

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 2010-2011 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 29th**!

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 every band and Guard member must pay to help with expenses such as clinicians, purchase of music, etc. **To receive your summer uniform, you must have Paid \$120.00 of the Fair Share by Aug 1.**

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 Gary Faust
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

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. This expense is also another that we must be more responsible for.

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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.

The following items are required for summer band rehearsals:

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	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 8:00am on Wednesday, July 21 to travel to the Piney Woods Conservation Center for our Leadership Camp. Remember, each student will need to pay \$90.00 by that day in order to attend. You must attend if you 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 23 at about 6:00pm. If you are involved in the AP History Boot camp, give me a call so I can talk with you about how we will work that out. 695-0447

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 Mozart/Rossini Opener and the Meditation/Mon Coeur.
You will also need to be able to play (not by memory but be able to play every note) La Ballet de la Reine with your music. (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.

Remember it is a State Year!

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 skys the limit for 2010-2011

Go Big and Bold!

Mr. Faust

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