, but slightly more relaxed

Horns Up/Down – band horns up // hiss
 1 2 3 4

- Stay at attention
- Snap instrument up or down – be fast!

Dress Center – dress center dress // hiss hiss
 1 2 3 4 1

- On the first hiss: horns up
- On the second hiss:
 - If you are in the center, don't move
 - If you are on the left or right, turn your head toward the center

Ready Front (after dress center) – ready ----- front // hiss hiss
 1 2 3 4 1

- on first hiss, face forward
- on second hiss, horns down

Mark Time – mark time hut ----- // left right etc.
 1 2 3 4 1 2

- Stay on toes so upper body stays still
- Heel brushes ground on the beat (left heel first!)
- Left heel on the ground on odd numbered beats, right heel on even

Forward March – forward ----- march ----- // left right etc.
 1 2 3 4 1 2

- Glide, heel to toe
- Point toes up
- Don't move upper body
- LEFT FOOT FIRST

Backward March – backward ----- march ----- // left right etc.
 1 2 3 4 1 2

- Take bigger steps than you think you need to
- Stay on your toes
- Keep upper body still

Halt – ready ----- halt // one two
 1 2 3 4 1

- Keep upper body straight
- Right foot stops on "one," bring feet together on "two"

Left/Right Slides

- keep your shoulders lined up with those of the people in front of you
- turn your feet 90° in the direction you're marching

Left Face – band left face // one two

- 1 2 3 4 1
- On "one," turn on left heel and right toe to face left
 - On "two," bring feet together

Right Face – band right face // one two

- 1 2 3 4 1
- On "one," turn on right heel and left toe to face right
 - On "two," bring feet together

About Face – band about face // one two three

- 1 2 3 4 1 2
- On "one," step forward with right foot
 - On "two," turn around (180°) on both toes
 - On "three," bring feet together

At Ease – relax :D

(but be ready to listen to the student leaders or teachers)