

BAND HANDBOOK

HIGH SCHOOL BANDS (GRADES 9 - 12)



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— FOREWORD —

This handbook has been devised for the benefit of Floydada High School Bandmembers and their parents. The handbook describes all organizational aspects of the Floydada High School Band Program. This handbook is also intended to provide knowledge of established traditions for the purpose of promoting “Esprit de Corps” within the Band. Should there be an inconsistency in campus policy and district policy, district policy will always supersede campus policy.

In general, all materials and information you will need for membership in the Band program can be found on our Band website:

www.floydadabands.org

When in doubt, refer to the band website or contact a director.

PHILOSOPHY

Band is first and foremost an academic subject fulfilling the state requirement for Fine Arts in the school curriculum. As such, it is considered a core class, though there are extracurricular and competitive elements. With the implementation of House Bill 246 passed by the Texas Legislature in 1984, the Texas Education Agency required Fine Arts to be offered in all Texas public schools. Many colleges and universities are requiring Fine Arts as a high school graduation requirement for college entry. Band meets and fulfills these requirements. Although the Band is involved in many “extracurricular” activities through the course of the year, these are merely extensions of the essential elements being taught in the classroom. House Concurrent Resolution No. 105 states:

“Whereas, while education and technology may be the building materials of a prosperous society, the arts and humanities are the building materials of civilization, and their importance in the lives of every individual cannot be overestimated.”

On July 16, 2015, the United States Senate passed the bipartisan Elementary and Secondary Education Act (ESEA) reauthorization proposal, known as the “Every Child Achieves Act (S. 1177),” by a final vote count of 81 to 17, which named music and arts as core subjects in the American public education curriculum. This legislation was a big step in ensuring that all students are given the opportunity to experience the demonstrable positive impact that music education has on learning and living. While music may participate in extracurricular activities outside the classroom, it is at its very foundation a core subject.

Membership in the FCHS Band should be considered a privilege and not a right. It is an honor for a student to be a member of this Band program, and each Bandmember is expected to uphold the honor of the FCHS Band through their conduct, loyalty, and dedication.

Our primary philosophy follows Gary E. Smith's formula "*system + spirit = success.*"



SYSTEM + SPIRIT = SUCCESS

To quote Smith, "**A system is a way of doing things.** It represents the total structure of an ensemble, including: organization, procedures, activities, philosophies, teaching methods, and playing style policies. **Spirit represents how individual ensemble members respond to the system.** It includes practice habits, positive attitudes, mental discipline, and work ethic. When the system is followed and good spirit is in place, the result is success and its byproducts, including pride, enthusiasm, loyalty, discipline, dedication, and prosperity."

Therefore, assessments and evaluations made regarding the students' development are focused on their contribution of **great attitude** and **strong work ethic** in addition to their mastery of **academic material** and **technical skill**.

ATTENDANCE

Definition

The Department of Education defines an excused absence as an absence due to illness, medical treatment, bereavement, and out-of-school suspensions. Any other reasons for absence will not be considered as excused for all Band events. All absences must be documented by a professional or parent and submitted to a director to be excused.

After-School Rehearsals

To maintain a high-quality Band Program, it is necessary to have rehearsals outside the regular school day. Rehearsals will be announced in advance so that transportation and work schedule arrangements can be made. Students who need rides to and from rehearsals should let a director know so that they can arrange transportation. We would rather provide you rides to and from rehearsal, no matter how far out you live, rather than you not attend. Everyone needs to be at rehearsal, as everyone depends on each other to succeed. This reliability is a central pillar of teamwork.

In any high school band, success is based not solely upon a student's individual skills, but also on the entire group's collective ability to work together as a band. This is one of the most important reasons that high school bands exist, to let students of all ability levels reach extremely high levels of accomplishment while working together as a unit. When even one member of the unit is missing, for even a moment, while a legitimate excuse or not, the total group fails to be its very best.

Attendance is required for all rehearsals and performances. Excused absences will be granted by the Band Director, when possible, with written parental/guardian notice given a minimum of 48 hours prior to rehearsals and a minimum of four weeks' notice prior to performances. Email serves as a form of written notice. For an absence to be considered excused, a valid reason must be provided to the Band Director (please keep in mind that these do not include sports or family parties; every member's attendance at rehearsals and performances is imperative). Emergencies (such as illness, death in the family, or other extenuating circumstances) will be handled on an individual basis by the Band Director. A preliminary schedule of events is available to all band students and families in hard copy at the April Parent-Student meeting. This schedule and any changes made to it is also available on our website: floydadabands.org). Please try to schedule trips, vacations, and work to avoid any conflicts with rehearsals and/or performances. Each member of the band is critical to the total performance of the entire group. It is not like a sports team; there are no stars, everyone is part of the performance team. One person's absence from a performance or rehearsal hurts the overall visual and the entire group's performance capability.

Rehearsals and performances depend on 100% attendance to be effective. Each member depends on all other members. Unlike any other class, there is a negative effect on all students, both musically and visually, when a student is absent or late. You are important and we need you at every rehearsal and performance! Rehearsals will begin on time.

Marching season has after-school full band rehearsals once per week on Mondays from 6:00 – 8:30 PM.

Parents and students, please make sure you are signed up for all our communication outlets so you will be in-the-know. If you are not monitoring our social media, are not part of the Band app, or are not on our email list, please do not be upset if you are unaware of changes in the schedule. Every effort will be made to over-communicate with all resources available to us as in-advance as much as possible.

Make-ups Due to Absence(s)

Missed rehearsals and performances, excused or unexcused, must be made up with a director in the form of a private lesson or multiple private lessons within three days in which the absence occurred (this conforms to the school's three-day redo policy).

Missing one evening rehearsal = warning

Missing two evening rehearsals = demotion to alternate

Missing three evening rehearsals = removal from the show, potentially the band program

Missed rehearsals or tardiness more than five-minutes late to rehearsal will forfeit your third quarter off. Not turning in work or assignments by their deadlines will forfeit third quarter off and travel to events.

It is FCISD policy that all work must be completed and submitted, no matter what. We do not give zeros for an absence of work, only for quality of work.

- Students who do not complete work will be assigned to **Lunch Detention** for violating the fifth classroom policy (Accountability) and are responsible for scheduling a make-up lesson with the Director. The student is responsible for the make-up, not the Director.

Performance Attendance

An unexcused absence from a performance is considered the most *severe* violation of Band attendance rules. Bandmembers must be depended upon to make every effort to attend all rehearsals and public performances. Unexcused absences from rehearsals or performances may result in disciplinary action or have a negative impact on a student's grade. **Continual unexcused absences from rehearsals may result in the student being dismissed from the Band Program. To be part of the team, you must be reliable.**

Summer Band Camp

Attendance at summer Band rehearsals is mandatory for membership in the competitive Marching Band. Vacations and summer jobs must be scheduled to not conflict with summer Band rehearsals. Band Camp will always occur two weeks prior to the start of school, though the detailed itinerary may vary each year depending on other activity and teacher development schedules. The band camp schedule will always be released the semester before (if not earlier), giving everyone 6 or more months to plan ahead. **Students who do not attend Band Camp will be automatically made Alternates and may be considered for removal from the band before the school year starts.**

Forfeiture or Removal of Privileges or Membership Due to Absence

Students that have excessive absences from Band due to unexcused absences and/or disciplinary actions such as ISS, DAEP, etc. may forfeit their marching spot or chair placement. A student is eligible for extracurricular activities after school concludes on the last day of the ISS/DAEP assignment.

Students that have excessive unexcused absences may also be removed from the Band program if there is not good faith or evidence that the student is contributing the appropriate attitude and work ethic to offset time missed.

Band Trip Eligibility Due to Absence

It is the policy of the Band Boosters that students who do not attend one of the two UIL events (Marching Contest or Concert & Sight-Reading Evaluation) are not eligible to attend the Band Trip that occurs every two years. The only exception that will be made is for dire family or medical emergency; the contests are communicated months in advance and no other events should be scheduled at the same time. Students who are not eligible to attend the contests due to failing grades are not eligible to attend the Spring Trip.

Physicals

It is state law that we have a physical for each student who participates in Marching Band. All incoming 8th graders, 9th graders, and 11th graders will need to provide a completed physical **before the first day of school**. These can be completed shortly before the start of the school year for relatively cheap at West Texas Family Medicine's Floydada clinic or for free at Covenant's Plainview clinic. If you already have a physical completed for sports, a copy of that document given to a Director will be acceptable – you do not need two separate physicals.

Medical Excusals

Students are often injured in sports events throughout the year, and sometimes may have excusal from particular athletic band events or activities. Students with physical injuries that prevent marching, but do not affect their ability to play their instrument seated or stationary will be expected to perform in the stands and potentially on the sideline. Missing events under this circumstance would be considered unexcused.

———— BAND HALL LAYOUT & INFORMATION ————

Rehearsal & Performance Areas

The Band Program has multiple spaces available for rehearsal and practice use.

- **Band Rehearsal Hall (BRH):** This area is where full ensemble rehearsals occur, or where sectionals for larger and heavier instruments (like low brasswinds and percussion) take place. The entrance is on the east side.
- **Ensemble Rehearsal Room (ER):** This room is located in the southwest corner of the facilities, to the right of the Percussion Storage Room. Larger instrument groups share this space for rehearsal and sectionals (low brasswinds, percussion, and chamber ensembles). When available this space may also be used as an individual practice room.
- **Tyer Football Stadium (TFS):** The school football stadium is located directly outside the west side-entrance.
 - The Marching Band has a designated section where we remain when we perform in the stands. Non-Band personnel are not allowed in the section.
 - Third quarter is reserved for a break when students may get food from the concession stands and socialize, should they earn the privilege. The Directors reserve the right to forfeit third quarter break. Students will lose third quarter...
 - ...due to absence(s) from after-school rehearsals without a makeup lesson.
 - ...due to poor behavior.
 - ...due not submitting all assignments that week on-time.
 - ...due to tardy(ies) for morning or evening rehearsal.
- **Auditorium (AUD):** The auditorium is located inside the main building, through the south entrance in the Main Hall. All our concerts will occur in the Auditorium. The Band Hall opens directly onto the Auditorium stage, making percussion, chair, and stand setup quite easy. The Auditorium may occasionally be used to split classes or hold additional sectionals during class.

Band Office - Director

The Band Office is located at the east side of the Band Hall, to the left of the Music Library. Please be courteous upon entering if the Directors are busy working or trying to communicate with other people or guests. The Band Office is the place to go for instrument repair, financial transactions, questions, private lessons, and more. The office is not your bedroom and should remain clean and professional. Personal items may go in your locker if they fit, but nowhere else.

Band Office / Music Library – Assistant Director

Located to the right of the Band Office, the Music Library houses all the music and repertoire owned by the Floydada Band Program. This room is to remain highly organized and should only be accessed by the Music Librarian or with the permission of a director.

Percussion Storage

This room is located in the southeast corner of the Band Hall, to the right of the entrance to the Music Library. Percussionists can find all their materials for rehearsals and performances here.

Uniform Storage

The Uniform Storage Room contains uniforms used by the Band throughout the year. This area is located at the south side of the Band Hall, to the right of the Percussion Storage Room. After all events uniforms should be returned in their coverings to the rack in their designated numbered spot.

Repair Room

The Repair Room is located on the west side of the Band Hall, to the right of the Ensemble Rehearsal Room. This is where we clean the uniforms and repair instruments. Only Directors and Quartermasters are allowed in the Repair Room.

Lost & Found

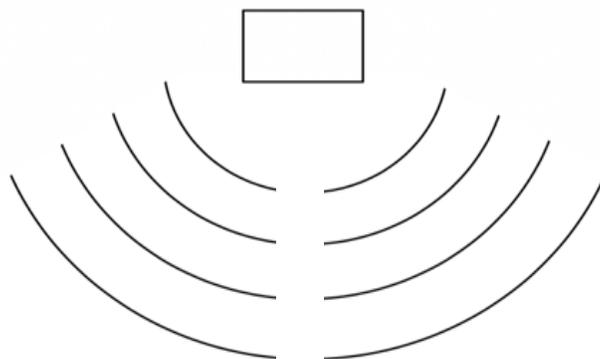
Any items lost in the Band Hall can be dropped off and found with a Director. Sometimes we keep misplaced items at the front of the room. Items that are not claimed within a Six Weeks are either handed-off to the front office or trashed, depending on the item.

Instrument Storage Shelves

The Band Hall contains several areas of shelving designed to hold instruments for each grade level. Directors will show each Bandmember where instruments belong each year. These spaces should always remain tidy, professional, and clean. No trash, food, or bottles should be left in the locker – only instruments.

A Guide to Band Room Chairs & Stands

We must take pride in the spaces we are given and serve as good stewards of those spaces and the equipment therein. When in use, chairs and stands should be set up in concentric arcs that funnel outward at 45° angles, separated in the middle with a walkable path:



Band Hall Conduct

- Be on time – be prepared
- Keep hands, feet, and other objects to yourself.
- **No gum, food, candy, or drinks other than water in the Band Hall.**
- Take proper care of school property.

All the rules and procedures can be summarized into the following four “rights”:

- 1. Be at the right place**
- 2. At the right time**
- 3. With the right equipment**
- 4. And the right attitude.**

PERFORMANCE REQUIREMENTS

Marching Band

The “Spirit of the Winds” Marching Band rehearses in the Fall Semester, beginning with Summer Band Camp and concluding with the end of football season. Rehearsals occur during class on school days.

Additionally, evening rehearsals occur from 7:00 – 9:00 P.M. every Monday. These evening rehearsals are critical to the success of the ensemble in both our halftime performances and at competition, so please arrange your schedule to maintain integrity in attendance. Every time we step on the field, we are a *direct* representation of our school and community, and of those persons past and yet-to-come. Therefore, we should make every effort to represent these institutions with pride, enthusiasm, and exceptional quality, and that begins with attending all rehearsals with the highest level of commitment and integrity. Should you need accommodations in making the Monday or Tuesday night rehearsals please speak promptly with a director to arrange.

The High School Band participates well inside of the University Interscholastic League’s (UIL) “8-hr rule” that governs rehearsal time per week outside of the academic school day. However, each student and parent must still sign a UIL form indicating their compliance with this rule and return to the Directors to be kept on file. This form can be found on our website at: <https://www.floydadabands.org/students/>

It is expected that all students will:

- Be able to perform all Marching Band music, including show music, warmups, scales, etc.
- Memorize all music and warm-ups that are required for competition.
- Be able to perform all marching fundamentals and techniques with attention to detail.
- Attend all extra rehearsals including Summer Band Camp, night rehearsals, section rehearsals, and performances.

Wind Symphony

The FCHS Wind Symphony begins rehearsing at the end of the Fall Semester (after the conclusion of marching season) and throughout the Spring Semester. Rehearsals occur during class on school days and every Monday night from 7:00 – 8:30 PM.

It is expected that all students will:

- Be able to perform all concert music, including repertoire, warm-ups, scales, etc.
- Be able to perform technical exercises as required.
- Attend all extra rehearsals including section rehearsals, clinics, and performances as required by the Directors.

— ELIGIBILITY —

Academic eligibility is evaluated for every student based upon the report card grades at the end of each six (6) weeks. “Dual credit courses exempt from UIL Eligibility include courses in ELA, Math, Science, SS, and Foreign Language. College courses taken for college credit only in any subject are also exempt from UIL Eligibility.” (Floydada CISD Student Handbook). Otherwise, a grade below 70 will constitute course-failure and ineligibility. Ineligible means that a student cannot travel, perform, or compete with the group in any way, including football games, pep rallies, and contests / festivals / competitions.

However, ineligible students can still practice with the Band, and are expected to participate as fully as possible in the course in order to earn course credit. Eligibility can be regained three (3) weeks after the end of the previous six (6) weeks failing point. The student must be passing all classes (not just the class that was previously failed) at that time to regain eligibility. The school provides ample opportunities to replace missing or low grades and receive tutoring during and after school.

Determining grades for eligibility will happen promptly on the school-announced deadline. We will not consider late grade changes or after deadline redo's for any class. What the grade is at the end of six weeks day is the grade we take. Make sure you are passing WELL BEFORE then.

A student who fails a Band course two (2) or more six weeks in a year will not be eligible to return to Band the following year at the discretion of the director. Additionally, students who display regularly poor attitude and weak to no work ethic will also be dismissed from the program. Failing two Six Weeks in a year would be the equivalent of only passing a course with 60%. It is very hard to fail Band if you do what is expected of you when it is expected of you; not submitting assignments, and not showing up to rehearsals, practices, sectionals, lessons, and events will result in poor grades and potential dismissal.

Directors take the students grade in gradebook at 4:00 pm on the Friday (or other specified day) that grades are due. Grade changes after that day due to students submitting work late will not be considered. We need ample time to prepare travel accommodations, fund requests, and registration documentation. **Students should make certain they are passing WELL before the deadline for grades.**

Band is a privilege, not a right, and must be earned every day with every action. For this reason, band is one of the most cited reasons highly successful people in business, medicine, and science attribute to teaching them teamwork, grit, responsibility, and creativity.

— EQUIPMENT & MUSIC —

The equipment and music provided for us by the taxpayers of our school district and the generosity of our Band Boosters represents many tens of thousands of dollars. Beyond the expense involved in the instrumental music program, we each have a *personal* obligation to maintain our equipment for longevity and honor. **There is an equipment maintenance fee of \$10 every year.** This is lower than most schools, and will help offset costs for repair, cleaning, and additional items like mouthpieces, reeds, oils, etc.

All school-owned instruments should be stored in the Band Hall on the proper shelf or in the proper area for that instrument. Instruments should be kept in the case with the case closed and latched when not in use. If your instrument is not consistently stored properly, you may lose the privilege of using a school owned instrument. Students are encouraged to take their instruments home after school whenever possible, not only to practice, but also to ensure better security for that instrument. **Floydada Independent School District is not responsible for loss or damage to personal Band instruments due to theft, vandalism, or accidents while at school or on a school activity.** The ideal temperature for storing and using instruments is approximately seventy-one degrees Fahrenheit (71° F).

The individual pieces of music and method books assigned to the students are the same as any textbook loaned to the student. If the student loses or damages a textbook, they are required to make monetary compensation to the school district for the loss or damage. Therefore, any item checked out to the student immediately becomes the responsibility of that student.

UNIFORMS

Marching Band Uniforms

The Floydada Band uniform will be worn with pride and dignity. The uniform is an outward indication of the “Esprit de Corps” of the entire organization.

A uniform fee of \$10 per year will be charged each member of the Floydada Band Program if their uniform is mistreated or handled inappropriately. If a student has a problem with his/her uniform, the student should notify the Director immediately so that the problem can be fixed. No charges will be made to students who take proper care of their uniform over the year.

Alterations to uniforms are not permitted without prior approval of the Director.

A uniform bag and a heavy-duty hanger will be issued to ensure the uniform stays in tip-top shape. If the student loses or breaks the hanger, they will be responsible for replacing it. Obligations at the end of the school year, such as failure to return the uniform or damage to any portion of the uniform, will result in replacement cost(s) being paid to the school. All Band students are expected to properly store their Band uniform at the school safely and securely.

Required uniform accessories will include clean, long, all-black socks with no stripes or designs. All students will be required to have all black marching shoes to be designated by the Director. **A Band performance shirt is to be worn underneath the uniform. Should the first shirt be lost, a replacement shirt will cost \$15.**

The Floydada Band uniform will be worn with pride. The uniform will be worn in its entirety unless the Director specifies otherwise. Shoes will be polished, and shoelaces will be clean. Trouser length will touch the top of the shoes with the seam running straight down the side. Long hair (girls and boys) will be pinned up and worn underneath the hat. No jewelry will be worn during any performance.

Concert Uniforms

Concert attire for non-marching season consists of all black dress clothes, including socks and shoes. The shirts should be our standard black band shirt, which we wear to all events. If the student is not able to afford or procure a set of all black dress clothes, please let one of the Directors know promptly. We are always happy to work with you and figure out a solution. This set of attire is commonly used for most professional events throughout life and will be good for you to have in your possession.

Any exceptions to the dress code will be clearly communicated by the Directors.

TRAVEL

Academic Event Trips

In the fall, the “Spirit of the Winds” Marching Band will go to all out-of-town football games, in addition to marching festival(s) and UIL marching contest. After marching season, the group becomes the Floydada Wind Symphony, and in the spring will attend UIL Concert and Sight-Reading Evaluation. Other trips will be determined by advancement through competition or special activities.

On all trips, each Bandmember is responsible for making certain that their instrument, uniform, and all necessary equipment is loaded. A loading crew may be assigned to load certain equipment, but it is each student’s responsibility to get that equipment to the loading crew. Upon returning from a trip, students are responsible for either storing their instrument properly in the Band Hall or taking it home. Bandmembers must also clear all buses of personal items and trash before departing the bus. All percussionists are responsible for packing and loading all percussion equipment after each trip or performance.

General Conduct

When the Band appears in public, they are representing the school and community. Bandmembers are expected to always conduct themselves in a courteous and polite manner. Bandmembers are oftentimes expected to adhere to a higher code of conduct than may be expected from members of other organizations.

While operating in *any* capacity with the Band, no Bandmember shall:

1. Use or be in possession of any tobacco or vaping / e-cigarette products.
2. Use or be in possession of alcoholic beverages.
3. Use or be in possession of any illegal drugs or substances.
4. Use or be in possession of firearms or other weapons.
5. Participate in any illegal activity including theft, vandalism, etc.
6. Exhibit extreme improper behavior, including sexual, physical (fighting), or verbal (bullying) misconduct.

Violation of one of the above codes of conduct will result in:

- Suspension from 25% of the season (must still complete all course objectives for credit; cannot travel; cannot attend pep rallies, games, or other band events; must still attend all rehearsals; forfeits all other opportunities for lower-level consequences, i.e. missing rehearsals, tardiness, and other misbehavior).
- Parents and student must set up counselor services.
- Conference with parents, student, program directors, and administrators.
- In extreme cases, removal from the program at the discretion of the director.

On buses, students must stay in their seat unless they are given permission to move by the Director or a sponsor. The student must keep arms and legs inside the windows of the bus. Loud talking or yelling is not permitted. Portable electronic devices etc. are to be used with headphones only. NO public displays of affection (PDA) are allowed.

Any Bandmember that violates any of the preceding rules or otherwise brings embarrassment to the Band or the school is subject to disciplinary action and may forfeit membership in the Floydada Band Program.

It is the policy of Floydada CISD that students should travel to and from events by bus or other school transportation. Students will be allowed to leave from the event with their parents only if they are traveling from the event to a location other than Floydada. All arrangements for leaving from an event with parents must be made in advance. Students will not be released to anyone other than their parent/guardian.

All school policies pertaining to conduct and dress code at school are in effect on all Band trips.

———— SENIOR BAND JACKETS & AWARDS ————

Band jackets and letters are awarded by the Floydada High School Band honoring those qualified students for their loyalty, hard work, and contribution to the Floydada Band. All students with Band jackets are encouraged to wear all of their medals, patches, and insignia that have been earned throughout their Band career. If a student has previously earned a jacket from another organization, he/she may receive a letter or patch for their Band senior award. To qualify for a Band senior award, the student must:

- Be a member of the High School Band for all four years of High School Band (9-12).
- Successfully complete their senior year in Band.
- Any student who becomes an ATSSB All-Region Bandmember automatically becomes eligible for a Band jacket regardless of grade classification.
- Any student who advances to UIL State contest in Solo or Ensemble competition automatically becomes eligible for a Band jacket regardless of grade classification.

The senior jacket remains the property of the Floydada Band until the student successfully completes their senior year of Band. If a student fails to complete their senior year in Band, the Band jacket will be returned undamaged to the Floydada Band if already delivered or remain in the possession of the Band Program if not yet distributed.

———— NEW MEMBERS ————

Any information necessary for new members will be disseminated and communicated during our yearly Band Camp. If you are unable to attend the Floydada Band Camp, please email the Director to discuss any necessary information you might need for the school year.

The 2022 Summer Band Camp will occur August 1-5, August 8-12, and August 15, 16, 18, 19. Details for the Band Camp can be found online on our website: www.floydadabands.org.

You can access a PDF of the schedule here:

<https://www.floydadabands.org/wp-content/uploads/2022/07/August-2022-Band-Camp-Schedule-v2.pdf>

———— SOCIAL MEDIA & CONTACT ————

The Whirlwind Bands use a variety of social media and software to create a respectable online presence and to communicate information efficiently and thoroughly to students, parents, and guardians.

Official Website

The official website for the Floydada Bands can be found at: www.floydadabands.org

This will be the primary location for all information you may need over the course of the year, including a password-protected section for parents that will include itinerary information for events and trips. The site will also host any applicable fundraisers we run throughout the year. Parents can request access to the parent page by contacting a director (see contact information below).

Facebook Page

This page is the public face of the Band on Facebook and will post information about the successes of the program after events have occurred. This is the second-best method of staying updated (the website will always be the first and most accurate reflection of the program). We will attempt to live-stream our concerts via Facebook Live for anyone who is not able to attend. This page can be found at:

<https://www.facebook.com/FloydadaBand/>

Twitter Page

In general, this page will serve as a parallel posting to the Facebook page.

<https://www.twitter.com/FloydadaBand>

YouTube Channel

Our YouTube channel will post any videos from concerts and/or performances. This is a great resource for anyone who wants to reminisce on past successes or view events that could not be attended. Live-streamed concerts will be uploaded here subsequently for posterity.

https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCObuW1sEQA6j3xgC_zViv2A

Instagram

Here we will post photos from our events and activities. Our Instagram page can be found at:

<https://www.instagram.com/floydadaband/>

BandApp Individual and Group Messaging

Students can join the band chat using this link (<https://band.us/n/aca67bk3nbl3b>) or the QR code below.



This is the primary method of communication to students about class assignments, as well as performance, trip, and fundraiser details. All students should be registered on this chat so they can be reached when traveling for events.

Parents can join the band chat using this link (<https://band.us/n/abaa7ck1n4mf8>) or the QR code below.



This is the primary method of communication to parents about band events, band booster information and events, and all other parent-specific information. When the band is on trips, parents can reach the directors using this chat.

CutTime

This is our online database where students can login and check their account status for the program, including instruments and equipment that has been checked out to the student and individual financial account details for trips.

The School Group Name is: **Floydada CISD Bands**

Students already have an account. Parents can create an account linked to their students' account, and can see all of their information.

You can login here: <https://cuttime.net/signin.cfm>

Director Contact Information & Office Hours

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Office Hours: TBA, check band website

———— STUDENT OFFICERS ————

Students have many opportunities to serve in leadership positions throughout the year. These positions are vital to both the smooth operation of the band program and the training of these young adults to be professional leaders in their future careers.

Drum Major

This student is a Senior or Junior who applies and auditions for the position, elected by both Directors.

Responsible for:

- Setting up and tearing down their Drum Major podium for all rehearsals and performances.
- Ensuring the bus is clean before final departure.
- Communicate professionally with all section leaders and student officers.
- Must be a superior role-model in the band and be dedicated to helping others at the highest level.

Assistant Drum Major

This student is a Senior or Junior who applies and auditions for the position, elected by both Directors. Depending on band size and performance needs, some years may or may not have an Assistant Drum Major.

Responsible for:

- Setting up and tearing down their Drum Major podium for all rehearsals and performances.
- Ensuring the bus is clean before final departure.
- Communicate professionally with all section leaders and student officers.
- Must be a superior role-model in the band and be dedicated to helping others at the highest level.

President

This student can be a Junior or older who is nominated and elected by the band membership.

Responsible for:

- Leading all student leader meetings. This includes creating and sharing an agenda for each meeting.
- Helping lead brainstorming of fundraisers and community service events.
- Communicate professionally with all section leaders and student officers.
- Must be a superior role-model in the band and be dedicated to helping others at the highest level.

Vice-President

This student can be a Junior or older who is nominated and elected by the band membership.

Responsible for:

- Leading all student leader meetings that the President cannot attend.
- Keeping attendance records of all meetings and delivering to Directors.
- Communicate professionally with all section leaders and student officers.
- Must be a superior role-model in the band and be dedicated to helping others at the highest level.

Historian

This student can be a freshman or older who is nominated and elected by the band membership.

Responsible for:

- Taking of all photographs at events and contests.
- Delivering high quality photographs to Yearbook crew and Directors for publication in print and online.
- Assembling the end-of-year banquet slideshow.
- Must be a superior role-model in the band and be dedicated to helping others at the highest level.

Public Relations Manager

This student can be a freshman or older who is nominated and elected by the band membership.

Responsible for:

- Planning recruitment events for the elementary and middle school.
- Helping with community outreach and engagement events.
- Other duties as assigned.

Equipment Manager

This student can be a freshman or older who is nominated and elected by the band membership.

Responsible for:

- Loading and unloading of all trailers, buses, and other travel vehicles.
- Helping move large equipment as needed.
- Setting up speaker system for all rehearsals and stands performances.
- Must be a superior role-model in the band and be dedicated to helping others at the highest level.

Uniform Manager

This student can be a freshman or older who is nominated and elected by the band membership.

Responsible for:

- Loading and unloading of all uniforms on the charter bus.
- Organizing, fitting, and assigning all uniform parts to bandmembers.
- Delivering assignments to Directors.
- Notifying Directors of uniform malfunctions, alterations, or other needs.
- Returning lost or forgotten uniform parts to appropriate bandmembers and notifying Directors when such uniform pieces are mistreated or lost for documentation.
- Must be a superior role-model in the band and be dedicated to helping others at the highest level.

———— MEDICAL FORMS ————

We will need the following medical forms on file for each student:

Medical Consent / Release Form

Can be completed online and submitted electronically.

Preparticipation Physical Exam

Can be downloaded before the physical, taken to the clinic, and submitted either physically or electronically after the physical is completed.

Please submit these **BEFORE the first day of school** (preferably the first day of band camp) to comply with state and local law.

EVENTS & IMPORTANT DATES

Though we try to plan a year in advance for all events, there will likely be a few that arise after the publication of this handbook. Always consult the online calendar at www.floydadabands.org to stay updated with the most current information, including dates, travel itineraries, and other details.

(Q) denotes events that are only pertinent to qualifying competitors (ex. A student advancing from All-Region to All-Area).

[R] denotes events that are required for all Bandmembers.

- There is an evening practice every Monday there is a regular school day, the entire year, unless otherwise noted.
 - Marching season: 6:00 – 8:30 PM

2022 Events

- ❑ **August 26:** Football Game, 5:00pm call – @ Ralls, TX **[R]**
- ❑ **September 2:** Football Game, 5:00pm call – @ Lockney, TX **[R]**
- ❑ **September 9:** Football Game, 5:30pm call – v. Smyer, TX (HOMECOMING) **[R]**
- ❑ **September 16:** Football Game, 4:30pm call – @ New Home, TX **[R]**
- ❑ **September 23:** Football Game, 5:00pm call – @ Hale Center, TX **[R]**
- ❑ **October 7:** Football Game, 5:30pm call – v. Sundown, TX **[R]**
- ❑ **October 8:** Westerner Marching Festival – Lubbock, TX **[R]**
- ❑ **October 14:** Football Game, 4:00pm call – @ New Deal, TX **[R]**
- ❑ **October 15:** UIL Marching Band Region 1A-4A Contest – Lubbock, TX **[R]**
- ❑ **October 21:** Football Game, 5:30pm call – v. Tahoka, TX **[R]**
- ❑ **October 28:** Football Game, 5:30pm call – v. Post, TX **[R]**
- ❑ **October 29:** UIL Marching Band Area Contest – Lubbock, TX **[R] (Q)**
- ❑ **November 4:** Football Game, 4:30pm call – @ Olton, TX **[R]**
- ❑ **November 8-10:** State Marching Contest – San Antonio, TX **[R] (Q)**
- ❑ **December 13:** Winter Concert, 6:30pm, 5:30pm call – Floydada, TX **[R]**
- ❑ **December 10:** ATSSB Honor Band Region Auditions, 10:45am call – Levelland, TX

All dates and times are subject to change.

2023 Events

- ❑ **January 7:** ATSSB Honor Band Area Auditions, 6:45am call – Levelland, TX (Q)
- ❑ **January 19:** 1A-4A High School All-Region Band Auditions, 1:00pm call – Abernathy, TX
- ❑ **January 26-28:** All-Region Weekend – Lubbock Civic Center, Lubbock, TX (Q)
- ❑ **February 8-11:** TMEA All-State Convention – San Antonio, TX (Q)
- ❑ **February 18:** UIL Band Solo & Ensemble Competition, Lubbock, TX
- ❑ **March 2:** Pre-UIL Contest – Sundown, TX [R]
- ❑ **March 9:** UIL Concert & Sight-Reading Evaluation – Sundown, TX [R]
- ❑ **April 27-29:** Floydada Band Festival – Floydada, TX
- ❑ **May 2:** Spring Concert / Band Banquet – Floydada, TX [R]
- ❑ **May 28-30:** 1A-4A Texas State Solo & Ensemble Competition – Austin, TX (Q)
- ❑ **June 5-9:** Band Trip – Dallas, TX [R]
- ❑ **June 12-16:** Howard Payne University Band Leadership Camp – Brownwood, TX
- ❑ **July 9-13:** Southwestern Oklahoma State University Band Camp – Weatherford, OK

All dates and times are subject to change.

— FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS —

If I am in Band, can I also play sports?

YES! The band directors and the athletic coaches work together to give students the opportunity to participate in Band and sports, and it is quite common. YOU DO NOT HAVE TO CHOOSE ONE OR THE OTHER.

If you are not an athlete, taking Band will count for your Physical Education credit. Marching Band is classified as an athletic band, and we will participate in exercise and health and wellness training in addition to the physical demands of marching while playing and instrument.

If I am in Band, can I also belong to other student clubs?

YES! In fact, most of the FHS Band students belong to multiple other clubs and extracurricular events. We encourage involvement in other activities as they suit your interests and well-being. Additionally, our band is strengthened when we make connections between music and other disciplines.

Do I have to audition for the FCHS Marching Band?

No audition is necessary. All Bandmembers participate in the concert and athletic bands.

Is there a Jazz Band at FHS?

No, there are not yet any jazz bands at FHS.

Does the FCHS Band travel on special trips?

YES! The Whirlwind Band takes a Summer Trip every other year. Fundraising opportunities are provided throughout the year to help students offset the cost of the trip.

Will being in Band have a negative effect on my other grades?

NO. Passing your classes is of the UTMOST IMPORTANCE in the FHS Band Program. We will arrange peer tutoring to help you with any subject. It has been proven that staying in Band helps maintain outstanding grades, and music creates neural pathways between the two hemispheres of the brain which have been proven in countless research studies to increase test scores, STEM synthesis, and creative problem solving.

———— FCISD INSTRUMENT AGREEMENT FORM ————

Congratulations on your new instrument! Unlike many other schools, FCISD has loaned your student an instrument free of charge. Most schools make their students rent school instruments or purchase their own, but we strive to provide a quality instrument for every student here at Floydada for FREE.

In order for this service to continue, each student must be vigilantly responsible for the care of their instrument. The student and parents will be responsible for returning the instrument in the same condition as when it was checked out, other than normal wear and tear. The Directors and/or repair shop will determine what normal wear and tear is.

1. If the instrument sustains damage, it is the student and parent’s responsibility to inform the Directors immediately. The Directors will determine the proper course of action.

THE STUDENT AND/OR PARENTS **WILL NOT** ATTEMPT ANY REPAIRS. Only qualified instrument repair technicians are authorized to make repairs. The cost of these repairs, above and beyond normal wear and tear, will be the responsibility of the student and parent.

2. If the instrument is damaged to the point that it is not cost effective to repair (totaled), the student and parents will be responsible for paying the full replacement value to the school.
3. The student and/or parent will not lend or sell the instrument to any other party.
4. The student will not allow other students, friends, or relatives to use the instrument.
5. The student will ensure that they are transporting the instrument in a safe manner. Instruments are never to be left in cars, or other places that experience extreme heat or cold. This will cause the instrument to split.
6. The student has been instructed, in class, on the care and maintenance of the instrument and will be expected to follow these instructions. Students have been carefully taught in small groups prior to their checkout how to handle and care for their instrument in great and precise detail. There is, at this point, no excuse for the mistreatment of an expensive instrument other than neglect or negligence.
7. If your Director observes abuse of the instrument, or terminates the student from the class for any reason, the instrument will be returned to the school. The student will keep a clearly marked name tag on the instrument case with the student’s name at all times.
8. The instrument will be returned to the school prior to summer vacation for observation before checking out for summer use.

I have carefully read all of these terms regarding the use of a musical instrument from Floydada Collegiate Independent School District, and agree to abide by these terms.

Student Signature Date

Parent Signature Date

Director Signature Date