

W. Charles Akins Eagle Band



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Big and Bold, Blue and Gold Akins Eagle Band

Greetings W. Charles Akins Band Family!

Please be sure to check the band website at Akinseagleband.org for updates and other important information. On the website you will find the summer band schedule, the calendar for the entire year, and the 2009-2010 Fair Share payment schedule.

If you want to be a starter in the marching show, you have to be at summer band and that means **July 30th**!

As you know AISD budget does not cover all the expenses necessary to run a top band program. Therefore there is an annual Fair Share that ever band and Guard member must pay to help with expenses such as clinicians, purchase of music, etc..

The payment schedule is:

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 /Cathy Sandoval
Akins High School
10701 South 1st St.
Austin, TX 78748*

Other expenses to anticipate are:

Marching shoes (approx \$28.00) - Required

Uniform Bag (\$8.50) – Required

Tote bag – (approx \$25.00) – Optional

Contest Fees (Region Band, Region Orchestra, Solo and Ensemble)

AISD Instrument/Equipment Usage Fee: AISD requires that we collect the instrument usage fee of \$25.00 per semester (\$50.00 total). All students playing a school instrument or using school equipment need to pay the Fall Instrument fee by August 1st.

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 follow items are required for summer band rehearsals:

Large (1 gallon) water bottle

Sack lunch

White T-shirts and shorts.

Tennis shoes only

Music lyre

Please bring this every day.

To save time students do not go into the school during water breaks.

Eat breakfast everyday and bring a sack lunch.

Students are not permitted to leave campus for lunch.

100% cotton fabric!!!!!!

No Flip Flops Allowed!

by Aug 1 (Everyone but Tubas,). Flip folders will be provided.

If you are to play on a school owned instrument and did not check one out, please contact Mr. Faust at 841-9804 before summer band begins. Also, if you are anticipating any conflicts with summer band, please contact me and let me know ahead of time so I can see if we can work something out. We are so successful because we have such great attendance. If you miss rehearsals I can't guarantee that you will have a starting position but we can try if I know ahead. Also, I can work with "school related" excuses but not such much with others, please keep that in mind.

Drum Majors, Section Leaders, and Band Officers:

We will meet at the band hall at 11:00am on Wednesday, July 22 to travel to the Piney Woods Conservation Center for our Leadership Camp. Remember, each student will need to pay \$80.00 by that day in order to attend. You must attend if wish to retain your leadership position. The cost covers the chartered bus, lodging, and the meals we eat at the Center. Bring something to eat on the bus on the way there. We will return on Friday, July 24 at about 6:00pm.

Please bring the following:

Instrument and show music.

Plenty of white cotton T-shirts, shorts, tennis shoes.

Linens or sleeping bags for sleeping on bunk beds.

Soap, sun screen, and bug spray.

Be prepared to speak to your teachers and peers about leadership, your commitment to the band, what you wish to accomplish in your next year, what the Big and Bold means to you, etc. You will each speak to the group.

Be prepared to pass off for memory the Introduction, Tricks, and The Prep.

(last year there were many **ill prepared leaders** for their music pass – off!) I'm sure that will not happen this year! Contact me early if you need music.

Also, I need you to plan for a performance at the Austin Convention Center on the following Monday, July 27 in the morning. Keep the date open and we will discuss it on July 22 and prepare for it during the camp. Contact me if you foresee a conflict.

Guys, it's really going to be a great year. I know this is a lot of information but it should help you be organized.

We had another fantastic year, last year, and the skies the limit for 2009-2010.

Mr. Faust

Go Big and Bold! Blue and Gold!

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