



ALLEN EAGLE BAND STUDENT/PARENT HANDBOOK 2006 - 2007



*****The 2006-2007 Band Handbook is on-line. Please read and review BEFORE signing and returning the Allen ISD Permission & Emergency Release form found at the end of this handbook. We must have a Permission & Emergency Release form on file for every student.**

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FORWARD

CONGRATULATIONS on your decision to be part of the fine tradition of the **AWESOME ALLEN HIGH SCHOOL EAGLE BAND!** This booklet is designed as a guide for both parents and students to give specific details concerning all aspects of the band program. For any further information, please feel free to call the Allen High School Eagle Band office at 972-727-0400 ext. 7744. Please check the website for updates throughout the year at **www.allenescadrille.org**.

BAND ORGANIZATIONS

Band is a full year course consisting of two distinct semesters or “seasons”. The fall semester is primarily considered the marching season while the spring semester is considered the concert season. The following is a brief description of the various groups that are associated with the Allen High School band program:

MARCHING BAND

Directors: Charles Pennington, Anthony Gibson, Jay Lester, Jerry Gowler, Matt Boening,
Bob Ferguson, John Bingaman, and team teaching staff

The Allen Eagle Marching Band is made up of students from **all** concert bands. When combined with the Drill Team and Color Guard, the entire group is known as the “Escadrille”. The Escadrille has a long history of great traditions, pride and excellence. The Escadrille has had several notable performances including the Tournament of Roses Parade, Macy’s Thanksgiving Day Parade, the St. Patrick’s Day Parade in Dublin, Ireland and Honolulu, Hawaii, as well as several trips to the Texas State Marching Contest, including two state championships. The marching band performs at all AHS pep rallies, at all AHS football games, and at marching contests and exhibitions. **Membership in the Marching Band is required of all band students.** The Marching Band rehearses from 7:00 a.m. through 1st period daily at the practice field and 6:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m. on Monday evenings at the stadium. Marching Band students are eligible to receive a physical education waiver for membership in Marching Band. (Maximum of 1.5 credits over 3 fall semesters)

CONCERT BAND

There are several concert bands at Allen High School. Students are placed in a concert band according to their playing ability, attitude, participation, classification, and instrumentation needs. Students may move from band to band as deemed necessary or appropriate. The concert bands provide for a wide range of playing abilities and time commitment. With team teaching, students will have the opportunity to experience full band, sectionals, and individual attention. Allen High School bands will meet 1st or 8th period and the Lowery bands will meet 1st or 2nd period during the spring semester.

WIND ENSEMBLE

Director: Anthony Gibson

The Wind Ensemble is the top performing concert band at Allen High School. This band performs college level literature and performs numerous concerts during the year. Wind Ensemble Students are required to attend sectionals outside of school time each week; moreover, they are required to audition by way of the All-State Band process and participate in U.I.L. Solo and Ensemble Contests. Members of the Wind Ensemble are expected to participate in the private lesson program. These students are very serious about improving their musical abilities; therefore, most of these students have invested in professional quality musical instruments. The Wind Ensemble performs on all major band department concerts and attends a major music festival each spring, competing against the best concert bands from across the state and the nation. This group will be comprised of students in grades 9 – 12.

SYMPHONIC BAND I

Director: Charles Pennington

The SYMPHONIC BAND I is the second level concert band at Allen High School. This band performs college and upper-level high school concert band literature. Symphonic Band I students are required to attend sectionals outside of school time each week. Students are highly encouraged to audition for All-State band and participate in U.I.L. Solo and Ensemble contests. Students are strongly encouraged to participate in the All-State audition process to be considered for placement in this ensemble. A majority of Symphonic Band members have invested in a professional quality instrument and participate in the private lesson program. The Symphonic Band I enters U.I.L. competitions each year, performs on all major band department concerts and attends a major music festival each spring, competing against the best concert bands from across the state and the nation. The Symphonic Band I serves for many students as a preparation for the Wind Ensemble. This group will be comprised of students in grades 10 – 12.

SYMPHONIC BAND II

Director: Jerry Gowler

The SYMPHONIC BAND II is the third level concert band at Allen High School. This band performs upper-level high school concert band literature. Symphonic Band II students are required to attend sectionals outside of school time each week. Students are highly encouraged to audition for All-State band and participate in U.I.L. Solo and Ensemble contests. Students are strongly encouraged to participate in the All-State audition process to be considered for placement in this ensemble. A majority of Symphonic Band members have invested in a professional quality instrument and participate in the private lesson program. The Symphonic Band I enters U.I.L. competitions each year, performs on all major band department concerts and attends a major music festival each spring, competing against the best concert bands from across the state and the nation. The Symphonic Band II serves for many students as a preparation for the Wind Ensemble. This group will be comprised of students in grades 10 – 12.

SYMPHONIC III & SYMPHONIC IV

Director: John Bingaman Director: TBA

The Symphonic Band III & IV performs high school level concert band literature. A considerable amount of time is spent in class on technical exercises in order to improve the musical abilities of these students. There are minimal outside-of-school sectionals required of students in this band. Members of Symphonic Band III & IV are highly encouraged to participate in the private lesson program. These Concert Bands perform on most band department concerts including the pre-U.I.L. concert. Students in symphonic III & IV band are also eligible to attend the spring band festival trip each year. These Concert Bands serves for many students as a preparation for higher-level bands. These groups will be comprised of students in grades 10 – 12.

LOWERY SYMPHONIC BAND I

Director: Jay Lester

The Lowery Symphonic Band I is the top performing concert band at the Lowery Freshman Center. This band performs higher-level high school concert band literature. Lowery Symphonic I students are required to attend sectionals outside of school time each week. They are required to audition for the 9th grade All-Region Band and participate in the U.I.L. Solo & Ensemble contest. These students are highly encouraged to audition for the high school All-State Band. A majority of Lowery Symphonic Band I members have invested in a professional quality instrument and participate in the private lesson program. The Lowery Symphonic Band I enters U.I.L. competitions each year, performs on all major band department concerts and attends a major music festival each spring, competing against the best concert bands from across the state and the nation. The Lowery Symphonic Band I serves as a preparation for upper level bands. This group will be comprised of freshman only.

LOWERY SYMPHONIC BAND II & SYMPHONIC III

Director: Matt Boening

Director: TBA

The Lowery Symphonic Band II & III performs high school level concert band literature. A considerable amount of time is spent in class on technical exercises in order to improve the musical abilities of these students. Lowery Symphonic II & III members may be required to attend before or after school rehearsals on occasion. Students are highly encouraged to audition for the All-Region band and participate in U.I.L. Solo & Ensemble contests. Students are also encouraged to participate in the private lesson program. The Lowery Symphonic Band II & III performs on most band department concerts including the pre-U.I.L. concert. Students in the Lowery symphonic II & III bands are also eligible to attend the spring band festival trip each year. The Lowery Symphonic Band II & III serves as a preparation for higher-level bands. These group will be comprised of freshman only.

JAZZ ENSEMBLE

Director: Jerry Gowler

The Jazz Ensemble will meet in the spring semester at AHS after school. The director of the Jazz Band will set the rehearsal schedule. Membership in the Jazz Ensemble is by audition and approval of the directors only. A student **must** be a member of one of the performing ensembles at Allen H.S. in order to be a member of the Jazz Ensemble. The Jazz Ensemble may compete/perform at U.I.L. Solo & Ensemble and a spring Jazz Festival as well as other civic events. This group will be comprised of students in grades 10 – 12.

PARTICIPATION EXPECTATIONS

A yearly band calendar is enclosed for your use in planning your family schedule for the 2006-2007 school year. **Each** band student is important to the success of our many activities. We **must** be able to count on 100% attendance at these rehearsals and performances. If a family emergency occurs unexpectedly, PARENTS, please call the band office at 972-727-0400 ext. 7744. Occasionally, there may be family commitments (weddings, graduations, etc.); in which case, we will **try** to be flexible and work with you on an individual basis. This must be discussed in detail well in advance (a month or more!).

Student job commitments and “select sports” are **NOT** reasons for an excused absence from band performances or rehearsals! Many band students work and participate in “select sports” and participate successfully in band. We suggest that these students take a copy of the “Yearly Band Calendar” to his/her employer and/or coach and clear all band performances and rehearsals. Ninety-nine percent of employers are very understanding and are flexible **if** they know of band commitments well in advance, and they understand that band performances are a **required** and vital part of the course work. Work with employers to clear the Monday night rehearsals from 6:00 – 8:00 p.m. (We are glad to talk to employers to validate student commitment.) **If a band student has an unexcused absence from a performance/rehearsal, they are subject to immediate removal from the band program.**

REHEARSAL EXPECTATIONS

In band rehearsals, we not only deal with a creative process, but also with a great deal more students at one time than do other classroom teachers. Because of this, it is imperative that band students be **organized** and **prepared** for every rehearsal. When an individual is not able to play his musical instrument during a rehearsal, it hurts the **GROUP** as well as the individual. It is important that the student’s musical instrument is in good working condition, that (s)he has a pencil to mark his music, and that (s)he has important accessories such as drill books, mutes, reeds, and valve oil for **EVERY** rehearsal. It is also obvious that the creative process that we are involved in cannot take place unless there is a quiet, attentive atmosphere in the classroom. Students who do not live up to the high rehearsal expectations of the Allen Eagle Band will be counseled, and, if necessary, moved to a lower level band or be removed from the band program completely.

GRADING

Grading in band is based upon participation, attitude, and playing evaluations. Grades for band students are usually higher than the norm. This is understandable, since we have the “cream-of-the-crop” of the student body in the band program. Students are in our program because they “want to be,” not because they “have to be!” Band students receive a grade for each performance attended... i.e., football games, concerts, competitions, etc. Students will receive additional grades based on daily participation, sectionals, playing & written tests, etc. Students must have equipment in good working order and be present at all required rehearsals and performances for their participation grade. If these expectations are not met, the participation grade will be affected.

ACADEMIC ELIGIBILITY

All music organizations adhere to the eligibility rules and regulations as stated by TEA and AISD. To be eligible at the high school level at the beginning of the school year, students must have earned the accumulated number of credits in the state-approved courses indicated below.

- ♪ Beginning of 10th grade year – 5 or more credits toward graduation
- ♪ Beginning of 11th grade year – 10 or more credits toward graduation
- ♪ Beginning of 12th grade year – 15 or more credits toward graduation

Any student whose recorded six weeks grade average **in any course** is lower than 70 at the end of a six-week period shall be suspended from participation during the next six-week period. However, a student may regain eligibility seven calendar days after the three-week evaluation period if the student is passing **all courses** on the last day of the three-school-week period. A one week grace period follows each grading and progress period.

The Allen Band Staff will enforce all eligibility rules and regulations. Students who are ineligible will continue to rehearse during his/her band class, before and after school, and participate in curricular performances to earn his/her band grade. Ineligible students may not travel with the band or participate in extracurricular performances. An example of a curricular performance would be a spring concert and an extracurricular performance would be a football halftime or any type of contest. Be advised that excessive absences from school may also result in a student being declared ineligible.

The band staff and Allen High School staff work hard to assist and encourage band students to perform up to their potential in **ALL** classes. Since both Marching Band and Concert Band are group activities, each individual band student plays an important part in the success of the group. The band staff consults both with teachers and students for strategies for improving individual student performance. Obviously, we cannot be successful as a band unless our students are successfully passing **ALL** classes.

Students who repeatedly become ineligible will be counseled and placed on a probation plan in an effort to improve their academic success.

CHAIR PLACEMENT/CHALLENGES

Chair placement in all Concert Bands is on the basis of playing auditions. Chair placement auditions may be held throughout the school year. Students are placed in chair order **only** on the basis of “how they perform” the audition music. The classification of a student is no factor, unless the students play equally. In that case, the student in the higher grade will be placed ahead of the younger student.

Wind Ensemble/Symphonic I chair order will be determined by the results of the All-State Band Audition process. A panel of five specialists will rank each student – thus determining, through this process, Allen students’ chair order (ALL Wind Ensemble students are required to audition).

Marching spots are decided in a similar fashion. If someone wishes to challenge for a spot, (s)he must inform the person they are challenging 24 hours in advance. The directors will pick the cuts to be played from the contest show. Challenges will be held only on Monday, and at Monday night’s rehearsal. Other days may be used if necessary. The directors’ decision of any challenge will be final.

PRIVATE LESSONS

All students are encouraged to take private lessons in order to improve their individual playing skills. While directors are skilled instructors on the various instruments in the band, there is simply no substitution for private instruction received from someone who is considered to be a professional performer on a particular instrument. We are extremely fortunate in Allen to have numerous professional private lesson teachers available to help students reach that “next level” of performance. Many of the private teachers are or have been affiliated with the many professional performing groups located in the Dallas/Ft. Worth area such as the *Dallas Wind Symphony*, the *Dallas Symphony Orchestra*, the *Fort Worth Ballet*, *Dallas Opera Orchestra*, *Dallas Summer Musicals*, etc. The Allen directors will assist band students in scheduling lessons with the qualified teachers; however, we suggest you be aggressive in “locking in” with a teacher as soon as possible. Private lessons are a **must** for serious band students. Individual instruction from a qualified specialist on an individual musical instrument can make “all the difference” in a student’s progress on his musical instrument, thus making for a more enjoyable experience in Band. A complete listing of our private music instructors are listed on the Allen Escadrille website.

USE OF BAND HALL FACILITIES

Students are **welcome** to use the band hall practice rooms for practice either before or after school. Sometimes, however, the number of available places is limited, since both sectionals and private lessons take place before and after school. Due to the many **thousands** of dollars worth of musical instruments that are in the band hall, we do ask that **ONLY** band students come into the band hall during the school day **and** before or after school. Students must ask their friends who are not in the band to wait for them either in the school hallway or outside. The Band Room is a “safe haven.” We stress to all band students to be responsible and keep their equipment **LOCKED UP** in their lockers at all times. If instruments are left unlocked, they may be confiscated and a storage fee will assessed to “bail” out the instrument. Many times “clean-up” duty is assigned to those “untidy” housekeepers to help develop orderly skills.

SCHOOL INSTRUMENTS

Allen ISD provides school musical instruments in the double reed and low woodwind section and selected low brass and percussion sections for \$100.00 per year. These instruments are quite costly (example: concert Tuba - \$6,000) and are not normally owned by individuals. All of these instruments are sent to the repair shop and reconditioned during the summer. **Any damage or normal adjustment during the year is the responsibility of the band student who has signed for the instrument.** We expect the instrument to be returned in the same condition as when issued. Dings, dents, and other damage will be repaired at the student’s expense. The \$100.00 fee covers the end-of-year flush and cleaning, as well as annual maintenance required of all instruments. Allen ISD carries **NO** insurance on school instruments. If the instrument is stolen while checked out to a student, it is the **student’s responsibility** to replace the instrument. Many parents carry an insurance rider to cover a checked-out school musical instrument. In addition, students may obtain inexpensive coverage on a school or privately owned instrument from the *Music Agency, Inc.*, Arlington, Texas. Application forms for this insurance are available online.

BAND UNIFORMS

Uniform Specialist: Cathy Anderson
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It is a **privilege** to wear the Allen High School Band uniform. Make sure you have all parts of the uniform at each performance. **KEEP YOUR UNIFORM CLEAN AND PRESSED!** If your uniform does not meet the high standard required in the Allen Eagle Band, you are subject to being removed from a performance or not traveling with the band. This uniform is a symbol of pride and will be worn accordingly. **You must wear all of the uniform (minus the hat) or none of the uniform!** Most students choose to wear lightweight “white” shorts with a plain white T-shirt under their uniform, giving them the option to remove it at appropriate times. If a band member is seen wearing the uniform incorrectly **at any time**, 50 push-ups or the uniform will be asked of that student! Band uniforms are not to be worn at eating establishments, after games or performances, or to social functions. Eating and drinking soft drinks should be done before you put on or after you remove your uniform. Here are some dos and don’ts that will help you and your uniform look great at all times:



- ♫ **DO:** remember your white t-shirt (no logo's), black/white socks, and marching shoes each time you will be wearing your uniform.
- ♫ **DO NOT:** remove any material from the uniform if alterations are necessary.
- ♫ **DO:** transport your uniform in a garment bag and your hat in the hat box. Every time!
- ♫ **DO NOT:** store your uniform in the garment bag. This will cause it to mildew and get that “funny” smell. This odor will never leave the garment. EVER!
- ♫ **DO:** take extra time and care when hanging up your uniform. Pants hang folded on the crease, not the seat.
- ♫ **DO:** Always store your hat in its hat box.
- ♫ **DO:** take your uniform to the dry cleaners periodically – not just before UIL and at the end of the season. Your uniform and the people you sit by will thank you.
- ♫ **DO NOT:** attempt to wash and/or dry your uniform at home.
- ♫ **DO:** remember to bring your instrument in spite of your excitement over your uniform!

UNIFORM ACCESSORIES

The Allen Eagle Band uniform and all the major accessories are provided by AISD. Band students will need to provide:

- ♫ A pair of **black & white Drillmaster Band Shoes**. (Tennis shoes or dress shoes are not acceptable.)
- ♫ A pair of **black and white socks**
- ♫ A **men's plain (no logo's) white t-shirt** to be worn under the marching jacket.
 - ♫ (NO sleeveless or muscle shirts will be allowed)
- ♫ A **sturdy garment bag** to carry the uniform in on band trips (Boosters will provide information on clothes bags available with the AHS Band emblem and individual student initials). Students may provide their own sturdy garment bag, however, plastic garbage bags or bags from the cleaners are not acceptable.

Shoe fitting and cost information will be provided during registration at the beginning of each year. Shoes will be ordered in bulk to insure low cost and uniformity of style.

BAND SHIRT

All band students are required to purchase an Allen Eagle **Band Polo Shirt** at the beginning of each school year. These shirts are worn tucked in at pep rallies, the Escadrille Watermelon Bust, trip activities, and at other performances where less formal attire is appropriate.

BAND LETTER JACKETS

A jacket will be presented to senior students who have served the high school band program well. Students must have participated in the band program from the time of their enrollment in high school before their senior year and must participate through graduation of their senior year. Students will attend all performances and U.I.L. activities. Exceptions will be granted at the discretion of the band director (illness, deaths, etc.). Students not adhering to written disciplinary policies of the school and band will forfeit their eligibility for the senior award jacket. Any violation of these rules during their senior year may result in the forfeiture of the jacket. The student must uphold the goals and standards of the band. It is understood that withdrawal or dismissal from the band prior to graduation of his/her senior year results in forfeiture of the jacket. A band student with a physical handicap, who meets all other requirements, but cannot march, may qualify for an award after serving three years. Additional ways to earn a letter jacket are as follows: make Area Band or earn a 1st

division on a solo at the state U.I.L. solo & ensemble contest. These students will be eligible to receive a letter jacket the following year, regardless of grade classification.

FOOTBALL GAME POLICY

Normal school policy dictates that band student's ride to, and return from all off-campus performances as a group using transportation provided by the district. On **rare** occasions, an emergency or conflict with other school-sponsored events necessitates that parents provide transportation to or from an off-campus performance. In such a situation a note signed by the parent should be presented to a director, and one of the directors must physically see the parent take the student. This protects both the parents and the school. Any other types of releases from a performance must be cleared **in advance** through the office of Allen High School Principal.

Football games are fun, and we are there to support the team. However, we must maintain a class act at all times. Band members can stand up and YELL and SCREAM in support of the team throughout the game, but should always remain in his/her "spot." It is important to remain alert concerning all of the expensive equipment around you as well as the need to be ready to play at a moment's notice. **Only band students are allowed in the band section.**

FUND RAISING

All out-of-town band festival trips (football trips and UIL events excluded) are funded completely by band members, either through private sources (student jobs, parents, etc.) or through student fund-raising. Individual student accounts for festival trips are set up and administered through the high school. Profits from fund-raising activities or other deposits to trip funds are maintained/supervised by the director and administrative assistant. Specific payment schedules are set up for spring trips. Students are subject to being dropped from the spring festival trip if published payment schedules are not adhered to. During the year if you need any specific information concerning individual account balances, etc., contact the office via e-mail at Kelly_Kendlehart@allenisd.org.

INDIVIDUAL ACCOUNT GUIDELINES

1. Profits gained from individual fund-raising projects are placed in the student activity accounts in the student's name.
2. A student's individual account is non-transferable to another student (does not apply to siblings).
3. If a band student drops from the band program, moves, or is removed from the band program, all fundraising monies in his/her individual account revert to the general account, **SINCE THE MONEY WAS RAISED IN THE NAME OF THE BAND.** **This includes March-a-Thon donations (tax-deductible) that would be non-refundable.
4. Money earned over-and-above basic trip costs (up to \$100.00) will be refunded to the individual student for additional trip expenses.
5. Funds raised in the current school year may be carried over to the next school year up to a maximum of \$100 over the cost of this year's trip.
6. **CASH DEPOSITS** (not from fund-raising profits) **are** refundable, provided they are requested in writing before published trip refund deadlines.

STUDENT LEADERSHIP

We are extremely fortunate at Allen High School to have **outstanding** student leaders. These students are **invaluable** to the success of the band program. The band staff selects Drum Majors and Section Leaders for the following school year. These appointments are subjective and based on a holistic evaluation of a student from every aspect of their band experience including, but not limited to: playing ability, attendance/promptness, citizenship, academic achievement, discipline, initiative, and leadership skills/potential as it relates to the band environment. While all students have an opportunity to be considered for one of these appointed leadership positions, it should be understood that only a limited number of positions can be filled and will vary from year to year. As a member of the Allen Band there is an expectation for ALL students to foster and develop positive leadership skills regardless of title.

Band Council elections are held each spring for the following school year. Students who will be in the band program and in the 10th, 11th, or 12th grades the next school year are eligible to vote for band council officers. Interested students may receive more detailed information concerning these offices from the band staff. Band Council officers act in a service role coordinating and assisting in all band functions. The council also provides leadership in spirit activities and works to develop friendly relationships between the Allen Eagle Band and bands from other schools.

BAND COUNCIL

President – Renee Hagelberg
Vice President – Veronica Merrick
Secretary/Treasurer – Maria Guilbeau
Chaplain – Blake Foster
Historian – Jordonn Smith
Publicity Chairman – Kristin Adams

DRUM MAJORS:

Erik Carlsen-Landy, Lauri Dossman, Eric Mills, Julia Vasinda

SECTION LEADERS

Flute: Lindsay Crowley, Maria Guilbeau, Rachel Mimms, Rachel Rewitzer

Clarinet: Kristin Adams, Lauren Blanchard, Alex Brown, Kaelen Henze

Alto Saxophone: Rachael Sisney, Zack Sutton

Low Saxophone: Collin Heller

Bass Clarinet: Rachael Harvey

Trumpet: Krista Butler, Dani Cotton, Renee Hagelberg, Mark Reidmiller

Horn: Christelle Gibson, Ashley Jacobson, Alex Worsham

Trombone: Tony Boyle, Kevin Wangler, Aric Yarberr

Baritone: Kyle Harvey, Tyler Osterhaus, Gordon Pinkerton

Tuba: Tom Keim

Percussion: Steven Breedlove

QUARTERMASTERS: Alex Brown, Lauren Baker, Michelle Bedenbaugh, Sarah Bruderer, Ashley Jacobson, Kelly Mercer, Taylor Pate, Kristen Perry, Rachel Rewitzer, Rachel Rook

TALLETETTES & COLOR GUARD

The Allen Tallenettes and the Allen Color Guard are supportive auxiliary groups to the Allen Eagle Band as well as viable performing groups in their own right. They maintain the highest standards of quality in membership and performance. These groups may consist of non-instrumental students of AHS or band students.

Tallenette Officers

Captains: Kristin Cazalot and Mallorie Gabe

Lieutenants: Whitney Cook, Lindsay Tober, Brooke Westback, Kelly Wells, Morgan Johnson,
Taylor Haney

Color Guard Officers

Captain: Michelle Sereno

1st Lieutenant: Meagan Womack

Lieutenants: Dana Moody, Stefanie Nicholas

BAND BOOSTERS

The Allen Eagle Band has a very active, supportive parent organization known as the Allen Eagle Band Booster Association. The booster association includes parents from band and color guard. Without the hard work and dedication of the parents, the band program at Allen could not be as successful and productive as it is. There are numerous areas in which interested parents can be involved in supporting the activities of the band. General meetings of the boosters are held throughout the school year; however, numerous committees do most of the booster organization planning.

Members of the Allen Eagle Band Booster Association Executive Committee for 2006-2007 are:

President	Ken and Susan Fulk	972-727-1426
1st VP Membership	Tim Love	214-808-5330
2nd VP Ways & Means	Lisa Stone	214-509-0050
	Julia Downing	972-678-0875
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4th VP Concessions	Gerri Walk	972-396-9047
	Sue Heidt	972-562-4487
5th VP Volunteer Coordinator	Denise Sherwood	972-390-7152
	Don Howard	972-727-1058
6th VP Publicity	Kathy & Michael Hay	972-727-2172
Treasurer	Elizabeth Rewitzer	214-585-0113
Secretary/Historian	Major Lytton	972-898-7312
Food Services	Ron Poe	972-549-0051
Social Coordinator	Karen Cromwell	469-675-0096
	Cheryl Goodwin	972-678-0748

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OFF CAMPUS TRAVEL POLICIES - GENERAL

Students who represent the Allen ISD on out-of-town trips are expected to maintain very high standards in every respect at all times. They are expected to attend and be on time for all sessions and activities scheduled for them. In the event of overnight trips, they are expected to be in their rooms at the times designated by their sponsors.

Each student will be responsible to one or more faculty sponsors who will supervise the activities of the student for the trip. Negligence in attending sessions, in meeting curfew requirements, or in failing to maintain our standards of conduct may make it necessary for the sponsor to send the student home at his/her own expense.

Student conduct on school-related trips: Self-discipline is the key element for a pleasant experience for both the sponsor and the student when the student is on a school-related trip. Students who are involved in a serious disciplinary offense on a school-related trip, such as the use, possession of, or being under the influence of illegal drugs or alcohol, stealing, fighting, going in the room of a member of the opposite sex, or some other serious offense will face disciplinary action which may include one or more of the following:

1. The student will be sent home from the trip at the parents' expense.
2. The student will be held liable for damages to property.
3. The student may be removed from this school activity as well as other school co-curricular activities.
4. The student may be placed in In-School-Suspension (ISS), Off-Campus-Suspension, or Alternative Education Placement.

Students' attire during school activities outside the school day should be in good taste. If there is any question of taste, the director's decision is final. All adults on trips serve as sponsors. Students will be expected to treat them with respect at all times. In the event a parent sponsor gives needed supervision, band students must honor that with utmost respect.

GENERAL – Even though you will not always have a band shirt on, people will find out where you are from. You have the opportunity to make a tremendous name for Allen and for yourself. Be courteous and polite at all times. There is no way we can anticipate every possible scenario, so we ask for good judgement. Please use common sense. RULE OF THUMB: If there is any question in your mind as to whether you should do something or not...DON'T DO IT! It is better to be safe than sorry.

WE ARE CONFIDENT THAT THERE WILL BE NO PROBLEMS. IF WE ANTICIPATED A PROBLEM, WE WOULD NOT TRAVEL.

ALLEN ISD PERFORMING ARTS PERMISSION AND EMERGENCY RELEASE

As part of its educational program, the Allen Independent School District ("AISD") has organized a variety of educational and learning activities and trips in which your child will have an opportunity to participate. These trips and activities are designed to benefit students by providing unique learning experiences and exposure to new and different people and places in a supervised setting. School personnel will keep you informed of the upcoming activities in which you child will have the opportunity to participate.

I, the undersigned, the parent and/or legal guardian of the student identified below, a minor, hereby acknowledge that said minor is presently under my care, custody and control. I hereby give the student identified below my express permission to travel with school personnel on the educational enrichment activities and trips the school has planned and to participate in all scheduled activities involved in the trip or activity.

In the event of an emergency necessitating medical attention to the student identified below, I hereby authorize that treatment be given by qualified and licensed medical personnel. I understand that I will be notified as soon as possible and that all expenses incurred in treatment will be assumed either directly by me or by my insurance coverage as noted.

I acknowledge that liability of AISD, the AISD Board of Trustees, and any agents, employees, representatives, insurers, successors, and assignees of the entities just named, is narrowly defined and extremely limited by Texas law and local policy.

HEALTH AND MEDICAL QUESTIONNAIRE

Student's Name: _____ Sex _____ Age _____ Date of Birth ____/____/____
Last First MI

Present Address: _____
Street City State Zip

Parents or Legal Guardians: _____ Home Telephone: _____ Cell Phone#: _____

Other responsible party: _____ Home Telephone: _____ Business Telephone: _____

Health Insurance Co.: _____ Policy Number: _____ Health Ins. Tel. # _____

Medical History of Student: (Please check Yes or No)			** Please check medication your child can receive					
	Yes	No		Yes	No	Yes	No	
Diabetes	___	___	Dizziness	___	___	Acetaminophen (Tylenol)	___	___
Drug Allergies	___	___	Convulsions	___	___	Ibuprofen (Advil)	___	___
Asthma	___	___	High Blood Pressure	___	___	Throat Lozenges/cough drops	___	___
Epilepsy	___	___	Heart Disease	___	___	Antacids (Tums)	___	___
Fainting Spells	___	___	Stomach Disorder	___	___	Lotions, Creams, ointments	___	___
Kidney Disease	___	___	Hay Fever	___	___	Diphenhydramine (Benadryl)	___	___
Liver Disease	___	___						
						Parent/Guardian Signature		

Surgery/ies (within the last year): _____

Emotional problem (i.e. hyperventilation, hysteria): _____

Serious medical problems not mentioned above: _____

Tetanus (last injection date): _____ Allergies to drugs: _____

Allergies to foods & other agents: _____

List ANY medications the student might have cause to use on a trip (i.e. anti-convulsive, anti-histamine, insulin, any tranquilizer, etc.)

Please describe any medical/mental problems which the student might have which have not been covered on this form and about which you think the directors should know. _____

STUDENT/PARENT AUTHORIZATION & RELEASE
FOR OFF-CAMPUS ACTIVITIES

The Allen Independent School District (“AISD”) offers a variety of learning activities at designated off-campus locations in which students will have an opportunity to participate. I hereby give permission for my son/daughter to participate in the various off-campus activities associated with the Allen Performing Arts program. I understand that AISD may not provide transportation to and from all activities. Students are expected to use school transportation to and from ALL activities, if provided. In the event that AISD does not provide such transportation, I further understand that I must provide transportation for my son/daughter as a condition of his/her participation in that activity.

In consideration for allowing my son/daughter to participate in off-campus activities, I knowingly and voluntarily agree to assume full responsibility and assume all risk for any accident, loss, damage, and injuries he or she may sustain as a result of or arising out of any aspect of the activity. Furthermore, I, on behalf of myself, my son/daughter named below, our respective family members, and our respective heirs, legatees, executors, administrators, and assignees, hereby agree to release, acquit, discharge, and hold harmless AISD, the AISD Board of Trustees, and any agents, employees, representatives, insurers, successors, and assignees of the entities just named from any and all claims, demands, liabilities, actions or causes of action, of whatever kind or character, whether known or unknown, whether arising out of federal, state, or local statute or common law, including claims resulting from negligence, that I or my son/daughter may sustain arising out of any aspect of the off-campus activity, including, but not limited to, driving or riding to or from the off-campus activity.

PARENT/GUARDIAN – STUDENT RELEASE & AGREEMENT

I HAVE **DISCUSSED** AND **REVIEWED** ALL THE INFORMATION IN THE HANDBOOK WITH MY SON/DAUGHTER, AND I UNDERSTAND ITS CONTENTS AND MY RESPONSIBILITY AS TO THESE POLICIES AND CONDITIONS. MY SON/DAUGHTER HAS MY PERMISSION TO ATTEND DISTRICT AND OUT-OF-DISTRICT TRIPS AND SCHOOL-SPONSORED EXTRA-CURRICULAR AND CO-CURRICULAR ACTIVITIES. I UNDERSTAND THAT ALLEN ISD AND ALLEN HIGH SCHOOL WILL NOT BE LIABLE FOR INJURIES AND MEDICAL COST FOR STUDENTS. MY SIGNATURE ALSO SERVES AS PERMISSION FOR MY SON/DAUGHTER TO OBTAIN MEDICAL TREATMENT ON A SCHOOL-SPONSORED TRIP.

Student Name (PRINT)

Parent/Guardian Name (PRINT)

Student SIGNATURE

Parent/Guardian SIGNATURE

Date

Date