

**ALAMO HEIGHTS  
HIGH SCHOOL  
*MIGHTY MULE*  
*BAND***



***MEMBERS HANDBOOK***

***2017 - 2018***

**ALAMO HEIGHTS BAND MEMBERS HANDBOOK**

**I. INTRODUCTION**

The Alamo Heights Band is the proud name applied to all the bands and color guard in the Alamo Heights High School band program. Included are the marching bands, several concert bands, jazz band, and color guard. Additionally, Alamo Heights Band members have the opportunity and are encouraged or required to participate as Band representatives in UIL solo and ensemble contests and in the District, Area and State band competitions.

Furtherance of the Alamo Heights Bands' efforts toward excellence and accomplishment requires cooperation and dedication from the students, parents, directors and administration. The purpose of this handbook is to acquaint members and parents with the Alamo Heights Band Program and to provide information on its operation. This handbook sets out the band goals, responsibilities and commitment of band members, a clear, concise statement of the rules and requirements of the band, and other general information, which will be of use to students and to parents. If you have any questions or concerns about any information in this handbook or about the band generally, you may contact the band directors.

All band members and their parents are requested to read this handbook thoroughly and must sign the consent and agreement form to indicate their consent to and commitment to comply with the band rules and requirements, as a condition of participation in the Alamo Heights Band. Please keep this handbook for future reference and return the acknowledgment as required.

Some abbreviations and terms that will be used throughout this handbook and their meanings are as follows:

UIL.....University Interscholastic League

AHISD .....Alamo Heights Independent School District

AHHS .....Alamo Heights High School

Alamo Heights Band .....unless otherwise indicated, the AHHS band program  
Mighty Mule Band or Band

Band Functions..... are all official activities of the band, both scheduled and called, and include all rehearsals (including during class periods and after or before school) sectionals, performances, competitions, exhibitions, required fundraisers, and trips.

Band Director.....the singular term is usually used in this Handbook, but in many such instances, either the band director or either of the assistant band directors or the band director and one or both of the assistants acting together do or can take the discussed action, etc.

## **II. GOALS, RESPONSIBILITY AND COMMITMENT**

### **ALAMO HEIGHTS BAND GOALS**

AHISD places strong emphasis on individual musical awareness and enrichment. The Alamo Heights Band provides this awareness and enrichment through and prides itself on concert, marching and individual performance opportunities. The Band offers students all levels of music literature and musical skill that are both enhancing and challenging. The Alamo Heights Band has been and will remain an active part of the AHHS campus life and SPIRIT!

The Alamo Heights Band continually strives for excellence by building upon past successes to achieve even greater success and accomplishment in marching, concert, jazz band, and in individual performance. Each individual Alamo Heights Band member should develop and mature in character, loyalty, dependability, dedication, leadership and musical skills while substantially contributing to the success of the Alamo Heights Band. The Alamo Heights Band seeks to enhance each member's high school experience, to provide each member the best possible music education and band experience and to help develop character traits that will positively serve those members throughout their lives.

### **BAND MEMBER RESPONSIBILITY AND COMMITMENT**

The opportunity to participate in co-curricular activities in the AHISD, such as band, is a privilege. Students who accept the privilege of participating in co-curricular activities must recognize that they are representatives of AHISD and AHHS and will be held to a higher standard of conduct in both school related and non-school related activities. Furthermore, the privilege of participating in the Alamo Heights Band requires that each member be fully committed to the goals of the band and to do all that is necessary to achieve those goals.

All band members must follow all applicable state laws, AHISD policies, AHHS rules, UIL rules and Alamo Heights Band rules and requirements at all times. Those laws, policies and rules, however, establish only the minimally acceptable behavior. To achieve the goals of the band, far more than minimally acceptable behavior and minimal effort is required. All band members must strive to further the goals of the band and to meet their responsibilities to the band. All band members must, at all times, assume personal responsibility for improving their individual musical skills and each of the bands of which they are members by their actions and attitude. Specifically to those ends, all members should use every band function, rehearsals particularly and sectionals, to further their knowledge and ability as much as possible and to promote the band's excellence overall. In every performance, all members should be prepared to, and should strive to, give their best possible individual performance and to make a significant and positive contribution to the best possible performance of the band. Members must not undermine the efforts of the band and the Band Directors, Drum Majors, officers, and student leaders through poor attitude or effort, but rather, at all times, all members must approach every undertaking with a positive attitude and full and sincere effort.

## **III. RULES AND REQUIREMENTS**

To achieve the Alamo Heights Band's goals, it is essential that all members comply with all band rules and requirements. This section of the Handbook sets out and explains, as necessary, the rules and requirements of band membership and clearly identifies and gives notice of the conduct for which band members may be disciplined and the possible disciplinary measures that may be imposed. There are specific rules and requirements applicable to certain circumstances. The general violations specified in the following section may be covered or explained elsewhere, but are included in that section to provide a general overview of prohibited conduct. It is the intent to provide in this handbook notice that any improper conduct in any circumstance may subject an Alamo Heights Band member to disciplinary action.

Under AHISD policy, the Alamo Heights Band rules and requirements are independent of the student code of conduct of AHHS and AHISD. Violations of the band rules and requirements that also constitute violations of the student code of conduct may subject a member to independent disciplinary action under both.

## **BAND DISCIPLINE PLAN (BDP)**

For a violation of any State law, AHISD policy, AHHS rule, UIL rule, Alamo Heights Band rule or requirement, the following disciplinary actions may be imposed:

1. Correction or counseling
2. Parental conferences or notification
3. Exclusion from a band function or functions
4. Loss of marching band spot or concert band chair
5. Exclusion or removal from band office or other position
6. Exclusion or removal from the band

The disciplinary action imposed in each instance will be at the discretion of the band director considering the nature and severity of the conduct, the circumstances of the conduct, its frequency and prior warnings or action, consistency of action considering other situations, and other relevant factors.

In addition to possible disciplinary action for violation of or failure to comply with other specific rules and requirements, disciplinary action under the BDP may be imposed for any of the following:

1. Violation of any state law, AHISD policy, or AHHS rules regarding drugs, alcohol or tobacco.
2. Unexcused absence from any band function.
3. Unexcused tardy from any band function.
4. Failure to be properly prepared for any band function.
5. Failure to properly care for or loss of any band property including music, instrument or uniform.
6. Failure to play-off music.
7. Using, tampering with or improper treatment of another band member's instrument, music, uniform, or other property.
8. Failure to timely check-in equipment.
9. Poor participation in any band function.
10. Improper behavior at any band function.
11. Improper behavior in or treatment of the band hall or any band or school property.
12. Disrespectful or other improper treatment of directors, instructors, or band officers or student leaders.
13. Failure to follow the instructions and directions of band directors, instructors, officers and student leaders.
14. Conduct, which has a negative effect on the morale or discipline of other band members.
15. Conduct which has an incidental, but real, adverse impact on the reputation of the Alamo Heights Band, AHHS or AHISD.

## **ATTENDANCE AND BAND CALENDAR**

To assist Band members in planning and scheduling, the band calendar will be posted in the band hall and will also be given to every band member. **In addition, parents and students can go to the [www.alamoheightsband.com](http://www.alamoheightsband.com) website to see the calendar at any time.** Band members will be given advance notice of any changes in the monthly calendar. Band members are solely responsible for being familiar with the calendar and attending all scheduled band functions.

Because the Alamo Heights Band functions as a "team" and counts on each member, each member's prompt attendance at all band functions is crucial to the success of the band. Each band member is responsible to be in the required location, properly attired (in the full proper uniform as required), with his or her instrument and all necessary music, equipment, etc. at or before the appointed time and in sufficient time to answer roll call.

Absence from or tardiness to a band function, particularly a rehearsal, sectional or performance, may subject the member to discipline under the BDP, including the lowering of the member's grade or loss of spot or chair for a first occurrence.

A member's work/ employment, club sports, or other rehearsals are NOT an excuse for absence from or tardiness to a band function without prior approval from a director. If possible, elective doctor's appointments are to be scheduled at times other than when band has rehearsals.

**The nature of the activity is such that no amount of individual effort can substitute for group participation. Any absence, whether due to illness or other circumstance, is impossible to make up. Therefore, students who miss rehearsal repeatedly, regardless of the reason, compromise the progress of the group and cannot be allowed to continue to participate.**

### **BAND HALL/REHEARSAL RULES**

Band members should care for the band hall as if it were their own home. Much time and effort are spent in our band hall, thus proper care and treatment of the facilities will make its use more enjoyable. Rules applicable to rehearsals and to the use of the band hall are as follows:

1. Rehearsals and classes start ON TIME. Have your instrument and proper equipment (mallets, reeds, etc.) and be ready to start on time.
2. You must have your music, coordinate sheets, mutes, and pencils.
3. Follow all applicable laws and rules and teacher instructions.
4. Do not talk during rehearsals unless asked to do so.
5. Do not leave class without permission.
6. Instruments, music, and equipment must be stored in the correct place.
7. Do not deface (write on, etc.) walls, stands, equipment or furniture.
8. Have respect for others and their property.
9. Do not use the band hall as your playground.
10. Non-band members are asked to stay out of the band hall.
11. Do not consume drinks or food or chew gum in the band hall.

Any failure to comply with these rules may subject the member to discipline under the BDP.

### **CELL PHONES**

Cell phones are an important piece of communication in today's society. Alamo Heights High School policy states that students may use their phones during class with teacher approval. Due to the nature of our class, we are developing high-level awareness, and phones distract from this type of skill development. Students should not have phones visible during any type of rehearsal.

### **INSTRUMENT INSURANCE AND DAMAGED OR LOST PROPERTY**

Members who use any AHISD provided instrument must complete all the necessary forms required by AHISD. Failure to complete the paperwork in a timely manner may result in the member losing the privilege of using AHISD instruments and other possible action under the BDP. All students who use any Alamo Heights ISD provided instrument will be obligated to pay a \$100.00 annual rental fee imposed by AHISD. This includes all percussionists. Any student that does not take care of their school instrument will be assessed a fine to cover the additional cost of maintenance for an instrument that is not cared for.

All members should insure their instruments; particularly members who use AHISD owned instruments. Any damage to or loss of instruments, equipment or other property (other than normal wear) may subject the member to disciplinary action under the BDP and will be repaired or replaced at the sole expense of the responsible member.

### **ALAMO HEIGHTS BAND UNIFORM AND APPEARANCE RULES**

We have a beautiful uniform that needs to be well taken care of during the year. Pride in our organization is an attitude that develops success!

## **A. Check Out**

1. The Alamo Heights Band uniforms are the property of AHISD. Your band uniform should be kept clean at all times. You will pay a uniform cleaning fee. However, if the uniform is returned in an excessively unkempt condition, you will be responsible for paying an additional cleaning fee.
2. The uniforms may need to be altered when they are issued to you. **Do not** cut any material and please allow our uniform crew to do the altering.
3. Clean black marching shoes and plain, long black socks are to be worn with the uniform at all times. Clean cotton gloves are to be worn during the marching season. Woodwind players may cut out the fingertips of the gloves in order to facilitate playing.
4. Always wear your current Alamo Heights Band show t-shirt and light-weight shorts with your uniform.
5. Remove all jewelry and put it away before you put your uniform on.
6. Colored fingernail polish and make-up is not allowed when wearing the uniform.
7. When hats are worn, long hair must be pinned up. There should be no hair hanging down past the collar. Without the hat, hair must still be worn off of the collar with a ponytail holder that matches the color of your hair.
8. Shoes should be cleaned and polished before EACH performance.

## **INSPECTION**

Prior to ROLL CALL for all band functions, band members must be dressed in the complete announced uniform in accordance with the Alamo Heights Band Uniform and Appearance Rules.

Inspections are held before boarding buses and at performance sites. If any failure to comply with the Uniform Policies or failure to have the proper instrument, equipment and music cannot be corrected prior to boarding buses or a performance, the member **WILL NOT PARTICIPATE** in that band function, and may be subject to further discipline under the BDP.

## **MEMBERS MUST TRAVEL WITH BAND**

The Band frequently travels and participates in activities away from AHHS. All band members are required to travel to and from band functions in vehicles, which are provided or approved, by the school officials and/or AHISD. Any exception to this rule must be:

1. Made **IN ADVANCE** upon a written request from the parent/guardian and approved by the Band Director.
2. Arrangements for the member's equipment must be made before departure.
3. The member **WILL NOT** be surrendered to anyone other than his/her parent/guardian unless the written request signed by the parent/guardian directs that the member be surrendered to a specifically named, responsible individual.
4. Before a member may leave the band, the parent/guardian or other individual to whom the member is to be surrendered and the member must together report their departure to the head chaperone or band director.

If this procedure is not followed, the member must return with the band or may be subject to discipline under the BDP.

## **GENERAL TRAVEL AND EVENT RULES**

Activities away from AHHS require particular responsibility and cooperation from band members. In addition to other applicable laws, policies and rules, the following specific rules are in effect for and applicable to all members for all such activities, unless instructed otherwise by the band director. Band Association chaperones usually accompany the band on these trips. On trips in which chaperones are not present, the band director or other supervising adult will perform the functions of chaperones specified in these rules and should be consulted accordingly. Failure to comply with any of the following rules may subject a member to discipline under the BDP.

At any time while traveling or at an event or band Function, each member must:

1. immediately notify a chaperone of illness or injury.
2. not possess any medication, prescription or non-prescription. Chaperones will give members medication allowed on the member's medical form.
3. refrain from loud or disruptive behavior.
4. follow any and all bus rules for AHISD buses and Charter Companies.
5. not bring food or drinks or eat or drink except refreshments provided to all members.
6. not bring or have any personal property that is not required for the event (i.e., caps, hats, purses, backpacks, jewelry, etc.) CHAPERONES, BUS DRIVERS, ETC. CANNOT AND WILL NOT BE RESPONSIBLE FOR ANY SUCH ITEMS.
7. stay with the Band at all times unless escorted (i.e. to the restroom) by chaperones.
8. act respectfully at all times.

## **BUS TRAVEL RULES**

Only band members and assigned chaperones are allowed on the band buses. Upon arrival at a destination, Band members should remain seated on the bus until instructed to exit the bus. When instructed to exit, members must, without unnecessary delay, talking and activity, exit promptly, get their instruments and equipment, and assemble in the designated area. Playing instruments while exiting or entering buses and assembling is prohibited. Students should return to buses immediately after each event unless otherwise instructed by the chaperone chairperson or the directors. Any failure to comply with these rules or the applicable General Travel and Event Rules may subject the member to discipline under the BDP.

## **FOOTBALL GAME STADIUM RULES**

Only band members and assigned chaperones are allowed in the band section at the stadium. Visitors may be allowed in special circumstances, but only with the permission of the band director. Band members will remain in the band section at all times unless accompanied by a chaperone. NO FOOD OR DRINK MAY BE BROUGHT TO ANY MEMBER BY ANY OTHER PERSON. Any failure to comply with these rules or the applicable General Travel and Event Rules may subject the member to discipline under the BDP.

## **FOOTBALL GAME DAY REQUIREMENTS**

Cheering in the stands is to remain positive and constructive. Offensive and/or abusive language or actions will not be tolerated. As the largest single organization in the stadium, you need to set a positive example for the rest of the audience.

## **GRADING SYSTEM**

Grades will be divided into three categories: Participation 40%, Performance 30%, and Assessment 30%

1. Participation – Students are expected to be present and prompt and have all equipment needed to participate successfully in the band class or rehearsal. Students will earn one grade per week in this category.
2. Performance – Students will earn one grade for each performance (game, concert, pep-rally, etc) that they attend and in which they participate.
3. Assessment – Students will have required playing tests in which they must demonstrate a level of mastery on that music. Students must perform the test at a level of 97% or better in order to receive a 100 in the gradebook. Any performance of less than 97% will give the student a 50 in the gradebook, but the student may replay the test for a director anytime before the end of the grading period to bring that grade to a 100.

## **BAND PLACEMENT**

The marching position or spot, or concert chair of each member is decided based upon musical ability, attitude, compliance with rules, and academic eligibility. All members must formally audition bi-annually for placement in a concert band and class period. Members' marching band performance will be evaluated during all rehearsals.

## **ELIGIBILITY**

Understanding eligibility rules can be confusing. A student becomes ineligible only if his/her nine weeks grade, or the first six weeks of the school year in any one class is a 69 or below. The penalty period, which begins one week after the grade is issued, lasts for 3 weeks. During this time, the 3-week progress report will determine whether the student remains ineligible or not. It is important to understand that progress reports cannot cause a student to become ineligible, but can extend it. Bottom line: Pass all classes.

## **MEDICAL CONSENT AND OTHER FORMS REQUIREMENTS**

To enjoy the privileges of engaging in certain Band functions, particularly the band trip, AHISD policy and band rules require that members turn in consent and medical forms and other commitments, permissions or other documents properly signed and promptly returned as required by the band director. It is the responsibility of each Band member to timely obtain the proper documents, to provide *all* the required information, to properly sign and have his/her parent or guardian sign any such documents and to return such documents to the proper person, or place, in the proper manner and *by the specified time*.

The failure to timely return, properly and fully completed and signed, any form, consent, commitment, permission or other such document as required by the band director may subject the member to discipline under the BDP, including particularly exclusion from a band function or functions, specifically the band trip.

## **IV. OTHER INFORMATION**

### **PARENT CONFERENCES**

Band directors may be contacted by email:

David Stephenson – Director of Bands – [dstephenson@ahisd.net](mailto:dstephenson@ahisd.net)

Amber Childress – Band Director – [achildress@ahisd.net](mailto:achildress@ahisd.net)

Analisa Rodriguez – Band Director – [arodriguez@ahisd.net](mailto:arodriguez@ahisd.net)



Steve McGrew – AHJS Band Director – smcgrew@ahisd.net  
Jeff Vogtlin – AHJS Band Director – jvogtlin@ahisd.net  
Erin Amendola – AHJS Band Director – eamendola@ahisd.net

### **STUDENT LEADERSHIP TEAM**

The student leadership team is made up of elected band officers, drum majors, section leaders and colorguard officers. These leaders have displayed outstanding characteristics in performance, attitude, and leadership. They are selected by the band directors and/or band members to help lead the band to excellence. They must follow all rules and regulations that are stated in the leadership handbook.

#### **General Requirements for office:**

1. Be a current band member.
2. Fill out and turn in leadership packet by deadline.
3. Be able to attend all summer band rehearsals and activities.
4. Meet all requirements for the specific office sought (discussed below).
5. Must not have been ineligible more than once during the academic year.

#### **Duties and Requirements for officers.**

##### 1. PRESIDENT

- a. Must be a senior
- b. In collaboration with the directors, calls and presides over Officer Mtgs
- c. Assists with the functions of other officers
- d. Is in charge of any awards presented by the officers
- e. Takes active part in planning the Band Banquet
- f. Is in charge of “welcoming” activities for incoming students
- g. Assists the directors when needed in non-musical aspects of student activities

##### 2. VICE-PRESIDENT

- a. Must be a senior
- b. Assists the president in preparing meeting agendas & with publicity of band events...concerts, social events, etc.
- c. Serves in the president’s role in the absence of the president
- d. Assists the directors and/or president as needed.

##### 3. SECRETARY

- a. Must be a senior or junior
- b. Keeps minutes of all officer/staff meetings, posts a copy on the board, and submits a copy to the director for filing with activity account records
- c. Assists with band correspondence and other clerical duties
- d. Is in charge of roll-check for marching band
- e. Assists the directors and/or president as needed.

##### 4. HISTORIANS

- a. Two (2) student position, must be a senior or junior
- b. Take & collect pictures for scrapbook & slide show; (Will be reimbursed for film processing)
- c. In charge of collecting relevant clippings from media, band program, etc
- d. Assists directors and other officers as needed.

#### **Leadership Team/Student Staff Drum Majors (Selected by audition)**

##### 1. Audition Criteria - A Drum Major Candidate must:

- a. Be eligible at the time of selection, and remain eligible throughout the time of service

- b. Have an impeccable citizenship record with the school and have an exceptional history of positive service and leadership within the band
- c. Meet all other requirements for officers as set forth by the Alamo Heights High School and AHISD administration
- d. Demonstrate and maintain superior musical and marching abilities, as well as communication skills
- e. Be willing to attend pre-audition training sessions as well as a summer Drum Major Camp
- f. Be willing to put in time outside of normal rehearsals
- g. Must be a Sophomore or Junior at time of audition

2. Responsibilities

- a. Be role models in every aspect of band participation
- b. Serve as conductors during field performances
- c. Assist directors in conducting during games, pep rallies, and on-field rehearsals
- d. Assist the directors in teaching and cleaning drill
- e. Assist in coordinating the tasks of Section Leaders
- f. Assist with coordinate sheets, charts, field prep. etc.

**Section Leaders** (Selected by directors)

- 1. Must be scholastically eligible at time of selection
- 2. Be in charge of communication with section in areas of attendance, announcements, deadlines for pass-offs, rehearsal schedules, call times, etc.
- 3. Be involved with roll check within each section
- 4. Serve as mentors and role models for section members
- 5. Be involved with promoting unity within their sections
- 6. Assist in teaching marching fundamentals, and serve as a demonstration group throughout the season
- 7. Assist in section tuning, teaching and cleaning drill
- 8. Assist with field marking, production of coordinate sheets, etc.
- 9. Monitor the musical and marching skills progress of the individuals in assigned section, **and offer help or encouragement when needed**
- 10. Involved with musical “pass-offs” of an assigned group

**Loading Crew Captain** (selected by directors)

- 1. Coordinate activities of Loading Crew
- 2. Assist directors with instrument and equipment checkout and inventory control
- 3. Be involved with the care of equipment and monitor the condition of the storage area.

**Librarians** (selected by the directors)

- 1. Assist with cataloging and filing music in the library
- 2. Assist with making folders, issuing and taking up music
- 3. Be involved with updating the library database
- 4. In charge of keeping library organized and neat

### **Uniform Crew**

1. Assist with fitting and issuance of uniforms
2. Assist the “uniform moms” prior to and after games
3. Assist with uniform inventory control.

### **BAND LETTER JACKETS**

May be purchased at the end of the academic year by any sophomore band member who has **completed two years of continuous service to the band** and who is scheduled to CONTINUE in band. Band students may buy a jacket at the end of their freshmen year if they have met the following requirements:

1. Participate in **both** the UIL Solo and Ensemble Contest and the Texas Music Educators Region Band Competition.

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2. Received a First Division on a Class 1 solo **OR** made and participated in the TMEA Region 12 All-Region Band.

LETTERS are awarded at no cost to qualified students but the student pays for the cost of the jacket.

*Students must be enrolled in band to receive jacket or letter.*

### **TMEA REGION/AREA/ALL-STATE**

Band members are strongly encouraged, and some band classes may be required, to prepare the prescribed music for these auditions, sponsored by the Texas Music Educators Association, to such a level that they may successfully compete and learn from the experience.

### **BAND TRIPS AND FUNDRAISING**

The Band is allowed to take spring trips from time-to-time. Generally, these trips are in the spring and involve the band members missing a day or two of school. The band performs or competes in a concert contest, and the remaining time is spent in enjoyable activities. The Spring trip is voluntary, although all of the band members are encouraged to go.

The cost of these trips is not paid by AHISD and is, therefore, the responsibility of each individual member. The band helps provide members with a way of funding their individual cost of these trips by providing fundraising events. These fundraising activities give members the chance to earn money for the trip without having to pay the entire expense out of their own pockets. (Not all fundraising activities sponsored by the band, however, earn money for member’s spring trip.). Each student will have an individual account that runs through the band’s activity account.

Regarding the spring trip generally, payments for transportation, lodging, etc. are usually required long before the trip and, hence, member’s payments usually begin in the fall. If a member who has made payments to his trip account cannot attend the trip, *cash deposits may* be refunded as long as the band has been able to pay all bills for the trip; cash deposits, which have already been paid or committed, are not refundable. *Fundraising money is never* refundable as cash or transferable to any other organization or person. Any unused money when a member leaves the band is deposited in the band activity account. Specific details on the trip, trip payments and refund possibilities will be provided for each trip.

Each band member is subject to and must comply with all applicable state laws, UIL rules, AHISD policies and band rules at all times during all band trips and failure to comply with any such laws, policies or rules may subject the member to discipline under the BDP, and such discipline may include immediately sending the member home at the member's (or member's parent's) expense. Furthermore, each band member is subject to having his entire luggage, bags, backpack, purse, other belongings and person searched at any time before or during the trip by any chaperone, Band director, or AHHS administrator.

### **BAND ASSOCIATION**

The Band Association is a Texas non-profit corporation that supports and assists the Alamo Heights Band members, staff and band director. The organization provides direct assistance by providing chaperones for many of the band functions and fundraising help to cover the cost of clinicians, contest entry fees, transportation, awards, patches, and special musical arrangements, to name just a few of the many costs that are not paid by AHISD. All activities of the organization are carried out with the advice and consent of the Band directors and AHHS and AHISD administration.

The Band Association meets every month. Please check your monthly band calendar for dates. The Band Association play an important role in the success of the band and we require all parents to visibly support their band member by joining the organization and actively participating in it and its work.

### **MUSIC ENRICHMENT PROGRAM**

Private lessons are a tremendous aid in the development of a student's musical knowledge and improve the overall quality of the band. We offer lessons during the school day for convenience in scheduling. Any student interested in studying privately should see the directors for information about private lessons ASAP. Some lessons can be scheduled before or after school.

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## **V. Conclusion**

Over the years, many students and parents have contributed to the Alamo Heights Band's success. It is our sincere wish that all present and future Alamo Heights Band members enjoy the long-lasting friendships and sense of pride that have been and will be passed down from year to year. We believe this can be accomplished with a job well done. It takes 10% talent and 90% hard work. Together with strong parent, student, and administrative support, this is possible.

**WELCOME TO THE ALAMO HEIGHTS HIGH SCHOOL BAND!!!**

## Consent and Agreement

We are aware that the Alamo Heights Band Handbook is available for download from the band's website through [www.alamoheightsband.com](http://www.alamoheightsband.com) and that a review of this document is necessary for participation in the band program at Alamo Heights High School. We have read and understand the Alamo Heights Band Member Handbook, particularly all the rules and requirements and the Band Discipline Plan (BDP), and, as a condition of the Student's participation in the Alamo Heights Band, consent to and agree to comply with all rules and requirements therein.

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Student's Signature

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Parent's Signature

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Student's Name (printed legibly)

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Parent's Name (printed legibly)

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Date

This copy of the consent and agreement should be retained in the Alamo Heights Band Members Handbook, while the copy on the next page must be signed and dated, as indicated, and returned to the Band director before the student may participate in any Band function. Any failure to participate for failure to return this consent will be considered an unexcused absence.

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**RETURN THIS COPY TO THE  
BAND DIRECTORS**

## PARENT/STUDENT MARCHING BAND UIL ACKNOWLEDGEMENT FORM

No student may be required to attend practice for marching band for more than eight hours of rehearsal outside the academic school day per calendar week (Sunday through Saturday) beginning on the first official school start day. This provision applies to students in all components of the marching band.

On performance days (football games, competitions and other public performances) bands may hold up to one additional hour of warm-up and practice beyond the scheduled warm-up time at the performance site. Multiple performances on the same day do not allow for additional practice and/or warm-up time.

Examples of activities subject to the UIL Marching Band Eight Hour Rule Marching Band Rehearsal (both full band and components)

- Any Marching Band Group Instructional Activity
- Breaks
- Announcements
- Debriefing and Viewing Marching Band Videos
- Playing off Marching Band music
- Marching Band Sectionals (both director and student led)
- Clinics for the Marching Band or any of its components.

The following activities are **not** included in the eight-hour time allotment:

- Travel time to and from rehearsals and/or performances
- Rehearsal set-up time
- Pep rallies, parades and other public performances
- Instruction and Practice for individual activities such as All-Region/Area/State try-outs and Solo-Ensemble preparation

NOTE: An extensive Q&A for the Eight Hour Rule for Marching Band can be found on the Music Page of the UIL Web Site at: [www.uil.utexas.edu](http://www.uil.utexas.edu)

*"We have read and understand the Eight-Hour Rule for Marching Band as stated above. We agree to abide by these regulations and understand our responsibility to report any violations to the school authorities"*

Parent Signature X \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

Student Signature X \_\_\_\_\_ Grade \_\_\_\_\_

*Printed* Student Name \_\_\_\_\_  
LAST / FIRST