

## **AEB 101**

Information for New Akins Eagle Band and Color Guard Members and Families for the 2022-2023 School Year

## **GENERAL INFO**

#### Why should my student take band / color guard in high school?

 Band and guard promote academic accountability, time management skills, exercise, friendships, leadership skills, creative expression, teamwork skills, a sense of accomplishment, and the increased opportunity for college scholarships.

#### How can I make sure my student is enrolled in band / guard?

- If your student has completed their choice sheet and selected "Band" or "Color Guard" they will be in good shape. If you haven't been receiving information regarding 2022-2023 from Mr. Onibudo via e-mail or Remind 101, please let him know immediately!
- If your student didn't select "Band" or "Color Guard" on their choice sheet, please let Mr. Onibudo know immediately so he can assist you in getting it added.

#### Can my student participate in band / guard and other events at Akins HS?

- Yes! We have students who participate in band or guard and in literally every other activity at Akins HS. There is always a way to work in athletics, other fine arts classes, etc. Just communicate with Mr. Onibudo and he will help you.
- DO NOT let anyone (counselor, coach, teacher, other parent, etc.) tell you it can't be done.
   Always talk with the Akins Band Staff first.

## **SCHEDULE**

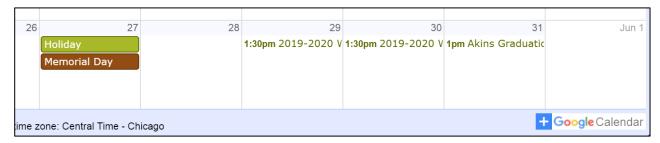
#### What is the schedule for High School Band or Color Guard? When do they need to show up?

A detailed and constantly updated schedule can always be found at the Calendar tab of the Akins Band webpage.

Use the dropdown box (little triangle) at the top right to see which calendars are included, and uncheck to boxes for any you do not wish to view. Always include AEB Main.



Press the plus sign at the bottom right to add these calendars to your personal Google calendar.



#### Summer & Fall

- There are several events during the summer that prepare all band students for the upcoming year. The current dates for the summer are:
  - Tuesday, May 31 Friday, June 3, 2022
    - AEB Preview Camp
    - 9:00AM-4:00PM
  - o Monday, July 18 Thursday, July 21, 2022
    - Kick-Off Camp
    - Check AEB Calendar for Times
  - Monday, July 25 Friday, August 12, 2022 (Monday through Friday)
    - AEB Summer Band: 8:00AM-5:00PM
- Rehearsals take place either before or after school. The typical fall rehearsal schedule is:
  - Monday 5:00pm to 7:00pm
  - o Tuesday 5:00pm to 7:00pm
  - Wednesday 7:00am to 8:30am
  - Thursday 5:00pm to 7:30pm (If Thursday is a game day, the rehearsal is held on Friday.)
  - ALWAYS CHECK THE AEB CALENDAR FOR CHANGES!

The busiest months in the fall are September and October. October is totally full of marching band events. Please avoid family vacations, etc. if at all possible during this month. Attendance at all performances (most of which are held Saturdays in October) is mandatory and absences WILL have a negative impact on a student's ability to participate.

#### Spring

- Each ensemble has one full rehearsal per week. Color guard may have two or more.
- Each student will attend one additional sectional per week.
- Other events vary depending on the level of participation per student.

## COMMUNICATION

#### How can I receive all the necessary communications?

There are several communication methods the directors and boosters will use to send out information:

- Remind: text @aeb2025 (or your student's graduation year) to 81010
  - This is the primary communication method.
     Please sign up so you won't miss important info!
- Weekly Newsletter: Mr. Onibudo sends this out on Remind every Sunday.
- AEB Website: https://www.akinseagleband.org/
- Signup Genius: button on bottom left side of AEB website
  - Send an email to any booster board/lead to subscribe to the notifications
- Facebook: https://www.facebook.com/AkinsEagleBandBoosters/ https://www.facebook.com/akinseagleband/
- Instagram: @akinshsbandTwitter: @akinseagleband



#### **Band Camp**

Students will be rehearsing inside and outside. They will not be allowed to leave campus.

- What to wear:
  - White shirt
  - Shorts
  - Athletic shoes
  - Hat
  - Sunglasses
  - Sunscreen
- What to bring:
  - o Instrument & supplies
  - o Lyre & flip folder
  - o Binder & pencil
  - o Water jug
  - o Lunch
- Parents are welcome to arrive early before practice ends to watch the outdoor rehearsal.

#### **Football Games**

Students do not leave campus after school on game days. The tailgating committee starts serving students dinner immediately after the last class period ends, outside the band hall. After eating, the band/guard usually rehearses, loads instruments and equipment onto trucks, then gets into uniform and loads the school buses.

During the games, the students play stand songs in the bleachers, and perform their marching show on the football field during half-time.



After the games, students are bussed back to school, and are not allowed to leave until trucks are unloaded.

- What to wear: show shirt and athletic shorts (for under the uniform)
- What to bring:
  - Garment bag with all pieces of marching uniform
  - o Black socks, black marching shoes, black gloves, water jug
  - When the weather gets cold, students may bring a blanket for the stands
- Parents are welcome to attend games and cheer on the band. When you pick up your student at the school after the game, if you can, hop out of your car to help us unload trucks, to get everyone home sooner!

#### **Marching Competitions**

Students usually arrive very early on Saturday morning for competitions. They should eat breakfast before arriving, or bring breakfast with them. The tailgating committee will travel to the competition to feed the students lunch and/or dinner. The directors' itinerary for the day will specify if any meal is NOT provided, and that the students should bring their own money for a meal.

• What to wear / what to bring: same as for games, plus snacks.

## BAND BOOSTERS

#### What are the Band Boosters?

Very simply put, the boosters are a group of parents like yourselves, with varied skills, who support the overall band program. We do that in many ways. We feed, clothe and water the young eagles, through tailgating, uniform maintenance and the Water the Eagles Program. We protect them to keep them safe when they are away from the nest with chaperones at all off campus events. We also do fundraising, and organize volunteers in coordination with the Band Directors. The Boosters work very closely with the teaching staff communicating both to the staff on behalf of parent concerns, and passing important program information from the band directors. Most importantly, the Boosters are a part of the band. We are the support backbone of the Akins Eagle band program.

#### How can I help?

We have many areas where we need your help. It is not necessary for you to commit a lot of your time, but if each parent can commit to just a few hours over the course of the season, we will be able to accomplish so much more to support the overall program. (See the Volunteering section below.) Booster Membership dues are an important part of supporting the band program. Regular members have the privilege of making motions, voting, and holding office. Proceeds from the tiered membership drive (\$35 for basic membership; \$85 for premium membership) will be used to fund Scholarships for Akins Seniors and need-based scholarships.

#### How do I get information?

We hold a booster meeting on the first Tuesday of every month at the school. All parents are welcome to attend. We send out volunteer opportunities on the Signup Genius page. We also send out messages via the directors on Remind. You can reach out to any of the booster board or committee leads by email at any time.

#### **BOARD:**

**Co-President:** Terry Ishee **Co-President**: Amy Ishee

**VP of Hospitality**: Isabel Marmolejo **VP of Fundraising**: Cristen Walter

**Treasurer**: Katrina Hanson **Secretary**: Connie Ramos

## COMMITTEES:

Historian: TBD

COTA Coordinator: Isabel Marmolejo

Tailgating Coordinator: TBD

Spirit Items Coordinator: Sharon Stevens

Uniform Coordinator: TBD Volunteer Coordinator: TBD

## SHOPPING DAY

#### What is Shopping Day?

This is the day that students and parents visit multiple stations within the band hall. Parents can learn more about all aspects of the organization, sign up for communication lists, find out about money-making opportunities. Students can choose their meals for tailgating. Bring your credit card or checkbook, as this is the day you will be paying for fees and supplies for the year. This is mandatory for all students.

#### How much does band / guard cost?

The following amounts are intended as a guide to expected costs for 2022-2023.

Remember...the Akins Band staff will gladly work with families to ensure that all students have the opportunity to participate. Ample fundraising opportunities are available to ensure that if a student wants to participate...there is always a way to make it work!

Payable to Band (eligible to be paid from COTA wages)

- \$400 Fair Share Required for All Members Fair Share is the primary funding source for the band program. It pays for marching band design and execution, transportation, contest fees, music, clinicians, etc.
  - (An additional \$200 is owed for color guard instead of some of the fees below.)
- \$25 Per Semester Instrument Usage Fee Required for school owned instruments:
   oboe, bassoon, bass clarinet, tenor saxophone, baritone saxophone, French horn, euphonium,
   tuba, and percussion.
  - \*\*\*NOTE: Akins HS does NOT have the following instruments for student use: flute, clarinet, alto saxophone, trumpet, or trombone. Students playing these instruments will need to make arrangements for a rental ASAP. The Akins Band staff will put you in touch with a local music dealer to make sure you have the best instrument possible for your student.\*\*\*
- \$50 Percussion Instrument Usage Fee Required for All Percussionists.
- \$25 Percussion Book Required for all New Percussionists

- \$23 Brass Buzzer Required for All New Brass Members. This is a one-time purchase unless lost or damaged.
- \$5 Flip Folder Required for All New Band Members except percussion front ensemble. This is a one-time purchase unless lost or damaged.
- \$19 Marching Show Shirt Required for All Members.

#### Payable to Boosters (NOT eligible to be paid from COTA wages)

- \$22 AEB Polo Shirt Required for All New Band Members. This can be a one-time purchase depending on the growth of each student.
- **\$42 Marching Shoes -** Required for All New Band Members. This can be a one-time purchase depending on the growth of each student.
- \$7 Marching Gloves Required for All Brass and Woodwind Members
- \$15 Color Guard Tank Required for All New Color Guard Members. This can be a one-time purchase depending on the growth of each student.
- \$38 Color Guard Shoes Required for All New Color Guard Members. This can be a one-time purchase depending on the growth of each student.
- **\$22 Color Guard Gloves -** Required for All New Color Guard Members. This is a one-time purchase unless lost or damaged.
- \$35 Woven Uniform Garment Bag Required for All New Members
- \$40 Duffel Bag Required for All New Members
- \$9 Water Jug Required for All New Members. This is a one-time purchase unless lost or damaged.
- \$15 Ice Required for All Members. All students are provided cold water throughout the season.
- \$120 Contest Tailgating Required for All Members. All students will be fed box meals 1-2 times on competition days.
- \$30 Game Day Tailgating Optional. On game days, we will provide pizzas for purchase after school. You may pre-pay now, or opt out if you'd prefer to send your own meal with your student.
- \$20 Uniform Upkeep Parts of the marching and concert uniform may be washed at home, but other parts are sent to be dry cleaned and/or pressed.

#### Is that it? Are there more expenses?

There are other expenses that are not required but help supplement and enrich your student's high school band experience. Both of these listed below can be paid by COTA jobs.

#### • Private Lessons

- We have an excellent staff of private teachers on each instrument. Their job is to meet with students one on one each week and work specifically on issues that need to be addressed on a student by student basis. The real advancement on an instrument is fueled by this.
- Lessons start at \$22 per lesson. Students can fundraise for their lessons the same way that they can fundraise for their fees.

#### Travel

- The Akins Band takes a trip each year. We rotate on a four year cycle to make sure that every student has the opportunity to take a "big" trip during their four years in high school.
- Past "small" trips include Dallas and Corpus Christi. Past "big" trips include skiing in Santa Fe, New Mexico and visiting New Orleans.

## **COTA**

Akins Band and Color Guard is fortunate to have opportunities for families to pay for band or color guard by working concerts at Circuit of the Americas/Austin 360 Amphitheater. This fundraising can be used to pay for many band/guard expenses, including fair share, the trip and private lessons! We make it easy to work events—including carpooling!

#### What opportunities are there for me to earn money for my band account?

**Circuit of the Americas (COTA):** We work concession stands at soccer games, concerts, races and more.

#### How much can I earn at each event?

Average payouts are \$75 - \$100 per event, depending on how long the event is. This money goes directly to YOUR STUDENT'S band account.

#### What do I need to start working?

To work these events, you must be at least 18. You also need TABC certification to work most events. A cheap and easy way is to do it online at **www.learn2serve.com**. The cost is \$15. After this is done, please email your certificate to Christie or Isabel—contact information is below.

#### COTA is really far away, I don't know what to expect and I don't know how to sign up!!!

A group text is set up for each event, to coordinate carpooling, check-in times, and other information. If you have any questions about an event you are working, answers are a text away.

Signing up for events is easy— an email is sent out each time an event is added, or you can look on the band website. Please see the below for more information!

#### Who can I contact if I have more questions?

Isabel – isabel@akinsbandboosters.org or 512-573-3749

#### How do I sign up?

#### You will need to create a free SignUp Genius account at:

<u>https://www.signupgenius.com/register#/registration</u>. After your account is setup, you can sign up for events on the band webpage:

- Go to www.akinseagleband.org
- Look for the orange Sign Up Genius box toward the bottom right and click it
- Click on the event that you are interested in



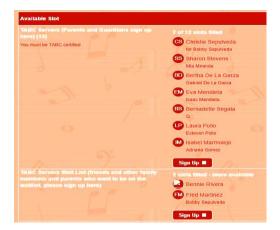
After you have clicked on an event you are interested in working:

You will see a screen similar to the pictures below.

- The top of the page will have information about the event such as the date and times it is happening, check in time and what to wear.
- There is information about who to contact if you have more questions. Someone is ALWAYS available to answer any questions about how to sign up!



- This part of the signup will show the available slots for the event. It will give information about if you need to be TABC certified, and the age limit.
- Click the "SIGN UP" button and fill in the information!
- In the comment field, please enter the name of the student you are working for.
- This specific sign up has a place for parents to sign up, and a waitlist or place for non-parents to sign up. Parents and guardians always have first choice on events!



## **TAILGATING**

#### What is Tailgating?

Part of the fees paid for at Shopping Day include tailgating. The tailgating committee starts serving students dinner immediately after the last class period ends, outside the band hall. The tailgating committee will travel to the competition to feed the students lunch and/or dinner.

#### Is this a mandatory part of the program?

Yes, it is important that each child eats meals on performance days. The tailgating fee is less expensive than purchasing individual meals, and your child will go long periods of time without other meal options.

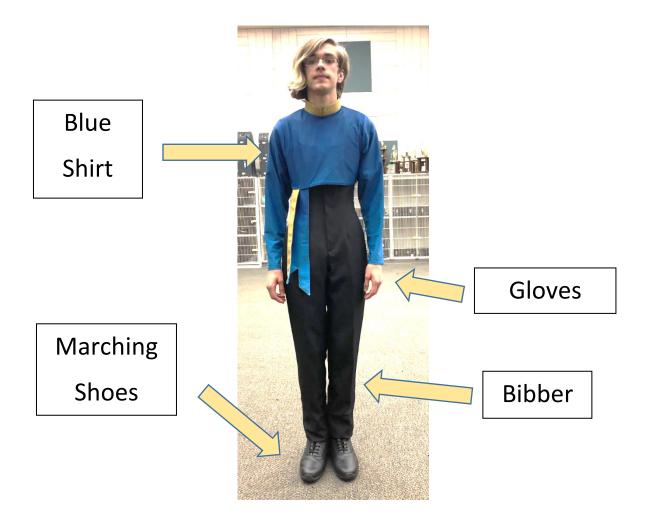
## **UNIFORMS**

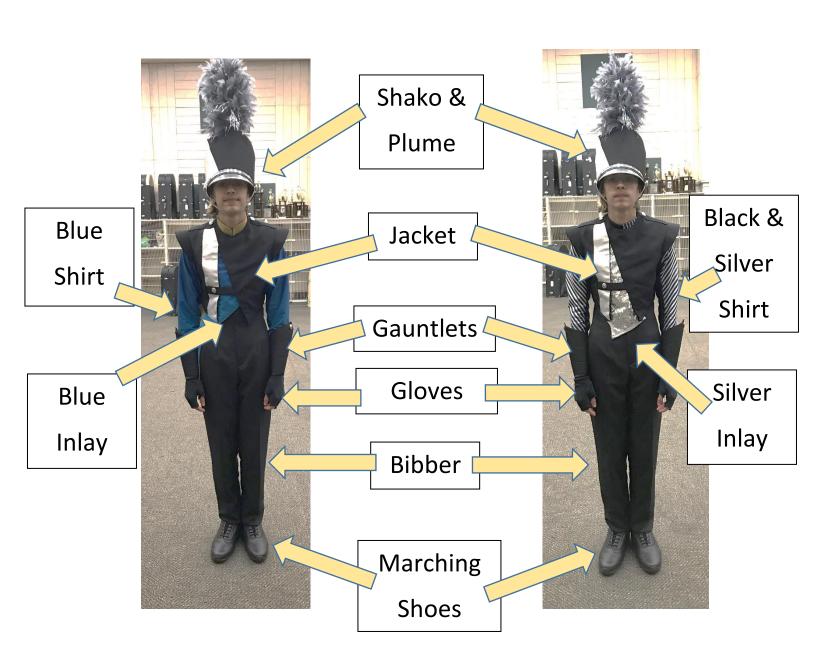
#### What is the marching uniform?

Each student keeps their marching uniform pieces together in their garment bag, and leaves the garment bag at school.

- Bibber (black pants that are like overalls)
- Shirt (blue & gold for games; black and silver for competitions)
- Jacket
- Inlay (blue for games; silver for competitions) (snaps into jacket)
- Gauntlets
- Shako & plume
- Show T-shirt to wear under uniform, black socks, black marching shoes, black gloves (responsibility of student to provide)

#### Summer Uniform:





#### What is the concert uniform?

Each student typically keeps their concert uniform at school. It may be taken home, but must be brought back after the last concert of the year.

#### Girls:

- Black dress (provided by the school)
- Black socks or tights, black dress shoes (responsibility of student to provide)

#### Boys:

- Dress pants, suit jacket, bow tie (provided by the school)
- White button-down shirt (tuxedo shirt for Wind Symphony), tall black socks, black dress shoes (responsibility of student to provide)





#### What is the Color Guard uniform?

The color guard uniform reflects the theme of the marching show and changes each year. The design is determined by the color guard director.

Color guard shoes and gloves are purchased at Shopping Day.

\*\*If any school-provided uniform pieces are lost or damaged, it is the responsibility of the student to pay a fee to replace the item.\*\*

## **VOLUNTEERING**

#### How can I get involved?

The Akins Band Program is blessed with a wonderful Booster Organization that supports and assists the Akins Band in being the best it can be! While your students may not tell you this...they want you around! These positions are not only available to parents, but also grandparents, aunts, uncles, etc. All volunteers must submit to the AISD background check.

Please see the Volunteering google form link on the AEB website to provide your information.

#### Some volunteering options:

- Chaperone
  - For all football games and competitions, we need 1-2 parents to ride each bus and sit in the stands with the students. Perk: You don't have to drive yourself to the stadium or pay to get in.
- Pit Crew
  - For all football games and competitions, we need 6-8 parents to help the front ensemble percussion students (pit) move their equipment on and off the football field. You can ride the student bus or drive yourself. Perk: You get to watch the show from the track.
- Tailgating
  - For all football games and competitions, we need 2-4 parents to serve the tailgating meals to the students. For games, this happens at the school before we leave. For competitions, this happens at or near the competition site.
- Spirit Items
  - Sell spirit wear items at our home games.
- Fundraising
  - We can always use help with our fundraising efforts to make money to support the AEB students.
- Uniforms
  - Oversee the student leaders in the uniform crew keep the uniform room organized, and assist in uniform fittings.
- Other
  - o Do you have a special skill or connection? Talk to our boosters about how you can help.

All volunteering opportunities are posted on the Signup Genius page.

The high school band experience is for your student AND you...get involved!

### Sign up for a particular committee! This is where we need the most help:

**Tailgating** (Coordinator: TBD) **Fundraising** (Coordinators: TBD)

**Spirit Items** (Coordinator: Sharon Stevens) **Chaperone / Pit Crew** (Coordinator: TBD)

Uniforms (Coordinator: TBD)
Color Guard Liaison: TBD

## **INSTRUMENTS**



# Rent-to-own And Instrument Purchase Plan

Unfortunately, Akins High School is unable to provide every instrument for rental from the school. If your student plays *flute, clarinet, alto saxophone, trumpet, or trombone* they will need to either purchase an instrument or enroll in a rent-to-own plan for that instrument. A rent-to-own plan means you pay the instrument off in installments each month while your student uses the instrument. At the end of the period of the contract (typically 2.5 - 3.5 years) your student will own the instrument. For instrument purchase and rent-to-own plans, we highly recommend *Strait Music Company*. They service all of our instruments and provide excellent service to Akins and AISD each year. Find your instrument below to see what accessories and instrument models to purchase. If you plan on purchasing an instrument that is not on this list, please consult a band director **before** you buy that instrument!

#### Flute:

Model - Yamaha 200 series 285 or 265 Rental - \$35/month used, \$45/month new + tax Purchase - \$960

#### Clarinet:

Bonade Inverted Ligature

Model – Buffet E11

Rental - \$45/month used, \$55/month new + tax

Purchase - \$1400

Mouthpiece - Vandoren 5 RV w/

#### Alto Saxophone:

Mouthpiece – Selmer C Star w/ Bonade Standard Ligature Model – Selmer AS 500 or Yamaha YAS26 Rental - \$55/month used, \$65/new + tax Purchase - Yamaha \$1630, Selmer \$1930

#### Trumpet:

Mouthpiece – Bach 3C Model – Yamaha YTR 200 AD or Bach TR300 Rental - \$35/month used, \$45/month new + tax Purchase - Both \$910

#### Trombone:

Mouthpiece – Bach 6 1/2AL Model - Yamaha YSL448G (large shank) Or Bach TB200 (large shank) Rental - \$65/month used, \$75/month new + tax Purchase – Yamaha \$1875, Bach \$2350

## **Strait Music Company**



2428 W Ben White Blvd Austin, TX 78704

Please email the directors if you have any questions.

# Akins High School Band & Color Guard 2022-2023

New Member Checklist

<u>May 2022</u>
As soon as you get your course confirmations, make sure that band is listed! If you aren't sure, contact your band director or Mr. Onibudo at Akins.
Make arrangements with a local music store (Strait Music, Music and Arts) to rent or purchase an instrument if you play one of the following instruments: flute, clarinet, alto saxophone, trumpet, or trombone. You will need this instrument before May 31!
Be on the lookout for a phone call from a current AEB member to welcome you! Feel free to ask them any questions!
Check the Akins Band website (www.akinseagleband.org) for fundraising opportunities and news. You can already start to earn money for your fees and travel!
June 2022
Attend AEB Preview Camp from May 31 to June 3 (9:00am to 4:00pm)
Enjoy your summer break!
<u>July 2022</u>
Enjoy the rest of your summer break!
Attend Kick Off Camp (Section Specific) from Monday, July 18 to Thursday, July 21
Show up at Akins HS at 7:30AM on Monday, July 25 ready to start your AEB

experience!

## CONTACT INFORMATION

#### Who can I contact with questions or concerns?

- **Directors** if you want to communicate about your student's education or anything school-related, you can contact one of the directors. (Email is the preferred method)
- **Boosters** if you want to communicate about volunteering, donating, uniforms, tailgating meals, etc., you can contact one of the Booster Board Members. See Booster section below.
- Student Leaders if your student has any questions. They can first reach out to their section leaders or other student leaders. If your student needs a ride to any rehearsal, a student leader can put them in touch with others that live in their area.

#### **DIRECTORS**

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