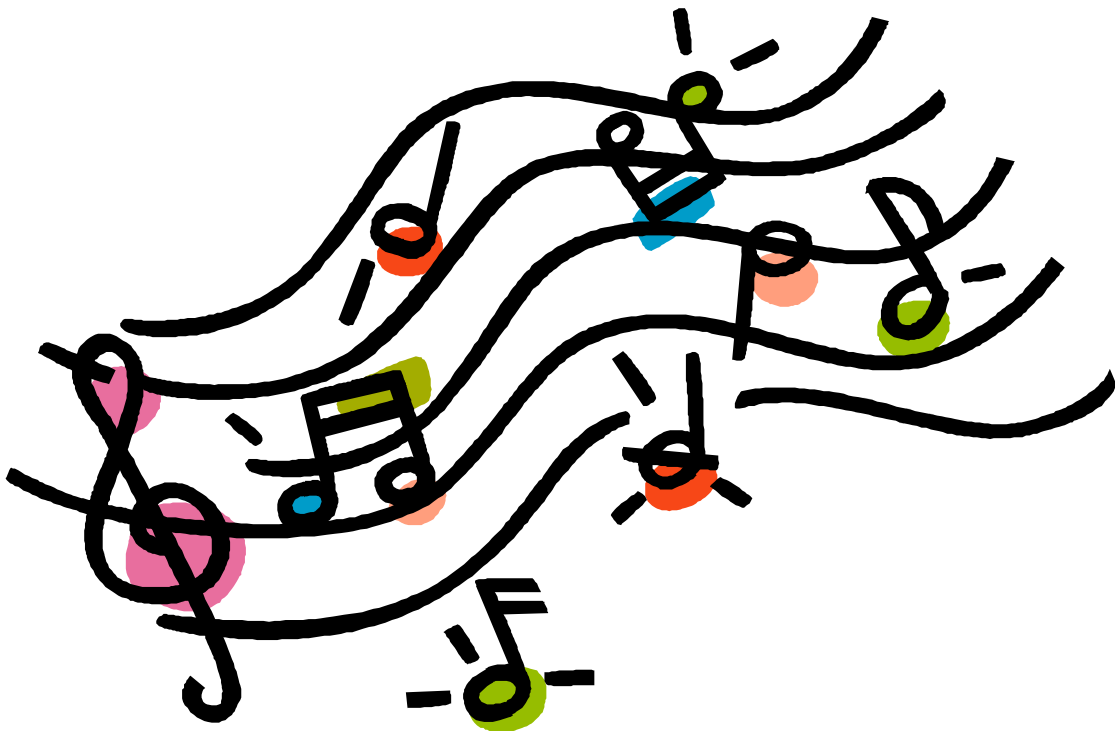


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Materials – All band students will be expected to bring a pencil, paper, their instrument, music, and any other necessary materials to band class every day.

Expectations – Bandera Band members are expected to be above average in their behavior, demeanor and attitude, both in and out of the band hall. Band members not only represent the Band, but the entire school district and the community. Being a member of the Band puts you before the public's eye. It should be your desire to do all that you can to represent the Band in the very best light possible. One person's actions affect everyone. All school rules apply in the Band Hall. Due to the nature of band, having the proper materials, equipment and positive participation are very important. You cannot share an instrument like you would a Math book if you forget yours.

Disrespect for any member of the administration, faculty, staff, or one another, inappropriate language, vandalism of school property, graffiti, theft and fighting will not be tolerated. If any of these severe infractions occur the student will be written up immediately. The Director may refer severe or repeated problems to the campus principals, which can lead to dismissal from the band.

Band Rules –

1. Absolutely no food, drinks, candy or GUM in the Band Hall.
2. Be in the room before the tardy bell rings.
3. Be in your seat ready to play when the Director steps on the podium.
4. Have instrument, music, pencil and all necessary equipment everyday.
5. No talking while the Director is on the podium.
6. Do not get up during rehearsal without permission.
7. If it's not yours... don't touch it. This includes the percussion equipment.
8. Be prepared. Know your part.
9. Give respect to receive respect.
10. HAVE FUN!

Consequences –

1. First offense – verbal warning
2. Second offense – conference with director

3. Third Offense – Parent /Teacher Conference
4. Referral by the Band Director to Campus Principals

Grading Procedures – Grades for the Bands will be based on the following criteria:

1. Participation Grade – Students will receive a weekly participation grade based on their attitude, preparedness, behavior and effort put forth in class, as well as other required performances. This counts as 50% of your final grade
2. Attendance at after school rehearsals is mandatory, and a grade will be assigned for attendance/participation as follows: On time - 100; Late (unexcused) - 50; Absent (unexcused) - 0.
3. Performance/Test Grade – Periodic written work may be assigned for a grade in class, and required concerts/performances also count in this category. This category comprises 50% of your final grade.
4. Extra sectionals / rehearsals – Students are required to attend all extra sectionals / rehearsals. These sectionals / rehearsals are extremely infrequent. A grade of 100 will be given for attendance. If a student is unable to attend, parents should notify the director prior to the rehearsal. Absences will be excused at the director's discretion.
5. Playing tests – Students will be given playing tests as deemed necessary by the director. Playing tests are considered major grades. Make-ups will be done before or after school and will not affect the chair order for that test.
6. Performances – Students are required to attend all Band performances, i.e., Football games, **Winter & Spring Concerts**, and U.I.L. Concert and Sight-reading Contest. They will receive a 100 for their attendance, or a 0 (Zero) for lack of attendance. Performances are considered a Performance/Test grade, and by nature are impossible to make up, so be sure to **check your plans** against the required activities listed on the **Band Calendar**.

Instrument Check-Out: Refer to "Instrument Agreement" (separate)

Uniform –Our uniform for **HS** will be checked out to you. You will be responsible for a **\$25 uniform cleaning fee**. You will need to purchase special marching shoes and shirt. The cost is **\$35 for the shoes** and **\$15 for the shirt**. **Total cost if all are purchased: \$75**

Fundraisers – We will be participating in fundraisers again this year. Profit from these fundraisers goes toward owed fees and for the band trips.

Spring Trip – The Spring trip is a **reward** for those students who have made the effort to attend all required Band activities and performances, as well as efforts raising money during our fundraisers. More information will be sent home in the spring. HS trip to be discussed later.

Parent Help – We always welcome parent involvement and help. If your parents are interested in volunteering time to help the band, please have them contact Casey Brakebill at **210-913-9790**.

POLICIES SPECIFIC TO MARCHING SEASON:

- 1) All students must attend all scheduled rehearsals outside the school day, such as marching rehearsals, sectionals, etc. Rain **DOES NOT** cancel rehearsals or games. All music must be memorized and will be tested.
- 2) Tennis shoes with laces are the **ONLY** acceptable footwear for marching rehearsals. Wear light, comfortable clothing outside as it will be hot. Also, bring a jug of water for water breaks to keep hydrated.
- 2) All students must attend all football games, as well as all marching and concert contests. There **WILL** be contests on **at least 4 Saturdays in the Fall (9/29, 10/6, 10/13, & 10/27), so please plan accordingly.**
- 3) A student who only does the minimum requirement for HS band, that is, everything previously listed, will receive an 85. If you are interested in a higher grade, here is a list of activities which will improve your grade to an "A":
 - Instrument Manager
 - Uniform Manager
 - Section leader
 - All-Region Band Auditions
 - Individual practice after school
 - Other volunteer activities

Bandera Marching Band Rain Contingency

- 1) Band will be prepared to perform in every capacity (full uniform, all instruments)
- 2) For home games if rain is lightly falling, every effort will be made to provide a minimum of brass and percussion to cover the National Anthem. If rain keeps the band in the band hall during home games, or both bands on buses during away games, BHS band will provide a pre-recorded CD for the national anthem.
- 3) If rain is heavily falling, band will remain on standby on buses until decision concerning conditions is made by the high school principal with input from the Band Director.

- 4) If rain has stopped or is falling lightly, all band members will go to the stands, in ponchos. Woodwinds will not take instruments. Brass and Percussion will take instruments.
- 5) Extreme rain will keep the band on standby in school buses as long as necessary.
- 6) If band is on standby in school buses at the start of 3rd quarter, all band members will be taken back to the BHS band hall and dismissed.

Academic Standing Requirements

In order to participate in TMEA and U.I.L. activities, a student must have been in attendance and have passed the number of courses required by state law and by rules of the State Board of Education. (This article refers to extra-curricular participation rules promulgated by TEA/SBOE in T.A.C. Section 97.113.)

1. Beginning at the seventh grade year—have been promoted from sixth grade to the seventh;
2. Beginning at the eighth grade year—have been promoted from the seventh grade to the eighth;
3. Beginning at the ninth grade year—have been promoted from the eighth grade to the ninth;
4. Beginning with the second year of high school—at least five credits toward graduation; or must have earned five credits during the preceding twelve months;
5. Beginning with the third year of high school—at least ten credits toward graduation; and
6. Beginning with the fourth year of high school—at least fifteen credits toward graduation.

Age Limits

A student may not participate after the end of the eighth semester following his first enrollment in the ninth grade. A student will not be allowed to audition who has attained his nineteenth birthday prior to September 1st of that current school year.

Jazz Band

Entrance into this ensemble is by invitation or audition only. A student must display a high competency on his/her instrument and must be a member of a parent organization to be eligible for membership. Vacancies may be filled by invitation.

Selection of Drum Majors

1. All presently enrolled members who have an 80 or above average and who have at least one year of high school marching band experience.
2. For selection purposes, all presently enrolled members with 10 or more absences may not qualify for selection on the grounds of poor attendance. (Note: There will be no distinction made between excused or unexcused absences for this selection purpose.)
3. Administrative approval will be given or denied on the grounds of poor student behavior to all presently enrolled members or prospective members.
4. Judges will select all members based on technical execution, ability to follow instructions, appearance, and overall physical projection and enthusiasm.
5. Students currently in band must re-qualify annually before the judges.
6. Only members currently in band will be selected as a candidate for drum major.
7. Behavior that results in disciplinary action will in turn cause dismissal from the position, and this rule will be strictly enforced when it applies to serious or major behavior offenses. (Note: See Student Handbook and BISD Discipline Management Plan.)
8. Only two Drum Majors will be selected for the next school year.

Drum Major:

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|--------------------------|---------------------|
| 1. Vocal Commands | 5. Leadership |
| 2. Marching Fundamentals | 6. Posture/Carriage |
| 3. Marching Ability | |
| 4. Conducting | |

Final selection will be made by judges. Drum majors must have one year of high school marching and instrument experience in order to qualify. Drum majors and color guard members must attend camp during the summer after selection and are responsible for paying half of the camp fees. Failure to attend may cause forfeiture of their position.

Section Leaders

Instrumental and Color Guard Section leaders will be assigned during the Fall, and will perform their jobs as directed.

Awards

A. Letter Jacket: A letter jacket will be awarded to those high school band members who meet the standards of the Jacket Policy.

Lettering Point Requirements:

In order to letter, a student must earn a total of 30 points. Points are structured so that

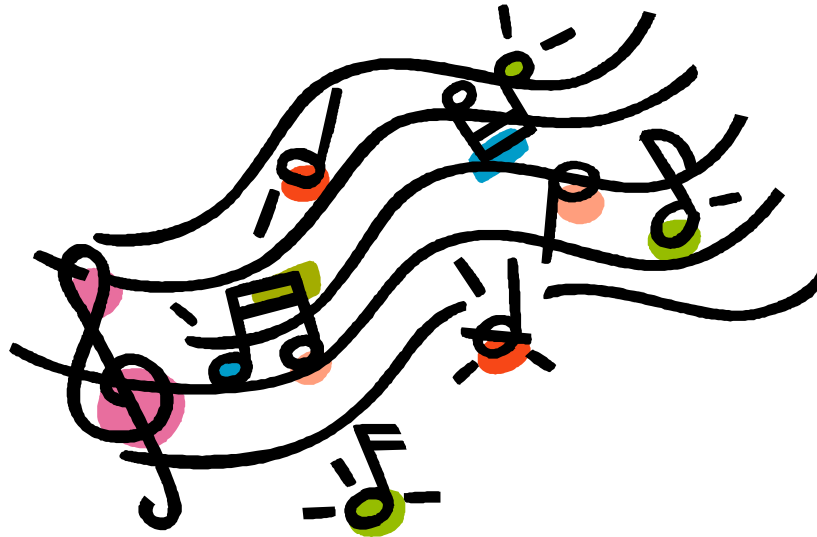
each student may earn their lettering jacket by the end of their junior year.
Points may be earned by the following activities:

Event	Points
Marching Band (UIL Contest—add 2 pts)	2-4
Area Marching Contest	3
Jazz Ensemble	1
Concert Band (UIL Contest—add 2 pts)	2-4
Region Band Tryouts*	2
Region Band Member*	3
Area Band Member*	3
All-State Band Member*	5
Band Officer/BLT/Drum Major	2
Section Leader	1
Solo and Ensemble	2
State Solo and Ensemble	2

* Includes concert band and jazz band auditions.

A breakdown of points earned at minimum participation follows:

Freshman Year	Marching Band	4 points	
	Concert Band	1 points	
	Area Marching	3 points	
	Region Band Tryouts	2 points	
	Solo & Ensemble	2 points	
	Total for Year		12 points
Sophomore Year	Marching Band	4 points	
	Concert Band	1 points	
	Region Band Tryouts	2 points	
	Solo & Ensemble	2 points	
	Total for Year		9 points
Junior Year	Marching Band	4 points	
	Concert Band	4 points	
	Area Marching	3 points	
	Solo & Ensemble	2 points	
	Total for Year		<u>13 points</u>
	Total Points		34 points



Please sign below and return all forms by Friday, August 31st.

___ I have received a Copy of the Bandera HS Band calendar.

___ I give my child, _____, permission to travel with the Bulldog Band to and from all regularly scheduled contests and performances.

___ I have read and understand the information, guidelines and procedures set forth in the Handbook.

Parent Signature

Date

Printed Name

Date

Student Signature

Date

Printed Name

Date