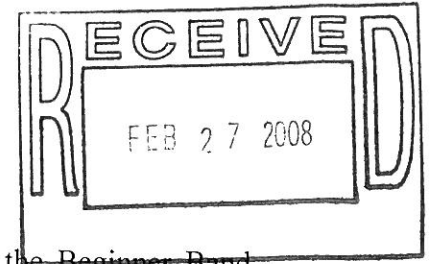


Bandera I.S.D. Band Program Constitution



Structure of Program

The Bandera I.S.D. Band program begins in the sixth grade with the Beginner Band. This group's purpose is to introduce beginning musicians to the fundamentals of music reading and instrumental music performance. This beginner group will participate in at least two formal concerts and one music festival each year.

After this introductory year, students audition for placement in one of two competing instrumental groups. These two groups are given more opportunities for performance, including pep rallies, individual auditions, solo and ensemble competition, U.I.L. Concert and Sight-reading Contest, and a music festival in the spring.

At the high school level, band students participate in the marching band during the majority of the fall semester. As part of this organization, they are required to participate in and perform at pep rallies when scheduled and at varsity football games as schedule. The band also performs at a formal concert in December, participates in various community celebrations, and competes at U.I.L. Marching Contest and ATSSB region band auditions. After the December concert, the band is divided into Symphonic and Concert bands for the spring semester according to the results of a fall audition. The main activities for high school band for the spring semester include U.I.L. Solo and Ensemble competition, U.I.L. Concert and Sight-reading Contest, a spring festival performance, and a formal concert in May.

Student Leadership

Both the middle school bands and the high school band elect officers for their organizations. Offices included are President, Vice-President, and Secretary. Other offices may be added if the need arises. Elections for these offices take place at the beginning of the school year. Officers representing the bands hold office throughout the school year as long as they are in good standing in the organization and follow the Student Code of Conduct.

Activity Fund Structure

The activity fund for the Bandera I.S.D. band students is set up in an individual account format, i.e. each student earns money through fundraising or donations for their account. Primarily, these funds are used for the spring festival trips and pay for the cost of each student's participation in the festival (and hotel room for high school students). Registration fees for the festivals are not taken from these accounts. However, the amount may include money for other contingencies such as, a nurse, an accompanist, a special needs teacher, etc. Students are informed of the amount they will need to participate in the spring festival and that they may participate in the fundraising opportunities offered to them or donate cash to their account.

If any student raises an amount over what is needed for that year's participation or is unable to participate, their money is held in their account for their use the following year. When a middle school band student is promoted to high school, any left over funds from their middle school account is transferred to their high school account. In like fashion, any remaining money left in a student's high school account at the end of a given year will be rolled over for use the next year. In this way, students have an opportunity to do long-term fundraising for the high school festivals which range anywhere from approximately \$100.00 per person for an in-state festival to as much as \$400.00 per person for an out-of-state festival.

When a student exits the band program, any funds that have been raised through fundraising activities will remain in the band's activity account. If requested, funds that were donated to the student's account may be refunded to the student's parent(s) or guardian. Upon written request, students may have their remaining funds transferred to another student's account. For instance, a graduating senior may request that any money they have remaining in their account be transferred to a younger sibling's account.

The high school band activity account is also used for the purchase of marching shoes and band shirts and for the paying of uniform cleaning fees. Students deposit this money at the beginning of the year, and the money is dispersed as needed during the year.

Outside these normal account activities, dispersal of funds from the activity account must have the written permission of the organization officers. This written permission will accompany the requisition for the funds requested.