



Burleson High School Band

"The Spirit of the Elks"

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Dear Band Parents,

We are pleased that your son/daughter has elected to be a part of the Burleson High School "Spirit of the Elks" Band this year. We sincerely believe it will truly be a rewarding endeavor for your child, and that it will serve to establish winning principles and habits in the mind, heart, and will of each student participant.

We also ask that you and your band student read and discuss the following documents which can be accessed at

www.burlesonband.org. Please RETURN THIS LETTER (signed on both sides) before the end of this week.

1. BHS Band Handbook of Policies and Traditions for 2017-2018
2. UIL Marching Band Acknowledgement Form (PARENT & STUDENT SIGNATURES REQUIRED ON BACK OF THIS LETTER)
3. Medical Authorization Form 2017-2018 (This document should have already been submitted if your student has been in attendance at August Pre-season band rehearsals or the June Mini-Camp)

If you do not have internet access, you may request a hard copy of both documents by calling the BHS band hall @ 817-245-0092.

Thank you for reading these materials, for your support of their contents, and especially for the opportunity to work with your sons and daughters! Research has shown that students of parents who are engaged in the educational endeavors of their children almost always achieve more in life than those students who must "go it alone." Your active involvement is vital to the academic success of your child and our band as well.

There are several ways in which you can support and encourage your child. You can attend performances, encourage home practice, and provide private lessons. **Assisting your child in meeting these responsibilities provides him or her with the incentive to do well. This helps the band get better!**

It is no secret that the success of our band program is due in part to the tremendous support of our parents. Please make plans now to be active in our booster club. **The Burleson Band Boosters** raises thousands of dollars yearly to provide vital financial assistance to our program. Every band student in the school district receives benefits from the services of this valuable parent group. We hope that you will find a way to involve yourself. We are certain that you will find it to be an enjoyable, rewarding experience!

Visit www.burlesonband.org, and join us on Facebook @ Burleson HS Band "Official" Page (administrated by the Burleson Band Boosters).

Charms: For specific individual student information in band booster sponsored student accounts, visit www.charmsoffice.com.

- Parent/Student Login: [burlesonband](http://www.burlesonband.org) Password: your student's Charms ID number (no longer the BISS lunch ID).
- Please call or e-mail us if you are having difficulty logging on. While on the website, please update student and parent information.
- **EMAIL WILL BE OUR PRIMARY MODE OF COMMUNICATION TO YOU. PLEASE VERIFY THAT YOUR'S AND YOUR STUDENT'S EMAIL ADDRESSES IS CORRECT IN CHARMS.**

If at any time you have questions regarding instructional procedure, grading, and/or any other related concern, please contact us at 817-245-0092. We will be glad to visit with you.

Sincerely,

Joe McGee, Michael Moscoso, and Jaime Kovar
Burleson High School Band Directors

I have read the BHS Band Handbook, and the UIL Marching Band Acknowledgement Form. I have also submitted the Medical Authorization Form for 2017-2018.

X

Parent Signature

Parent's Preferred Email

X

Student Signature

Student's Preferred Email

PLEASE SIGN THIS PAGE AND THE UIL MARCHING BAND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT FORM (ON THE BACK). Thank you in advance for signing & returning both documents this week!

PARENT/STUDENT UIL MARCHING BAND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT FORM

No student may be required to attend practice for marching band for more than eight hours of rehearsal outside the academic school day per calendar week (Sunday through Saturday). This provision applies to students in all components of the marching band. On performance days (football games, competitions and other public performances) bands may hold up to one additional hour of warm-up and practice beyond the scheduled warm-up time at the performance site. Multiple performances on the same day do not allow for additional practice and/or warm-up time.

Examples Of Activities Subject To The UIL Marching Band Eight Hour Rule.

- Marching Band Rehearsal (Both Full Band and Components)
- Any Marching Band Group Instructional Activity
- Breaks
- Announcements
- Debriefing and viewing marching band videos
- Playing off Marching Band music
- Marching Band Sectionals (Both director and student led)
- Clinics for the Marching Band or Any of its components

The Following Activities Are Not Included In The Eight Hour Time Allotment:

- Travel Time To and From Rehearsals and/or Performances
- Rehearsal Set-Up Time
- Pep Rallies, Parades and Other Public Performances
- Instruction and Practice for Music Activities other than Marching Band and its components

NOTE: An extensive Q&A for the Eight Hour Rule for Marching Band can be found on the Music Page of the UIL Web Site at: www.uil.utexas.edu.

"We have read and understand the Marching Band Acknowledgement Form as stated above and agree to abide by these regulations."

Parent Signature X_____ Date_____

Student Signature X_____ Date_____