

W. Charles Akins Eagle Band



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10701 South First Street Austin, TX 78748
Phone 841-9804

Big and Bold, Blue and Gold Akins Eagle Band

Greetings W. Charles Akins Band Students and Family!

I hope this letter finds you enjoying your summer full of fun, sun, family, and friends. I'm sure most of you have been practicing diligently, sharpening your playing skills in order to create an even greater marching season than last year. LOL!

Actually I hope you are all getting plenty of well-deserved rest.....**Cuz we Are gonna need it!**

The start of the 2008 marching season is just around the corner, so it's almost time to create an even greater marching program than last year. Our new directors and I have been busy at work planning and preparing for the fast approaching 2008-2009 school year

Please be sure to check the band website at Akinseagleband.org for all very important information. On the website you will find the summer band schedule and the fair share payment schedule. If you want to be a starter in the marching show, you MUST be at Summer Band.!

The Fair Share for the 2008 – 2009 school year will remain at \$250.00.

Fair Share Payment Schedule

July 1	\$60.00
August 1	\$60.00
September 1	\$65.00
October 1	\$65.00
Total	\$250.00

Reminder! Everyone should have paid the first \$60.00 payment by July 1st.

Please take care of this by placing a check in the mail to:

**Akins Band
c/o Carol Higgins – Student Accounts
10701 South 1st St.
Austin, TX 78748**

Be sure to acclimate yourself to the sun before summer band begins. Take walks, work on your family's lawn, ride your bike or run on Town Lake. Just get out, slowly get some sun, and drink lots of water. It will pay off when rehearsals begin.

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The following items are required for summer band rehearsals:

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| Large (1 gallon) water bottle | Please bring this every day.
To save time students do not go into the school during water breaks. |
| Sack lunch | Eat breakfast everyday and bring a sack lunch.
Students are not permitted to leave campus for lunch. |
| White T-shirts and shorts. | 100% cotton fabric!!!!!! |
| Tennis shoes only | No Flip Flops Allowed! |
| Music lyre | (Everyone but Tubas.) Flip folders will be provided. |

If you will be playing on or using school owned instrument and did not check one out, please contact Mr. Faust at 841-9804 before summer band begins.

AISD Equipment/Instrument Usage Fee:

AISD requires an Equipment/Instrument usage fee of \$25.00 per semester (\$50.00/per year) for students using school owned equipment. All students playing or using school owned equipment or instruments (ie Guard members, Percussion, Tubas, Baritones, Mellophones, etc.) are required to pay the Fall Equipment/Instrument fee by August 1st.

Drum Major, Section Leaders, Guard Leaders and Band Officers!

Our leadership camp has been scheduled for **July 15 - 17**.

The change enables more kids to attend and is closer to the start of Summer Band Camp.

We will meet at the band hall on July 15 at 6:30 am.

Please bring the following:

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| Money | Enough money for fast food on the way there and back. |
| Linens | We will be sleeping in dorm rooms on bunk beds.
You will need a sleeping bag or a pillow, sheets and towels. |
| Instrument/music | Be prepared to pass off Movement I, II and III and the Fight Song |
| Clothes/toiletries | |
| Bug spray/sun screen | We will march and play and bond, march and play and bond, march and play and bond, and sweat a lot etc..... |

Be thinking of whom you want to room with – example – four boys share two rooms and one bathroom. Remember that the registration fee of \$75.00 is due prior to camp; if you have not already paid, you can bring a check or money order with you.

Please call Mr. Faust (512-695-0447) immediately if you have a conflict with the camp dates

We had another fantastic year, last year, and the sky is the limit for 2008-2009.

Mr. Faust

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July 3, 2008

Dear Akins Band Students and Parents

We have a very exciting year coming up in 2008 - 2009.

In an effort to continue to improve communication within the Akins Band program and between the Akins Band Directors, band members and parents, we are excited to announce some exciting new features in our financial tool that we will implement this coming year including the ability to send text messages to your individual cell phones and group phone messages via the internet. These added features and functionality in combination with the Band Yahoo email group and Band website will hopefully make effective communication better than ever as we all work to balance our hectic lives and schedules.

As the person responsible for Student Accounts, I am working diligently to update the student database and get all new students as well as the 2008 - 2009 fees/fee schedule loaded.

Your student will be assigned a unique email address (i.e. lsmith@akinseagleband.org) which they (and you) can access through the Akins Band website. They (and you) will check this regularly for communications and information from the Directors and myself about their individual Student Account. I encourage parents to also access their student's email account to keep informed. You will be copied on and have sent to your personal email all student communications if you provide a current email address on the attached student information request form.

A secure Band Mailbox has also been hung outside the Band office door in the Band Hall. All band fees and payments (Fair Share, Trip Payments, Equipment/Instrument Usage, misc. fees and monies received from Student Fund-raising activities) should be put in a sealed envelope (check or money order only), marked with the Student name, what the payment is for and how much is enclosed and dropped in this box. Envelopes will be made available and kept next to the mailbox.

It will be emptied and payments posted to the financial software daily.

THE DIRECTORS WILL NOT/CANNOT ACCEPT ANY PAYMENTS.

Thank you in advance and please do not hesitate to contact me if you have any additional questions.

Sincerely,

Carol Higgins higginscarol@hotmail.com
Student Accounts

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W. Charles Akins Eagle Band STUDENT INFORMATION SHEET

(Please complete the below information in its entirety, printing legibly and return to the Band Hall)

Student Information:

First name: _____

Last Name: _____

Address: _____

Grade: _____ Date of Birth _____

Marching Instrument: _____

Concert Instrument (if different) _____

Home Phone: _____

Cell Phone: _____

Parent Information:

Mother:

First/Last name: _____

Address: _____

Home Phone: _____

Cell Phone: _____

Work: _____

Email: _____

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Father:

First/Last name: _____

Address: _____

Home Phone: _____

Cell Phone: _____

Work: _____

Email: _____

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Student/Parental Notification Form Band Financial Obligations

The following form is an agreement between the W. Charles Akins Band / Colorguard, its' Directors and the undersigned parties.

I, (we) _____, parent(s)/guardian of
_____, agree to allow him/her to participate in
the W. Charles Akins Big and Bold, Blue and Bold Band/Colorguard program.

I acknowledge and am aware that there are costs associated with participating in the Band/Colorguard programs and that all applicable fees, including Fair Share and Equipment/Instrument Usage Fee, must be paid according to published payment schedules.

Fund-raising opportunities will be made available to every student to assist in the payment of fees.

If payment is not received, I acknowledge and understand that my student may not be allowed to participate in certain activities as determined by the Director of Bands and School Administration.

Gary Faust, Director of Bands

Daniel Girard, Principal

Parent/Legal Guardian Signature _____

Student Signature _____

Date _____