



Welcome to the Big & Bold, Blue & Gold

Akins Eagle Band Family

The Akins Eagle Band Boosters want to welcome all our new incoming and returning students and families. Are you ready for an exciting new year? We can't wait to get started. As Boosters, our ultimate goals are to promote unity, involve parents, promote and build self-discipline and success for our students and program, and mostly, HAVE FUN!

Our band is extremely active and needs the involvement of all our parents to assist with many activities planned this year. There is a place for everyone, and every part is important!

How to Get Involved:

The following Committees are currently looking for volunteers to assist them: Tailgating, Chaperones, Uniforms, Spirit Parents, Hospitality, Fundraising, Communications, Section Parents, and especially the "Parents in Training" program. Anyone who is skilled in Sewing, Construction & Building, making phone calls, or even Bargain hunting, your contributions are key to building a better program as well. [Parents whose children that will be in the Front Ensemble are encourage to become active with our Pit Crew. The Pit Crew serves a very important role before and after performances and all available hands are needed.

Our first Parent Information Meeting will be **August 3rd @ 630pm**, at this time we will provide more updates for the upcoming Marching Season and our needs.

Fair Share: This is extremely important! First installment payment is due in July

Each Students Fair Share fee (\$250) is due in Full by **Oct 1st**. Without these paid fees, our program is limited in providing the teaching and tools that our students need, especially this being a State Competition year. We are providing various fundraising opportunities for students to help them earn money for this purpose.

In order to effectively communicate with our parents, please fill out the enclosed Student/parent information contact sheet. Your contact information will be used to ensure that you are consistently informed of all upcoming events. We encourage for students and parents to join our **Akins Band Yahoo Group** by going to Yahoo Groups we are listed as **AkinsEagleBand**. Our Website is: **akinseagleband.org** and will be continually updated.

Thank you for supporting your Akins Eagle Band & Color Guard program. Remember, Get Involved, Get Connected and Stay in Informed. This is going to be a GREAT YEAR!

Upcoming Student Fundraising Events:

Car Washes – July 17th 8-12 @ Advanced Auto Parts (Slaughter & S 1st)

July 24th, 8-12 @ Firestone (IH35 & Wm Cannon, S Frontage Rd)

July 24th, 3pm-6pm @ New Flower Market (wm Cannon & Manchaca)

2nd Annual Bowl-a-thon:

- August 19th @ Westgate Lanes, 9am -12pm more information will be given to students during summer band camp.

Gold Cards (TBA)

More Information:

- **First Fair Share installment Due July 1st (\$60)**
- Drum Majors, Section Leaders and officers will have an opportunity to attend a Leadership Training session held at Akins HS July 19th & 20th from 8am-5pm, prior to attending their Section Leader camp July 21st-23rd.
- **Summer Band officially Begins July 29th @ 800am**
- **August 4th @ 400pm** - Shoe Sizing immediately following rehearsal in the band hall. At this time, you will be able to pay for & order Shoes, Uniform bags and totes.
Approximate cost: \$60
- **August 6th** – Summer Uniform Sizing and Re-sizing of Formal uniforms.
(Partial fair share payment must be met to receive summer uniform)
- **August 7th** – Formal uniform sizing for Freshman and Seniors
- **August 14th** – Formal uniform sizing for Juniors and Sophmores
- Tailgating will include approx 20 meals@ \$6.00/meal Vendors will be announced at parent meeting and posted on website.

Fair Share payments can be mailed to:

Akins High School Band

Attn: Lisa Rodriguez

10701 South 1st Street

Austin TX 78748

Make Checks or Money Orders Payable to: Akins HS Band

****Please Do Not send CASH****