Midland High School

**Bulldog Band**

**Handbook**

Traditions, Policies, and Guidelines

**2022-2023**

**School Year**

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**“Quality Knows No Limits”**

**Keeping it Super Simple**

**Easy Start Guide**

**\*Students - Show up and pay attention.**

**\*Parents - Make sure you are receiving band e-mails and read them.**

**Keeping it Simple**

**What you need to know tonight:**

**$100.00 of band fees due tonight. For returning students, if you already have credit in your band fee account that should roll over from last year, you must contact our booster club treasurers to make sure they know that you wish to use that credit. Aslo, if you are turning in show shirt line sales this evening, that can also count towards your $100.00. Any show shirt line money turned in over the next 3 weeks will be credited to your band fees beyond the $100.00 that is due tonight. More about show shirts in a minute…**

**Why $100.00 tonight? We need money to help us get started at the beginning of the season. The boosters have already made quite a few purchases to get the year started. The $100.00 gets you started with the marching band and it gets you a show shirt.**

**You can pay band fees with check, cash, or credit card. You can also pay through our website at** [**https://mhsbandbooster.memberhub.com/store/items/516668**](https://mhsbandbooster.memberhub.com/store/items/516668)

**You can navigate to our booster club website and click on the “store” tab. http://mhsbulldogband.my-pta.org/**

**Students will not be assigned a main line marching band spot until this has been done. We will begin assigning marching spots on August 5.**

**We need the following 2 forms ASAP, preferably tonight.**

1. **Medical Release Form (2 sided pink). This form is to grant permission for a director to authorize medical treatment for your student in an emergency situation if we are not able to contact parents. This form must be stamped by a notary. The notary must witness you signing the form before they can stamp it. We have 4 notaries here this evening. A copy of your student’s health insurance card must go along with this form. We have a copy machine available here this evening. Students will not be allowed to travel in town or out of town with us until this has been completed.**
2. **Pre-Participation Physical and Medical History Form (2 pages or 2 sided). Any new student or any student who did not complete this form last year must get this done. We need this form completed by a qualified medical professional by August 1 at the latest. Beginning next week, students will not be allowed to rehearse with us until this form is completed. Students will not be assigned a main line marching band spot until this has been done. We will begin assigning marching spots on August 5.**

**Why do we start rehearsing in July?**

1. **6A marching band in the state of Texas is a highly competitive and quickly evolving activity. Being competitive is not our primary goal, but it is an important goal. In recent years, more value has been given to the production value, creativity, and artistic design of marching band shows. This has created the need for more planning, logistics, props, and careful design all of which takes more time (and money!). This has also increased the amount of skills that students must be able to perform. Putting a marching band show together successfully just takes a lot of time, so that is why we are here.**

**Over the next two weeks, we will be assigning marching band spots to students. Main line marching band spots are awarded to students based on the following criteria:**

1. **Attendance - it is important that students be in all rehearsals**
2. **Marching Abilities - students need to display understanding of our most basic marching fundamentals**
3. **Musical Abilities - students need to display understanding of our most basic musical fundamentals**
4. **All required forms and fees must be taken care of**

**Students will not be removed from the band program if these goals are not met. A student may start out in an alternate marching band spot and then they will be worked into a main line spot as some of these goals improve.**

**Marching Band Health**

**Students and parents please pay special attention to the health tips for marching band later in this handbook. We will pace our outside rehearsals according to the weather. We have water for students at every rehearsal, but students must bring a water bottle. A ½ gallon refillable water jug is recommended. Students will do better if they eat breakfast and lunch every day and if they drink water before rehearsals.**

**Students will have unlimited access to water during rehearsals. If at any time, you need to get more water, you may do so even if we are actively rehearsing. If at any time you start to feel weird, notify one of the directors or student leaders and you can take a break. Do not push yourself to the point of exhaustion. We are not trying to push you to your breaking point, we are just trying to make you a little better every day. Be smart, be safe, and make healthy choices.**

**Link to registration for free Teen Heart Screening at Midland Memorial Hospital, August 6, 9:00am-1:00pm**

Registration is LIVE! [Click here to register](https://nam10.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2Fwww.eventbrite.com%2Fe%2Fteen-heart-screening-on-august-6-2022-at-midland-memorial-tickets-367491796857&data=05%7C01%7Cwesley.barnt%40midlandhealth.org%7Cc96a29179574467ceadf08da4ed1b2f9%7Cbee0e4a338e9488d9c007a89ac587f85%7C1%7C0%7C637908959886654092%7CUnknown%7CTWFpbGZsb3d8eyJWIjoiMC4wLjAwMDAiLCJQIjoiV2luMzIiLCJBTiI6Ik1haWwiLCJXVCI6Mn0%3D%7C3000%7C%7C%7C&sdata=DwNM2nLj37wCps0oHpxDnb%2FI%2BaeWOmEY%2BYe8J9oL7EI%3D&reserved=0) - [https://www.eventbrite.com/e/teen-heart-screening-on-august-6-2022-at-midland-memorial-tickets-367491796857](https://nam10.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2Fwww.eventbrite.com%2Fe%2Fteen-heart-screening-on-august-6-2022-at-midland-memorial-tickets-367491796857&data=05%7C01%7Cwesley.barnt%40midlandhealth.org%7Cc96a29179574467ceadf08da4ed1b2f9%7Cbee0e4a338e9488d9c007a89ac587f85%7C1%7C0%7C637908959886654092%7CUnknown%7CTWFpbGZsb3d8eyJWIjoiMC4wLjAwMDAiLCJQIjoiV2luMzIiLCJBTiI6Ik1haWwiLCJXVCI6Mn0%3D%7C3000%7C%7C%7C&sdata=DwNM2nLj37wCps0oHpxDnb%2FI%2BaeWOmEY%2BYe8J9oL7EI%3D&reserved=0)

**Students will need the following items ASAP**

1. **Marching band uniform shoes. They must be this exact brand and style: Style Plus Impact Marching Band Shoe, Item #102800.**

[**https://www.bandshoppe.com/shop/shoes/band-shoes/styleplus-impact-marching-band-shoe-102800/black/default.html**](https://www.bandshoppe.com/shop/shoes/band-shoes/styleplus-impact-marching-band-shoe-102800/black/default.html)

**Order these immediately to allow time for delivery and possible return if there is a sizing issue. These shoes are not available locally.**

1. **Black marching band gloves. These are available at N-tune music.**
2. **Flip Folder (music holder) and Music lyre (metal piece that attaches to the instrument). These are important for playing music in outside rehearsals and football games. Percussion and colorguard students do not need these.**

**Show Shirt Information: Show shirt fundraising for selling lines will be due on Friday, August 12 (Hard deadline) at the end of rehearsal at 6:30pm.**

**There are 2 types of forms related to show shirts:**

1. **Show Shirt Order Form - Everyone who wants a shirt must fill out this form so that we know your size. If you are a band student that has paid your $100.00, you do not have to include any money with your show shirt order form. \*Any extra t-shirts for students, parents, family, friends MUST be ordered through the Online Band Store. Be sure to get what you will need ordered by August 12! \*T-shirts will be basic cotton, so be sure to allow for some shrinkage.**
2. **Show Shirt Fundraiser Line Form - This is the fundraiser form. You only have to turn in this form if you are selling lines for band fee credits. \*All shirt line money MUST be accompanied by a completed form. \*Cash or Check ONLY for the shirt lines! Change is not always available, so please have the correct amount of cash when turning in the form.\*It is recommended that students' have two shirts. One shirt is included in the $100 start-up fee, the other will be ordered through the online store at $20. There will be at least 4 times that the shirt will be needed for Friday game AND Saturday performance/Thursday parade. \*Be sure that the STUDENT name is printed clearly on the form, along with the current grade and platoon. This helps ensure that the student receives credit in CHARMS for their lines. A $10 line = $5 to the student account.\*A contact phone number is needed on the form just in case there is any clarification needed on the text!**

**Make sure you learn the calendar and communicate any possible conflicts ASAP.**

**We need to make sure that we have accurate e-mail information for students and parents before you leave tonight.**

**Students and parents get the “band” app to receive notifications and reminders.**

**Students need to get the “UDB” app for learning drill.**

**HANDBOOK INTRODUCTION**

Information from MISD about this handbook and about participation in extra- curricular activities:

With the approval of the principal and Superintendent, sponsors and coaches of extracurricular activities may develop and enforce standards of behavior that are higher than the District-developed Student Code of Conduct and may condition membership or participation in the activity on adherence to those standards.  Extracurricular standards of behavior may take into consideration conduct that occurs at any time, on or off of school property.

A student shall be informed of any extracurricular behavior standards at the beginning of each school year or when the student first begins participation in the activity.  A student and his or her parent shall sign and return to the sponsor or coach a statement that they have read the extracurricular behavior standards and consent to them as a condition of participation in the activity.

Standards of behavior for an extracurricular activity are independent of the Student Code of Conduct.  Violations of these standards of behavior that are also violations of the Student Code of Conduct may result in independent disciplinary actions.

A student may be removed from participation in extracurricular activities or may be excluded from school honors for violation of extracurricular standards of behavior for an activity or for violation of the Student Code of Conduct.

By e-signing the “Midland Independent School District Rules and Regulations Acknowledgement Form” in the google form, parents and students are indicating that they are aware of the expectations detailed in this handbook.

**All required forms must be turned in by 4:00 pm on Friday, July 29, 2022.**

Our teaching philosophy:

Whereas most academic classes teach cognitive skills, band teaches musical performance skills, musical sight-reading skills, and music appreciation. Marching band also includes a large dose of physical education as well.

Through musical and physical education, we seek to provide our students an opportunity to develop characteristics that will help them prepare for life in high school and beyond. We seek to help students develop an appreciation of the importance of the following characteristics: Industry, teamwork, humility, conscientiousness, sacrifice, leadership, followership, punctuality, self-control, self-respect, integrity, and dependability just to name a few.

Other classes teach you how to do something. Band teaches you how to be somebody. This is the reason that band is an important part of education at Midland High School. The characteristics listed above cannot be learned on a phone or from a computer screen. The development of these characteristics requires in-person interaction with a diverse group of people.

As teachers, we seek to help students learn these skills and character traits through consistency, encouragement, and through our own leadership by example.

**MHS SUMMER BAND INFORMATION 2022-2023**

Students are considered to be “in school” during summer band rehearsals. Therefore, all rules that apply to the normal school setting also apply to the band rehearsals that begin before the official school year starts.

**Attendance:**

Attendance at summer band rehearsals is required. We will be learning the music and the drill for our contest marching show in preparation for the first football game on Friday, September 2. Students cannot learn the essential parts of the show if they are not present.

The two most important factors when considering attendance problems are:

1. Avoiding schedule conflicts

Avoiding schedule conflicts is always the best option. We have presented each student and parent with a schedule and a calendar to help everyone adjust their plans accordingly. These calendar dates will rarely change and will only be altered to accommodate unforeseen events. You must remember that the easiest way to avoid conflict is for you to adjust your schedule to fit with the band schedule. Arranging the band schedule to fit your personal schedule is impossible.

2. Managing schedule conflicts

When something arises that is an unavoidable schedule conflict, the following action should be taken by the student and the parent:

A. Communicate to a director through e-mail as soon as possible. Sooner is always better.

B. Cell phone calls to Mr. Collins (889-5127) are always okay, but please do your best to limit your calls to problems that only Mr. Collins can solve. **Text messages will not suffice for student absences.**

What will happen to my student if he/she misses a rehearsal?

1. If the absence is communicated well in advance and for a valid reason, then the only likely consequence will be documentation of the absence in your student’s attendance file.

2. If the absence is due to sudden, acute illness or some other sudden and unavoidable event such as a family emergency, then the only likely consequence will be documentation of the absence in your student’s attendance file. Again, even with sudden unavoidable events, appropriate communication is required.

3. If the absence is not communicated appropriately and not communicated well in advance, the likely consequences will be: documentation in your student’s attendance file, loss of chair placement, change of part, and/or change of marching position assignments.

4. Please understand and be aware that ultimate preference for parts and marching assignments will be given to students who are consistently present at rehearsals and performances. Therefore, there is a possibility that even with an absence that is communicated well in advance, a student could be moved to the alternate line. Students that are present in rehearsals will occupy main line marching positions. This does not mean that one absence will permanently move a student into an alternate spot. This simply means that it is a possibility. If a student has an absence due to severe illness or some other extenuating circumstance such as a family emergency, they will not lose their marching position. The directors will make the final decisions concerning absences and marching position assignments.

5. Main-line marching spots are positions in the marching drill that cannot be removed or left vacant without affecting the integrity of the marching drill. Students who are consistently present and on-time will be assigned to a main-line position. Students must also display sufficient competency in the area of basic marching fundamentals (mainly being able to march in-step) by the end of the first week.

6. Alternate spots are positions in the marching band drill that can be removed from the drill without affecting the integrity of the drill. Students who are frequently late or absent from rehearsals, or who have considerable difficulty with the marching band fundamentals, will be assigned to one of these spots. Students in alternate spots will learn drill along with the rest of the band and will perform with the band. Students who start in alternate line positions will eventually be moved into main-line positions when their attendance or marching band fundamentals improve.

7. Attendance records and communication will play a major role as the directors make decisions regarding concert band placement for the spring semester. Students that are consistent and reliable both in attendance and communication will be given preference over students who are not consistent and reliable.

8. Students involved in other school related activities such as orchestra, choir, theater, athletics, ROTC, etc. will need to compare your band schedule/calendar to your schedule of any other school activities you are involved in. We are willing to help students work through any conflicts that exist, but early and frequent communication about scheduling conflicts is the key.

9. Look at your calendar all the way through the early part of November very closely. Please note that we are involved in marching competitions on three of the Saturdays in October. Do you have a Quniceanera scheduled on one of those days? Do you have a wedding scheduled on that day? We need to know right now if you do.

**A final word about attendance:**

The leading indicator of your dedication and level of commitment to the Midland High School Band is your presence at rehearsals and performances. At the high school varsity level, band is not a “when you want to, if you can, if you feel like it” activity. It requires a significant commitment of time and effort. We are not trying to scare people off, because it is very do-able by even the busiest people. However, especially for freshman, the amount of time required of you may seem overwhelming (especially once school starts). The time commitment will seem even larger once school starts. You can tell me all day long about how dedicated you are, but if you are not present for rehearsals and performances, then your dedication level is subject to question. If we do well with rehearsal attendance, the band will be successful this year. If we do not do well with attendance, we will struggle.

**Wednesday Night Rehearsal:**

The Wednesday night rehearsal during summer band on August 3 will be the only Wednesday night rehearsal for the rest of the school year. Therefore, I ask you to do the best you can to be here for that night. I realize there are conflicts with church. Please do your best.

**Dawg Day/Pup Prep:**

We will work with campus administrators to provide opportunities for band students to participate in any school registration activities so that they do not conflict with band rehearsals. This may be an issue for sophomore students on Dawg Day next Thursday evening, August 4 and for freshman on the pup prep day, Friday, August 5.

**Weather:**

If the weather is bad, we will still rehearse. We will move marching rehearsals inside. We will never cancel a regularly scheduled rehearsal due to bad weather unless driving conditions are dangerous.

**Band Hall Rules:**

No gum, food, drink, or candy of any kind in the band hall or in other parts of the school. Do not run, scream, throw things, or act out of control in the band hall or in other parts of the school. There should only be instruments and music in the lockers. Treat the facility and the equipment with respect. Students are responsible for the safety and security of their personal belongings. We have lockers and locks for everyone. If you want to keep your belongings secure, you must lock your locker. Otherwise, we can’t really help you if something turns up missing.

**What to wear:**

We are required to follow MISD dress code regulations during all school-related activities. I will probably not get out the ruler to measure the number of inches above the knee for shorts, for example. However, student attire during summer band should be appropriate for a school setting. The directors will have the final say on what is appropriate. Tennis shoes should be worn for all marching rehearsals. Hats, sunscreen and sunglasses are strongly encouraged for all outdoor rehearsals. Every student will need at least a ½ gallon water bottle for outdoor rehearsals

**Driving and Parking:**

Students are not allowed to leave the campus during the rehearsal blocks of time. If a student leaves without permission, it will be treated as an unexcused absence. Students that drive will need to be careful in the parking lots and in the driveway around the band hall. Reckless driving around band events will not be tolerated. Do not park in the U-shaped drive that circles the band hall, fire lanes or in the parking spots adjacent to the band hall. Students and parents have been ticketed by MPD and the Fire Marshall in the past for parking in these areas. Parents picking up students after band rehearsals will be much better off not trying to pick up students in the drive that circles the band hall. Students must use crosswalks when crossing the street. The traffic and the parking situation around the band hall has been made even worse by the ongoing street construction.

**Student/Parent Information Form:**

Please fill out as much of this information as possible if you have not filled one out before or if your information has changed.

**Calendar:**

Band students should start looking into getting black band uniform shoes, black band uniform gloves, and getting set up with private lessons.

**HEALTH TIPS FOR MARCHING BAND**

Timely Recommendations to ensure band members are well prepared for activity by the National Athletic Trainers Association (NATA)

NATA recommends the following tips for parents, band directors, medical professionals and marching band members:

1. Prepare for Activity: Parents should make sure that students are in good general health and fit to perform.
2. Put a Plan Into Place: Develop a written emergency plan in consultation with an athletic trainer and local emergency medical service. Share it regularly and review it with the appropriate band directors/supervisors, school administrators and medical staff.
3. Get Ready to March: Band directors, athletic trainers and parents should ensure that students are physically and mentally conditioned for marching band activities. Encourage students to start with 20 minute walks outside and gradually increase distance of time approximately four weeks before the marching band season starts. Limber up with appropriate stretches and warm ups and cool downs after practice. Increase rigorous routines gradually so students can tone their muscles and increase strength. This will help to reduce aches and pains as well as fatigue from long practices and challenging routines.
4. Acclimate to the Heat: Acclimatize students to outdoor warm weather conditions. Start routines slowly and build endurance. By working out and walking in the heat or non-air conditioned environments, students can condition their bodies to adapt and better perform in the heat.
5. What to Wear: Wear light or white colored shorts and t-shirts to avoid overheating during practice. This is especially important for anyone carrying heavy instruments for long periods of time. Save the formal attire – heavy hats, dark clothing and shoes – for dress rehearsals and get comfortable in them before game day. Be aware that the weight of the material and dark colors keep heat “in”.
6. Hydrate, Hydrate, Hydrate: Establish a hydration plan that allows band members to drink water or sports drinks such as Gatorade throughout practice sessions (about 7-10 ounces every 10-20 minutes). It is important to hydrate before AND after routines. Without proper hydration, they are at risk of developing exertionel heat related illnesses. Make sure the band members have sports drinks and water available. Don’t assume they can share with sports teams.
7. Seek Shade: Be smart when it comes to the sun. Stand in the shade during rest breaks or half time to cool down before and after practices and performances.
8. Fuel for Success: Incorporate healthy foods in the daily diet including grains, fruits, and vegetables, dairy and meat/poultry/fish to give them the fuel they need to exercise. A balanced and moderate approach is always the best bet.
9. Make Use of Musical Instruments: Students should hold and manage saxophones, drums, flutes, and other instruments correctly to avoid ergonomic injuries.
10. Stay Fit in Formation: Since bands are often in formation and standing still for long periods of time – especially when on parade routes or during practice – students should move fingers, knees and toes slightly to keep circulation flowing and joints loose and flexible.
11. Monitor Band Members: Band members should be monitored at all times on the field for signs of heat illnesses by a parent, band director, certified athletic trainer or other individual.
12. Inspect Fields and Routes: Remove debris, water, rocks, and other hazards from the field or parade route. These small obstacles can lead to twisted ankles, bruised knees, scraped elbows or other more serious injuries.
13. Stock the Kit: Stock a first aid kit and keep it onsite for medical emergencies. Include supplies for wound management and bee stings, such as elastic wraps and band aids, disposable ice packs, tape and would cleanser, among other items.

**FOOTBALL GAME PROCEDURES**

The appearance that the band makes at football games is very important. Many people from places other than Midland will see our band at every game. The band represents the school, the school district, and the community. We must represent Midland High School in a “first-class” manner.

1. Move quickly to your place in the stands and be ready to play. Everyone will have an assigned place to sit during the game. Do not move from this place without permission. Keep one foot in place. This helps us to make sure that the band is ready if we need to play on short notice. Students will be allowed to use the restrooms, but only a few at a time.
2. Do not bring unauthorized food or drinks into the stands. Booster parents will provide the band with food after the half-time performance. Band members are not allowed to visit the concession stand during the game.
3. Do not play on your instrument without permission. You should never play on your instrument individually in public, before or after a performance, without permission.
4. Pay attention to the game and be ready to play when you are instructed. Everyone will play when the band plays. Watch the director or drum major closely. Sometimes, the band must stop playing abruptly due to an injury on the field.
5. Only band members, directors, and booster parents are allowed in the band section during games. Special visitors are sometimes okay, but they need to get permission from one of the band directors. Ineligible band members and band members not in uniform are not allowed to sit in the band section.
6. Anytime that you wear the band uniform in public, you are performing and representing the school and the community. In a way, you stop becoming “you” and you become the Midland High School Band when you wear the uniform in public.
7. Special section songs must be approved by a director before they are played in public.
8. The percussion section may play cadences at any normally appropriate time during games. This will be at the discretion of the percussion captains, platoon leaders and directors.
9. Treat visiting teams, bands, and fans with respect. When we are out of town, be careful of remarks made to local students and citizens.
10. During cold weather, you may bring blankets, coats, gloves, etc. Please make these items school colored if possible. If not possible, please get as close as you can.
11. Follow the instructions of the band directors and parent sponsors at all times.

**TRAVEL**

Every band member will be expected to maintain a high standard of behavior and discipline when we are on a trip.

1. Show courtesy and respect to sponsors and bus drivers. What they say, you will do without question. Sponsors will be told to not deal with discipline. Discipline will be reported to and handled by directors.
2. Students guilty of disrespect or misconduct may be sent home after contact with the parents. Parents will be responsible for the extra travel cost.
3. When staying in hotels, band members will never be in a room with a student of the opposite sex. No exceptions.
4. No yelling or unnecessary noise at any time.
5. No public display of affection will be allowed at any band function. A good image must be maintained by appropriate behavior. Socializing with other members of the band is acceptable, but a good image must be maintained.
6. Band members will not be allowed to sleep or lie on the floors of buses. Band members will not be allowed to lie on each other in the seats of buses. Any problems will result in a change of seating assignments.
7. On trips, do not socialize with people that are not part of the band organization. Immediately notify sponsors or directors about undesirable people that are not part of the band organization.
8. Keep your language clean in accordance with the student code of conduct.
9. Students are required to stay with the band in groups at all times. Friends and family may visit, but do not ask to leave with them without prior written notice and approval. Friends and family will be subject to band rules when they are around the band.
10. Do not leave money or valuables unattended. You will be responsible for anything that you bring with you. You are encouraged to limit the number of portable electronic devices that you bring on trips. Any device that proves disruptive to bus travel and travel in general will be taken by directors and returned at the end of the trip.
11. Do not ever make any extra charges to hotel rooms.
12. Never accept a ride from any person in an unauthorized band vehicle for any reason at any time. This includes taxi cabs and other forms of public transportation.
13. Stay within geographical boundaries that may be set by the directors and sponsors.
14. Do not bring any firearms or weapons of any kind, including “play” toys. This includes water guns. Again, refer to the student code of conduct.
15. Abide by all itinerary schedules and curfews.

**REQUIRED TRAVEL AND STUDENT RELEASE**

Students will be required to travel via school approved transportation. Exceptions may be made for the return portion of the trip if the following provisions are met.

1. If the student wants to travel home with a parent, a written request must be submitted to a director at least 24 hours prior to departure.
2. There is a student travel waiver form that must be signed by the parent, the student, and one of the school principals that must be completed prior to departure.
3. The parent must make a visual and verbal contact with a director before the students will be released.

IMPORTANT!! The directors will never release a student from a band trip or a band event to anyone who is not personally approved by the parents.

**TRIP SHEETS**

Trip sheets will be available on Monday of every week during marching season. There will be a printed version available to students at the MHS Band Hall and the trip sheets will also be e-mailed and posted on the band website. During marching season, trip sheets will include important details about the weekly rehearsal schedule as well as details about football games, performances, and competitions. Trip sheets will also be available for any out of town trips throughout the year.

**MHS BULLDOG BAND MARCHING BAND UNIFORM**

**INSPECTION RULES AND REGULATIONS**

1. **Uniforms should be kept clean and pressed at all times.** The student will be held responsible for all uniform parts (jacket, black pants, purple pants, baldric, gauntlets, hat, rain gear, etc.) issued to him/her until checked in at the end of the season.
2. **Students must remain in complete uniform (zipped, buttoned up, etc.)** until they return to the school, unless otherwise instructed by the directors.
3. **Cleaning of the uniform is the responsibility of the student.** All students issued a marching uniform may be assessed a marching uniform cleaning fee. This covers only one bulk-rate cleaning for the season. At the conclusion of the marching season, the student is expected to clean out all personal items from the garment bag (i.e. shoes, socks, etc.). Hat boxes will also need to be cleaned out of all personal items. Any personal items remaining will be disposed of or, if useable, will be donated to the band or charity.
4. **Mid-Season Cleaning:** If cleaning becomes necessary mid-season, you may check your uniform out for cleaning and it **MUST** be returned and ready to wear by the next required function.
5. **NOTE:** **Wearing the uniform is a requirement. If you check out your uniform for cleaning, and do not have it back and have it ready to go for the next game, you are subject to losing your marching spot!**
6. **Uniform Return:** For uniforms not returned to the school or missing on the specified check-in/inventory date, the student will be held financially responsible for each missing piece of the uniform. (The approximate value of the full uniform is $600.)
7. **Uniforms are MISD School Property.** **Purposefully damaged items will be treated the same as missing items. If a student fails to return the uniform and does not pay for the missing/damaged items on the designated due date, the amount owed will be turned over to the MISD administration for further handling according to district policy.**

**UNDERGARMENTS**

**The black platoon (marching show) shirt is to be worn under the uniform.** Each band member is required to have the marching show t-shirt. Each student must pay $20 for the shirt.

**Wear black or dark colored shorts (e.g. wind-shorts, athletic shorts) under the uniform.** Students purchase their own shorts.

**ALTERATIONS**

**Minor alterations are allowed as long as the fabric IS NOT CUT.**

1. Trouser crease does NOT break at the shoe: the crease hangs straight; the fabric end barely touches the top of the shoe.
2. Sleeve length needs to be to the wrists when arms are up in playing position.
3. Report broken/missing buttons, zippers, etc. ASAP to get replacements/repairs.

**\*Note to parents/guardians – If the garment needs minor alterations such as hemming and if you do not sew, please take the garments to a professional that will know how to make the proper alteration. Thanks!**

**SHOES, SOCKS & GLOVES**

**Long Black Socks** (purchased by the student) must be worn with the marching uniform.

**Black Gloves** (purchased by the student) must be worn with the marching uniform. (Gloves are not worn by the percussionists.)

**Black Marching Band Shoes** (purchased by the student) must be worn with the marching uniform.

**The correct black gloves may be purchased at:**

**N-Tune Music and Sound 522-1212 3205 W. Cuthbert**

**JEWERLY**

NO jewelry is worn when in uniform with the exception of the student’s MHS Senior Class Ring.

**OTHER**

Long hair (both ladies and gentlemen) must be worn up completely inside the hat in a ponytail.

Fingernail polish is not allowed unless clear.

District policy will apply to all other dress code/conduct issues.

**Marching Band Uniform Information**

A uniform is issued to each band student at the beginning of the year at no cost to the student. The uniform consists of a hat, shako wrap, pants, jacket, gauntlets and a uniform bag. Each student will be responsible for providing their own black socks and black shoes. Each student must also purchase a band show shirt to be worn under the uniform. The student will fill out a checkout form and sign a contract concerning care of the uniform.

When the uniform is worn, the entire uniform must be worn (minus the hat). Students will not ever be seen in public with only part of the uniform on. Do not remove any part of the uniform until you get home unless instructed to do so by a director.

Care and wearing of the uniform.

1. Hats should be worn straight on top of the head. Hair extending below the collar will be worn up inside the hat.
2. The coat should be worn completely buttoned and fastened at all times in public. The show shirt will be worn underneath the coat.
3. Pant length must be carefully adjusted. Do not wear the band uniform pants as long as you wear normal pants. The pants should not break at the shoe. Students must wear the pants much shorter than normal clothes.
4. On brass instruments, the valves and slides must work freely. Mouthpieces must be clean and the instrument should be devoid of smudges and fingerprints.
5. Woodwind instruments should be clean and free of dust and dirt below the keys. Pads should be in good condition for every key. Woodwind player should always have 3 good working reeds.
6. Percussion instruments should be clean. Cymbals should be polished. Mallets should be clean and the sticks should be properly taped. Drum heads must be clean and rum shells should be clean and waxed.
7. No jewelry will be worn with the uniform. This includes watches and earrings. There will be one exception: senior rings.
8. Ladies should wear a limited amount of make up while wearing the uniform. Only clear nail polish should be worn.
9. Inspection is a very important part of the band uniform system. Directors and officers will carry out a uniform inspection before each home game and before each performance. Inspection will cover all parts of the uniform. The inspection will also cover flip folders and instruments.
10. The uniform should never be wrinkled or dirty.

**Band Selection Process**

1. **Marching Band** – All students wishing to be a part of the marching band will be considered on an individual basis. Prior musical training is important but not required. Marching band fills PE requirements that must be met for graduation. Students do not have to know how to play an instrument to be selected for the color guard.
2. **Honor Band** – The honor band is the top performing organization for band students. Students must audition for the all-region band in December in order to be considered for the honor band. Occasionally, exceptions may be made by the director for the sake of instrumentation, but this will happen very rarely. Other factors that will be taken into consideration during the fall semester will be: attendance, attitude, loyalty, and eligibility. Certainly, playing ability is an important factor, but it is by no means the only important factor. Honor band students must perform a class 1 solo at UIL Solo and Ensemble Contest and must also perform in all ensembles assigned by directors. Directors will make the final decisions on membership. Failure to uphold standards of rehearsal and performance attendance may result in removal of a student from the honor band. Students must be in the marching band before they will be considered for the band.
3. **Symphonic Band** – The expectations are the same for the symphonic band except for: students are not required to try out for the all-region band. Students may perform a class 1 or a class II solo at UIL solo and ensemble contest. The symphonic band will travel and perform on the spring trip. Student must be in the marching band before they will be considered for this band.
4. **Jazz Band** – Membership will be by director approval only. Students are required to be in marching band and concert band before they will be considered for jazz band.

**Private Lessons**

Private lessons are a huge part of what makes this band program great. Students that learn from an instrumental specialist on a weekly basis learn at a much faster rate than those who do not. The band will provide a suggested list of private lesson teachers. However, since it is your money, the decision is ultimately in the hands of the parents and students. If you want to do well at region and advance beyond the area level, you had better start taking lessons now. There is a very limited amount of money available for private lesson scholarships. Scholarship forms must be filled out completely before any consideration will be given.

**Band Camp**

Summer band camps are highly recommended and encouraged. The Midland High School Band recommends the WTAMU camp. Again, since it is your money, the decision will ultimately be in the hands of the parents and students.

**Professional Line Instruments**

In high school, students are encouraged to move up to professional line instruments. This is not required, but strongly recommended. STUDENTS SHOULD ALWAYS CHECK WITH DIRECTORS BEFORE MAKING A PURCHASE!!!!!!! WE WANT TO HELP YOU TO MAKE SURE THAT YOU ARE SPENDING MONEY ON AN INSTRUMENT OF HIGH QUALITY.

**Instruments and Equipment**

In most cases, instruments will be furnished by the students. The more expensive instruments will be furnished by the school. In all cases, use extreme care in the handling and use of your instrument. Those using school instruments will be financially responsible for any damage that may occur to the instrument. Those using school instruments will also be responsible for the cost of routine maintenance.

In other words, students that are using school owned instruments will pay for any repairs, routine or otherwise, to the instrument they are using.

Never allow another student to touch or play on your instrument.

If possible, insure your instrument against theft or damage.

Each person is ultimately responsible for their equipment. You should make sure it gets loaded, unloaded, and put away when we return. Keep the band hall clean and neat. Lockers are only for band equipment and music. Use care with chairs and music stands.

**Academic Eligibility**

**RESPONSIBILITIES**

As most of you are aware, a single grade below 70 on your report card will deny you competitive performance privileges for a 3 or 6 week period. Because of the adverse effect this problem can have on an individual and the group as a whole, we will always monitor this situation very closely, especially around marching contest, All-City, All-Region, Solo & Ensemble, and UIL times, and the Spring Trip. **PARENTS,** we ask that you continue to supervise your child and communicate with their teachers if any grade questions should arise. Students should understand that their grades have a direct influence on other students as well as themselves. Every individual in the band plays a vital role as a link in our chain, consequently, when a link is missing – the chain breaks. Any one individual has the ability to prevent an entire band from performing to its full potential.

**SOUND ADVICE FOR PASSING GRADES**

Each student should develop structure and discipline in their study habits. Here are some common sense ideas to help you maintain good standing in all classes.

1. **PAY ATTENTION:** Do everything you can to try to discover just what it is the teacher is attempting to get across to you. Take notes, follow along in the text, ask pertinent questions, and avoid distractions.
2. **REVIEW DAILY:** Make a habit of reviewing notes on a daily basis to solidify material covered in class. If you do not understand material being taught, make arrangements with the teacher to get one-on-one help.
3. **DO ALL HOMEWORK AND HAND IN ON TIME:** The most frequent reason why students fail a class is the failure to turn in assigned work. This is the easiest thing to fix. Do not miss deadlines.
4. **FAILING TO PREPARE IS PREPARING TO FAIL:** Prepare all tests and projects in a timely manner. In comparison, you wouldn’t wait until the night before a major performance or audition to begin practicing. By the same token, you shouldn’t wait until the night before a test or project deadline to begin the work. Every teacher at Midland HS wants to see you succeed. Let’s meet them halfway!
5. **COURTESY:** Treat all teachers with the same respect that you expect from them. A few simple courtesies will go a long way. Paying attention in class will help your relationship with the teacher. Be careful to not draw negative attention to yourself and follow all classroom rules.
6. **ASK FOR EXTRA HELP AND EXTRA CREDIT WORK:** Make the first move towards this; don’t wait.
7. **FOLLOW-UP:** If you have a failing grade at the 3-weeks reporting period, make every effort to resolve every grade in question.
8. **COMMUNICATION:** Don’t be afraid to ask your teachers about grades in question or when tutorials are held. The teachers are on your side. They want you to pass!

**Daily Practice**

Following a consistent, daily practice schedule helps to ensure that a student will progress at an acceptable rate on his or her instrument. Parents, encourage your child to adopt a practice schedule of at least 30 minutes per day, six to seven days per week. Past experience has shown that students who are practicing and making noticeable progress on their instruments are far more likely to enjoy band than those who do not practice.

A few guidelines to guide students in effective practice:

1. Practice for results, not just for the sake of “putting in time.”
2. Keep distractions to minimum: no music or TV.
3. Set up a daily schedule and stick to it. Consider practice as a more enjoyable form of homework.
4. Always use a metronome. This enhances your sense of pulse.
5. Always use a music stand to avoid bad posture or hand position.
6. Follow a daily routine:

Warm-Up

Fundamentals – slurs, scales, rudiments, etc.

Practice band music

Practice assigned chair test music

Practice All-city, All-Region, or Solo & Ensemble music

1. 30 minutes a day will be far more beneficial to the student than trying to make up by doing larger chunks of times in a smaller number of days.

**Lettering Policy**

In order for a student to receive a band letter award, they must satisfy all of the following criteria.

1. The student must be a band member in good standing.
2. The student must participate in all required band activities including but not limited to: rehearsals, performances, contests, and trips.
3. The student must maintain an “A” average in band throughout the year.
4. The student may not have a citizenship grade lower than “S” during any six week period in band.
5. The student must remain academically eligible for the entire school year.
6. Student band fees must be paid or raised through fundraising.
7. Lettering awards will be awarded at the discretion of the directors.

**Discipline**

The Midland High School Band will follow standards of discipline as outlined in the student code of conduct. The expectations for student behavior will be higher than that of other students in the school mainly due to the public performance aspects of band membership. Band members will be expected to be well behaved and well groomed whenever they are representing Midland High School and the city of Midland.

Consequences for discipline will follow the student code of conduct. Please remember that all rules apply to ANY official band function.

**Parent Chaperones and Sponsors**

The Bulldog Band will need a great deal of help from parent sponsors throughout the year. Contact the designated booster club representative for information on becoming a sponsor for trips and activities. You do not necessarily have to be invited by the booster club designee to sponsor on most trips. If you want to go with us and help, you need to let the directors or the booster club officer in charge of parent volunteers know. We will almost always need as many parents as possible to travel with the band.

Sponsors should never have to deal with discipline problems. Sponsors should immediately report student discipline problems to a director.

**Band Contact Information**

All the information parents/guardians need to know about the Mighty MHS Bulldog Band can be found 3 ways.

1. **The Band Website** is continuously kept up to date with announcements, volunteer and fundraiser opportunities, calendar of events, links, all band forms, Platoon Parent and Band Booster Board information. You can even sign up to volunteer for an event on the Volunteer tab and receive email reminders.

IMPORTANT – please enter the web address exactly as stated below.

Do NOT use a “www”.

\*\*\*We also have a “Store” tab where any/all purchases can be made with a credit or debit card.\*\*\*

http://mhsbulldogband.my-pta.org

1. **Monthly Band Statements** that will include a monthly newsletter. The Band Boosters will send these monthly band statements during the school year, from September to May. All newsletters are on the website on the “Forms” tab should anyone wish to review previous newsletters.
2. **The Charms Student Account** will have your child’s band account status, which will be kept up to date. There will be some limited information such as announcements, links, and band booster financial reports. You can check your child’s band account status anytime 24/7 by logging on to:

www.charmsoffice.com

Our school code is “midlandhsb” then click “Enter Charms” tab

Student password is their student I.D. number

Charms also has a mobile app www.charmsoffice.com/mobile

With two avenues of communication available 24/7 and the monthly financial statements with newsletters, parents can always stay informed on the many activities and events throughout our busy year.

**Yearly Band Fee**

As with many competitive extracurricular activities in MISD, the school district provides for only UIL sanctioned trips such as football games, and UIL Band competitions. EVERYTHING ELSE has to be funded by the Band Boosters.

One of the Booster Club’s main functions is to raise the money needed to meet the requirements of running and managing a competitive, Class 6-A band program. Each June, the Booster Club board of Directors compiles an operating budget for each upcoming school year. This budget consists of a projection of expenses the MHS band programs will incur. It typically costs between $80,000 to $100,000 a year to provide all the necessary music and choreography for the marching show, clinicians, travel expenses, instrument repairs, supplies, equipment needs, and maintenance on our truck. This budget will allow the Booster Club Board of Directors to determine the coming year’s Band Fee. All band parents will receive a summer mailing that will have details of the Band Fee, summer practice dates/times, and other important information you need to know.

Therefore, as with many of the MISD programs, each student participating in the MHS band programs will be expected to raise or pay a Band Fee. The payment of the Band Fee can be broken down into monthly installments, the number and amount will be determined each year depending on the amount of the Band Fee, the date of the proposed spring trip, and other factors that may affect payment schedules each year. Each student will receive a statement on or about the beginning of each month which will update the student’s progress towards raising or paying the Band Fee. This statement is not a bill, but is a way to inform students and parents where they stand in their fundraising responsibilities, and to better ensure that students do not fall behind in their fundraising efforts. Monthly progress toward payment of the Band Fee is necessary for the Booster Club to make payments for ongoing expenses throughout the year. Students that fall behind in payment/fundraising of their Band Fee and are not making efforts to catch up will not be allowed to participate in some of the activities outside of the normal school day for which MISD does not provide funding. The decision for who will be allowed to participate will ultimately be made by the band directors.

**Only students who have band fees paid in full will be allowed to attend the band banquet in May 2023.**

For the 2022-2023 School Year (not including the spring trip), the Band Fee will be $450.00.

**Paying or Fundraising the Band Fee:**

Students can satisfy their Band Fee obligations in two ways.

1. Raising money through fundraisers arranged by the Booster Club.

The Booster Club each year organizes several fundraising projects or events that allow band students to raise funds for the MHS band programs through the sale of projects, program ads/corporate sponsorships, raffle tickets, event tickets or similar efforts. For each student fundraising project/event, the Booster Club board of directors will establish how large a percentage of the amount of money a student collects for each fundraiser will be credited towards the student’s Band fee obligation. The amount available for the percentage split will be based on the amount above the Booster Club’s cost of the item sold or, if an event ticket is involved, the projected costs of the event, whichever is applicable.

1. Making direct payments.

Students are not required to participate in fundraising. Student and parents may choose to pay the Band Fee directly. This payment may be done all at once on or before November 1, or in monthly installments as mentioned above. Again, IT IS VERY IMPORTANT THAT STUDENTS DO NOT FALL BEHIND THE PAYMENT SCHEDULE. It will not be acceptable for a student or parent to wait and pay the entire fee on the due date for full payment of the Band Fee.

Most students will likely raise their money using a combination of payments and fundraising. The key is to not allow students to get behind in their efforts to satisfy their Band Fee obligation. The Band Fee is easily raised when it is spread throughout the year. It is difficult to raise it in a month or less.

**Receipts:**

Everyone should always expect to get a receipt for all money turned in to the Booster Club officers. This receipt is your way to keep track of the amount of money you have raised and turned in for credit. **NEVER GIVE MONEY TO ANYONE THAT CANNOT IMMEDIATELY WRITE A RECEIPT TO YOU, AND NEVER, EVER GIVE MONEY TO THE BAND DIRECTORS.** This is largely for the protection of the Band Directors; however, it will also better ensure that credit for funds raised is properly and timely given to the student who raised the funds.

During the school year students can place money that needs to be turned in to the wooden box hung on the wall outside the director’s office. IT IS IMPORTANT THAT IT IS IN AN ENVELOPE WITH THE STUDENT’S NAME AND WHAT THE MONEY IS FOR SO THE TREASURER WILL KNOW HOW TO PROPERLY ASSIGN THE FUNDS. The Treasurer will ensure a receipt gets to either the student or parent after the money is received.

**Frequently Asked Questions:**

***Are fundraising profits refundable?***

No. All funds raised and collected – whether the project is a student-led or Booster Club-led fundraiser – are the property of the Booster Club. Because the Booster Club is a charitable organization that qualifies to receive tax deductible contribution under the Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code, most sales are made based on the assumption that the donor/buyer is seeking a tax deduction. Because federal tax laws prohibit making a contribution to a 501(c)(3) organization with the intent that the funds in fact be paid out to a designated individual, directly paying funds to a student from the Booster Club that are attributed to funds from the student’s fundraising is not permitted.

***If fundraising profits are non-refundable, what about direct payments toward the Band Fee?***

As a general rule, these amounts are also not refundable. There is one exception: if through a combination of fundraising and direct payments the student has exceeded the amount of the student’s Band Fee obligation, the amount in excess of the student’s Band Fee not exceeding the amount of the direct payments made by the student may be refunded upon written request made by the student to the Booster Club board of directors before July 1st following the end of the school year in which the direct payments were made.

***If a student raises an amount in excess of the student’s Band Fee obligation, can the student transfer a portion of the account to another student?***

Yes. If you wish to help out another student, you submit the request in writing to the Booster Club Treasurer. Again, make sure that you receive a receipt that indicates what you have done.

***What happens to extra money above the Band Fee that my student raises?***

As a matter of federal tax law, the use of those excess funds is at the total discretion of the Booster Club board of directors. However, the Booster Club board of directors has consistently allowed those who have raised funds in excess of their Band Fee obligation to apply in writing to request that such excess funds be applied to a student’s band camp tuition or private lesson fees. The student always has the option of raising money beyond the minimum Band Fee to help out the Booster Club.

***Can funds raised in excess of a student’s Band Fee be carried over to the next school year to be applied to the next year’s Band Fee obligation?***

Yes. Excess band fee money can be applied to the band fee amount for the coming year.

***Can I just wait until March (or whatever the final payment deadline is) to pay my student assessment? That way, I can be sure that my student will be academically eligible for the trip and I will not have wasted money.***

No. The Band Fee also covers all of the expenses incurred by the MHS band programs from the beginning of the year through concert season in the spring and not just the spring trip. Students will not be allowed to get into the situation of being this far behind on fundraising or payments.

***Who will collect my fundraising monies?***

Fundraising monies may be turned in at the monthly parent meeting or deposited in the locked box in the band hall outside of the director’s office. When funds are turned in at the monthly meeting, they should only be given to a booster board officer who has been designated to receive funds at the meeting. The board member should immediately issue a receipt. Funds that are deposited in the locked box must be sealed in an envelope with the band students name and with the name of the fundraiser on the outside of the envelope. In the case of program ad sales/corporate sponsorships, the buyer may mail the funds directly to the Booster Club post office box or pay online through the band website as directed on the form application.

***Where do I send direct payments on my Band Fee?***

These payments can be made online by credit/debit card, mailed to the booster club, made at monthly parent meetings, or deposited in the locked box in the band hall.

***Who should I call if I have questions about the balance on my student’s fee?***

Questions regarding your student’s account should be directed to the booster club treasurer. The current treasurer’s name and contact information can be found on the band booster website.

**Last Notes**

The MHS Band Boosters are here to serve and support our wonderful band directors, students, and parents. So please do not hesitate to contact a Booster Club board member if you have any questions. AND ESPECIALLY CONTACT US IF YOU HAVE ANY IDEAS OR SUGGESTIONS!! We are always looking for opportunities to fulfill our mission, which is:

“Support the students and directors of the Midland High School Band Program and its feeder schools in their efforts to be the best band program in the United States.

**Lists of Forms**

**Please complete any forms that you can tonight!**

**Required Student Band Forms due by 4:00pm on Friday, July 29:**

<https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSfCoLkcsLYSvCF-O6JEXD2KOmdWijedw6Reyc8kMW30H1zXBg/viewform>



1. Band Student Medical Information Form (2 pages, Notarized and copy of medical insurance card attached). **(PAPER or UPLOAD)**
2. Pre-Participation Physical Evaluation and Medical History Form (2 pages) **(PAPER or UPLOAD)**
3. MISD Rules and Regulations Acknowledgement Form/ UIL Marching Band Acknowledgement Form/ Band Fee Agreement Form **(GOOGLE FORM ELCTRONIC SIGNATURE ONLY)**

**Booster Club Forms**

1. MHS Band Sponsorship Brochure
2. MHS Band Booster membership form
3. Volunteer Form - Please fill out now and turn in
4. MISD Volunteer Program Background Check
5. Show Shirt Fundraiser Form
6. Show Shirt Order Form

(Remember all of these forms are on the band website)

Midland High School Band Calendar

2022-2023

**Week 1**

**July 25 (Monday) Parent Meeting at Midland HS Auditorium – 6:30pm – Physical/Medical History Forms Due\*\* - $100.00 band fee deposit due at this time (can be met through fundraising or direct payment)**

July 25 (Monday) Instrument check-out 11am-1pm at MHS Band Hall

July 26 (Tuesday) Summer Band (and colorguard) Rehearsal at Midland HS 8:00am-11:30am and 1:30pm-4:00pm

July 27 (Wednesday) Summer Band (and colorguard) Rehearsal at Midland HS 8:00am-11:30am and 1:30pm-4:00pm

July 28 (Thursday) Summer Band (and colorguard) Rehearsal at Midland HS 8:00am-11:30am and 1:30pm-4:00pm

July 29 (Friday) Summer Band (and colorguard) Rehearsal at Midland HS 8:00am-11:30am and 1:30pm-4:00pm

July 30 (Saturday) No rehearsal

**Week 2**

August 1 (Monday) Summer Band (and colorguard) Rehearsal at Midland HS, 5:30pm-9:15pm

August 2 (Tuesday) Summer Band (and colorguard) Rehearsal at Midland HS, 5:30pm-9:15pm

August 3 (Wednesday) Summer Band (and colorguard) Rehearsal at Midland HS, 5:30pm-9:15pm

August 4 (Thursday) Summer Band (and colorguard) Rehearsal at Midland HS, 5:30pm-9:15pm

August 5 (Friday) Summer Band (and colorguard) Rehearsal at Midland HS, 9:00am-1:00pm

August 6 (Saturday) No rehearsal

**Week 3**

August 8 (Monday) School Starts (No rehearsal)

August 10 (Wednesday) Marching Band Rehearsal at MHS 4:30pm-6:30pm

August 11 (Thursday) Marching Band Rehearsal at MHS 4:30pm-6:30pm

August 12 (Friday) Marching Band Rehearsal at MHS 4:30pm-6:30pm

August 13 (Saturday) Marching Band Rehearsal at MHS 8:00am-11:30am

**Week 4**

August 15 (Monday) Marching Band Rehearsal at Grande – 6:30pm-9:00pm

August 17 (Wednesday) Marching Band Rehearsal at MHS 4:30pm-6:30pm

August 18 (Thursday) Marching Band Rehearsal at MHS 4:30pm-6:30pm

August 19 (Friday) Marching Band Rehearsal at MHS 4:30pm-6:30pm

August 20 (Saturday) Marching Band Rehearsal at MHS 8:00am-11:30am

**Week 5**

August 22 (Monday) Marching Band Rehearsal at Grande – 6:30pm-9:00pm

August 24 (Wednesday) Marching Band Rehearsal at MHS 4:30pm-6:30pm

August 25 (Thursday) Marching Band Rehearsal at MHS 4:30pm-6:30pm

August 26 (Friday) Marching Band Rehearsal at MHS 4:30pm-6:30pm

August 26 (Friday) Varsity Football at El Paso Montwood in El Paso (Band will NOT travel to this game)

August 27 (Saturday) Marching Band Rehearsal at MHS 8:00am-11:30am

**Week 6**

August 29 (Monday) Marching Band Rehearsal at Grande – 6:30pm-9:00pm

August 31 (Wednesday) Marching Band Rehearsal at MHS 4:30pm-6:30pm

September 1 (Thursday) Marching Band Rehearsal at MHS 4:30pm-6:30pm

September 2 (Friday) Varsity Football vs Lubbock Coronado, 7:00pm at Grande

September 3 (Saturday) No Rehearsal

**Week 7**

September 5 (Monday) Labor Day Holiday, no rehearsal

September 7 (Wednesday) Marching Band Rehearsal at MHS 4:30pm-6:30pm

September 8 (Thursday) Varsity Football vs Amarillo HS, 7:00pm at Grande

September 9 (Friday) No rehearsal

September 10 (Saturday) No rehearsal

**Week 8**

September 12 (Monday) Marching Band Rehearsal at Grande – 6:30pm-9:00pm

September 14 (Wednesday) Marching Band Rehearsal at MHS 4:30pm-6:30pm

September 15 (Thursday) Marching Band Rehearsal at MHS 4:30pm-6:30pm

September 16 (Friday) Varsity Football at Lubbock Monterey in Lubbock (Band WILL travel to this game)

September 17 (Saturday) No rehearsal

**Week 9**

September 19 (Monday) Marching Band Rehearsal at Grande – 6:30pm-9:00pm

September 21 (Wednesday) Marching Band Rehearsal at MHS 4:30pm-6:30pm

September 22 (Thursday) Homecoming Parade

September 23 (Friday) Varsity Football vs El Paso Andress, 7:00pm at Grande (Homecoming)

September 24 (Saturday) No rehearsal

**Week 10**

September 26 (Monday) Marching Band Rehearsal at Grande – 6:30pm-9:00pm

September 28 (Wednesday) Marching Band Rehearsal at MHS 4:30pm-6:30pm

September 29 (Thursday) Marching Band Rehearsal at MHS 4:30pm-6:30pm

September 30 (Friday) No football game, Marching Band Rehearsal at MHS 4:30pm-6:30pm

September 30 (Friday) Possible summer band concert date

**October 1 (Saturday) No Contest on this date - This is a change from the original Calendar**

**Week 11**

October 3 (Monday) Marching Band Rehearsal at Grande – 6:30pm-9:00pm

October 5 (Wednesday) MISD Marching Band Festival for 6th grade students (morning)

October 5 (Wednesday) Marching Band Rehearsal at MHS 4:30pm-6:30pm

October 6 (Thursday) Marching Band Rehearsal at MHS 4:30pm-6:30pm

October 7 (Friday) Varsity Football vs San Angelo Central, 7:00pm at Grande

**October 8 (Saturday) Bands of America West Texas Regional Championship in Midland at Grande (All Day)\*\***

**Week 12**

October 10 (Monday) Marching Band Rehearsal at Grande – 6:30pm-9:00pm

October 12 (Wednesday) Marching Band Rehearsal at MHS 4:30pm-6:30pm

October 13 (Thursday) Marching Band Rehearsal at MHS 4:30pm-6:30pm

October 14 (Friday) - Varsity Football vs Frenship HS, 7:00pm at Grande

**October 15 (Saturday) UIL Region 6 Marching Band Contest at Ratliff Stadium in Odessa\*\***

**Week 13**

October 17 (Monday) Marching Band Rehearsal at Grande – 6:30pm-9:00pm

October 19 (Wednesday) Marching Band Rehearsal at MHS 4:30pm-6:30pm

October 20 (Thursday) Marching Band Rehearsal at MHS 4:30pm-6:30pm

October 21 (Friday) Varsity Football at Odessa HS, 7:00pm in Odessa

October 22 (Saturday) No rehearsal, no contest

**Week 14**

October 24 (Monday) Marching Band Rehearsal at Grande – 6:30pm-9:00pm

October 26 (Wednesday) Marching Band Rehearsal at MHS 4:30pm-6:30pm

October 27 (Thursday) Marching Band Rehearsal at MHS 4:30pm-6:30pm

October 28 (Friday) Varsity Football v Legacy HS, 7:00pm at Grande

**October 29 (Saturday) UIL Area “A” Marching Band Contest in Odessa at Ratliff Stadium\*\***

**Week 15**

October 31-November 4 – MISD Intersession – If we advance to the state marching band contest, we will follow our normal after-school rehearsal schedule. If we do not advance, we will not rehearse on Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, or Thursday.

November 4 (Friday) – Varsity Football at Permian HS, 7:00pm in Odessa

November 11-12 Possible playoff game

November 18-19 Possible Playoff game

November 25-26 Possible playoff game

December 2-3 Possible playoff game

December 5 Phase 1 All-Region band auditions at Midland HS

December 9-10 Possible playoff game

December 10 Phase 2 All-Region band and Freshman All-Region Band auditions in Abilene