

Quick Reference

KSHSAA Gameday Showcase Music Information

Regarding Band Chant & Fight Song music:

“Easy” Method:

1. Find the song you want to use on a legal, authorized music provider site (ie Amazon, iTunes). Pay for and download the song, print your receipt and bring it with you to the event. You will want to be sure the recording is played by a marching band as listed in the rules for the KSHSAA Game Day Showcase event. This “single song” option is legal as long as no edits are made to the music other than for timing purposes.
2. Use music from a Varsity Spirit summer camp album download – Varsity has already obtained the proper licenses for those songs and you legally purchased this music when you paid for your camp. Just present or show your invoice from a Varsity Spirit summer camp.

If you want to use a recording of your school’s band to play the song (fight song or band chant) you must first determine if your school own the exclusive rights to the music or not.

1. If the music piece was WRITTEN/created exclusively for your school and your school fully owns the rights and the recording is your school band performing the song, then you simply need a letter from your administration stating that the school owns the rights to the song, that they are giving you permission to use the song, and that they are giving you permission to use the recording of your band.
2. If the rights to the music piece are not owned by your school, then you need to do the following:
Have your band play the song for you using sheet music they have purchased, and then purchase the compulsory license that allows you to record/play it back (see instructions on gaining compulsory license). In this situation you would need to present both of these:
 - 1) a copy of the compulsory license and
 - 2) a letter from your administration giving permission to use your band’s recording.

For more information about music licensing for cheer, please visit <https://www.varsity.com/news/music-guidelines/>