

LEGACY HIGH SCHOOL

MIGHTY REBEL BAND

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Band Member Handbook



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WELCOME TO THE MIGHTY REBEL BAND!

The band program at Legacy High School and Legacy Freshman High School offers a unique educational experience in which you may gain musical skills and a lifelong appreciation of music and discipline, self-confidence, and a sense of accomplishment by working with others toward the common goal of excellence. Participation in any extracurricular activity is a privilege, not a right. The students of the Mighty Rebel Band represent the band program, our school, and the community of Midland, and expectations for behavior will be held to a higher standard. Because we are committed to excellence, we must have a common high standard. The purpose of this handbook is to define that standard. The Mighty Rebel Marching Band, Honor Band, Symphonic Band, Concert Band, Jazz Band, Freshman Band, Winter Colorguard, and Winter Drumline are competitive ensembles requiring travel and participation in UIL/TMEA competitions.



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BAND CALENDAR

The student and the parent are responsible for being aware of all scheduled rehearsals and performances. We use an app/website called the BAND app for all communication and calendars. All students will be provided with a calendar of performances, and all parents will have the opportunity to receive a calendar at one of our required orientation meetings.

PRE-PARTICIPATION PHYSICAL EXAMINATION

Upon entering the first and third years of high school marching band, a physical examination is required signed by a physician, a physician assistant licensed by a state board of physician assistant examiners, and a registered nurse recognized as an advanced practice nurse by the board of nurse examiners or a doctor of chiropractic. Standardized pre-participation physical examination forms are available from the uil office and authorized by the uil medical advisory committee.

MEDICAL HISTORY FORM

A UIL medical history form, signed by the student and a parent or guardian, is required each year before practice or participation. The Medical History Form must be turned in with the physical examination form.

ACADEMIC ELIGIBILITY

All Midland ISD Bands adhere to the eligibility rules and regulations stated by UIL, TEA, and Midland ISD. A student must pass (or regain eligibility) in ALL classes to participate in Marching Contests/Festivals, Parades, TMEA auditions, Solo Contests, Pre UIL Concerts, UIL Concert & Sight Reading, and trips that would take a student out of classes. Some band activities are designated as extra-curricular. Eligibility requirements govern students participating in these activities. A student shall be suspended from participation in all extra-curricular activities sponsored or sanctioned by the school district during the six-week period following a grade reporting period in which the student received a grade lower than seventy. Loss of eligibility takes effect seven days after the end of the reporting period.

The eligibility law does not affect activities considered curricular components of any course. Examples of these activities are rehearsals and performances that are a regular extension of classroom instruction.

1. Ineligible students are still REQUIRED to attend practices, sectionals, rehearsals, pep rallies, parades, or band concerts (Summer Band Concert, Holiday Concert, Mid-Winter Concert, or Spring Concert).
2. Ineligible students are NOT suspended from participation in the band when school is recessed for the summer or any other vacation time during the school year.

Students may regain eligibility under certain circumstances. If a student has been suspended for failing, they may regain eligibility by passing ALL courses in the third week of the affected grading period. Reinstatement of eligibility would occur seven days after the three-week progress report period (see TEA/UII Side by Side). Eligibility is solely based on the Midland ISD computer-generated "failure lists" and "progress reports."

DISCIPLINARY STANDARDS

Students are expected to follow the standards of behavior defined by the MISD Student Code of Conduct while at school or when traveling on school events/trips. Extracurricular standards of behavior may consider conduct that occurs at any time, on or off school property, during, and outside school events. Students may be removed from extracurricular activities (including a spring trip without a refund) for violating extracurricular standards outlined in the Midland ISD Student Code of Conduct. Please note that any disciplinary action taken by the band directors regarding behavior violations may be in addition to independent disciplinary actions by Legacy High School, Legacy Freshman HS, and Midland ISD.

DIGITAL CITIZENSHIP

Maintaining a higher standard of conduct will also ensure that band member websites and social media posts are appropriate. The Internet is a worldwide, publicly accessible form of communication. Any communication appearing on the internet, such as TikTok, Facebook, Instagram, Snapchat, GroupMe, photo sharing, emailing, texting, etc., is public domain, even if it is marked private.

Members are responsible for their websites and postings, as well as posting on other websites and social media. The areas of inappropriateness will include but are not limited to profane, foul, or disrespectful language (abbreviated or alluding to), pictures, suggestive poses, clothing, references to alcohol, drugs, or tobacco, and postings (either verbal or photos) that could be interpreted as being negative or threatening towards Midland ISD teaching staff, band members, or other students or that demonstrate poor sportsmanship or a disrespectful attitude towards other bands. Any such incident will result in a review by the principal (or designee) and may lead to probation or dismissal from the band.

CARE OF BAND FACILITIES

Students must respect the band hall, the instruments, and the equipment. This includes sheet music and a folder. Keep the room clean and orderly. The instruments, percussion equipment, and sound system are not toys. Only use equipment if you have received permission from the directors.

- **Refreshments:** gum, food, or drinks are not allowed in the building except when authorized by the directors.
- **Litter:** All trash (paper, broken reeds/drum sticks, etc.) should be deposited in the wastebaskets provided.
- **Vandalism:** Acts of destruction or the willful misuse of school property will be dealt with firmly and appropriately. Every band member is responsible for helping the directors monitor the facility and control vandalism, including writing or carving on walls, destroying music, or breaking school property.
- **Band Library:** Students are allowed in the band library with permission. The copy machine is off-limits without permission!
- **Practice & Ensemble Rooms:** These are designed for practicing, not social gatherings.

- **Band Offices:** Please knock; you may enter if invited. Otherwise, they are off-limits to students. Students may only use the director's phone with permission.

ATTENDANCE

Communication is the KEY! Attendance from all members is essential to have and maintain a high-quality band program. Be on time for all rehearsals and public performances, prepared to give your best. While the Mighty Rebel Band follows all school and district policies and procedures, the following additional guidelines outline the attendance procedures and policies for the Legacy Band. These attendance guidelines also apply to activities held outside of the school day. Failure to participate in either rehearsals or performances may result in student removal from the organization at the discretion of the band directors.

TARDIES

Students not in their designated spot at the appropriate time will be marked tardy. A tardy will be converted to a mark of absence 10 minutes after the rehearsal begins. Tardy consequences include the following:

- First Tardy: Warning given.
- 2nd Tardy: The student will be allowed to attend the performance and football game but not perform during pre-game or halftime in the week they received the 2nd tardy.
- 3rd Tardy: The student will be removed from the competition show and not allowed to attend football games or performances.
- 4th Tardy: The student will be removed from the band program.

ABSENCES

The band is a performance-based class, and each student's contribution is crucial to rehearsals and concerts. One student's absence can upset the balance of a rehearsal or the success of a concert. Keep in mind the importance of your contribution to the band. Attendance will be checked and documented promptly at the start of every rehearsal. To report an absence, go online and complete the student absence form. The parent must submit an online absence form on our website well in advance for review and consultation with the student. If a student is absent from a performance without communication, they will be removed from the band program.

If there is a conflict with another school-sponsored group or organization, let Mr. Dojahn or Mrs. Marin know at least two weeks in advance. School conflicts can almost always be worked out. Students are expected to keep a calendar, check their email and social media regularly, and inform the director in advance (at least a week's notice) of any conflicts. The critical phrase is COMMUNICATION.

Absence consequences include the following:

- First Unexcused: The student will NOT be allowed to attend the performance and football game in the week they received the absence.
- Second Unexcused: The student will be removed from the competition show and not allowed to attend any further football games or performances.
- Third Unexcused: Removed from the Band Program

FINANCIAL OBLIGATIONS

The Legacy High School Band believes that no student should be denied the privilege of band membership due to financial hardship. The Band Directors and Booster club will assist if we see evidence that the student participates in fundraisers. Parents should contact Mr. Dojahn directly for options for meeting financial obligations. Several fundraisers are available and organized throughout the school year through the band booster club to help students.

GENERAL BAND ASSESSMENT

All Mighty Rebel Band members will be responsible for this annual fee. The purpose of the assessment fee is to help with the various expenses necessary to run a quality band program that is not covered by the school district. These include but are not limited to such items as clinicians, contest entry fees, general supplies, marching band design coordination, marching props, sheet music, uniform care, football game day meals, contest day meals, local charter bus rentals, social activities, and more as voted on by the Band Boosters Club.

DISTRICT-OWNED INSTRUMENTS

Midland ISD will provide a limited number of instruments for student use. A \$75 "School Provided Instrument Fee" helps cover the repair cost for all school-owned instruments. All students who use a school-owned instrument (including percussion students) must pay this fee to use all school-provided instruments throughout the year. These include costly instruments such as the bassoon, oboe, tenor saxophone, baritone saxophone, french horn, euphonium, tuba, and general percussion equipment. The school district generally purchases this equipment for student use because of its high expense. Thus, all district-owned equipment must be handled with optimum care. Students failing to care for their school-issued instruments properly may lose the privilege to use such instruments. The following is a list of general procedures for district-owned instruments:

- The order of distribution is based on chair order.
- Midland ISD does not provide insurance for individual equipment. Students are responsible for all district-owned instruments issued to them. This responsibility includes fire, theft, accidental damage, abuse, and general maintenance not incurred through everyday use. Repairs of any damage resulting in accidents, carelessness, or lack of proper upkeep will be the responsibility of the student and their parent(s).
- Each instrument will be issued in good playing condition. It will be checked and cleaned before being issued. The care and maintenance of the assigned instrument are the student's responsibility. Normal wear will be allowed and fixed by the school district.
- The school-provided instrument fee does not include valve oil, reeds, mouthpieces, etc., as these are the student's responsibility to provide.
- The band member is financially responsible for all equipment and materials checked out to them.
- All equipment and materials must be kept in their proper storage location when not in use.

Special Note: District-owned instruments should not be treated as "free" instruments. Like personally owned instruments, basic supplies must still be purchased, and repairs must still be made. Please strive to treat these instruments as if they were your own. Most district-owned instruments exceed \$5,000 in value.

FUNDRAISERS

The Legacy High School Band and Band Booster Club engage in yearly fundraising activities. The monies raised from fundraising activities will be credited to an account held by the Booster Club and are subject to all state laws. This money will be used only for the direct benefit of the band program. If students participate in fundraising, they become responsible for all items checked out until the money for those items, or the items themselves, has been returned. Unsold items may be returned; however, if items are not returned, payment for those items is due from the student. All money fundraised will be applied in the following order: outstanding assessment, instrument rental fee (if applicable), and spring trip.

TRAVEL EXPECTATIONS

The Mighty Rebel Band will frequently travel on either school or commercial buses. Student conduct is expected to be at the highest level on any trip. Students must travel to events and return from events on the

bus. Students must have all necessary forms (Medical/Travel Release) completed and on file with the band office to travel on any trip with the band. While on the bus, students will:

- Remain seated
- Sit properly in a forward position.
- Keep the bus clear of food, drinks, and debris (At times, it may be necessary to eat on the bus. Every effort should be made to keep your area clean.)
- Keep all body parts inside the bus.
- Use only approved type/headset radios (no amplified devices)
- Remain silent when addressed by the person in charge of the bus
- Refrain from loud, boisterous talking, singing, screaming, whistling, inappropriate jokes, etc.
- No public displays of affection
- Remain silent from the time they step onto the bus until otherwise instructed.

Students are reminded that all performances start and conclude at the band hall. As a member of the band, you represent your school. Always be on your best behavior. If you are in doubt about an action, do not do it! Your conduct should always be considered a good reflection on our school, band, home, yourself, and the community. Adult chaperones are a great asset to the band program. Students will treat them as an extension of the band staff. Proper respect will always be shown to all adults.

TRIP CHANGE FORM

Students are always expected to travel with the band to and from events while the band travels as a group. Any student wishing to leave with their parents or guardians from a school-sponsored band event must submit a signed and completed Midland ISD Trip Change Form to Mr. Dojahn before the event. Trip change forms require the signature of a principal and a parent or guardian. Permission will be granted or denied based on the circumstances of the occasion.

REHEARSAL & PERFORMANCE EXPECTATIONS

The success of our band depends on how it rehearses. How it rehearses depends on the conduct and cooperation of the student. Rehearsals are the place to correct mistakes. The fewer the mistakes and the fewer individual distractions, the greater your contribution is to the band. Be patient, attentive, careful, and cooperative in observing these rehearsal expectations. Be a responsible member - bring your instrument, music, and all required supplies (including pencil, coordinate sheets, flip folder, lyre, required attire, water jugs, etc.), keep your music in order, and know your music. When the directors have to discipline and control rather than direct, the rehearsal and, eventually, the bands are headed for failure. Good behavior, attitude, and self-discipline are essential to producing a great band. If you are successful, the band is successful.

- Each band member must attend their respective section rehearsal, which may meet once or twice a week before/after school or at another agreed-upon time. This schedule varies depending on the particular contest or concert.
- Summer Band Camp is a requirement for all band members and usually begins the last week in July and continues through the start of school. Approximately 60% of the year's marching rehearsal will occur during the summer band camp. Any student who misses all or a majority of summer band rehearsals will result in one or more of the following consequences: Loss of marching spot, participation in the Mighty Rebel Marching Band, and dismissal from the program. Summer band is an absolute requirement of all band members, and any students with a conflict with part or all will need to discuss those with Mr. Dojahn.
- The Mighty Rebel Marching Band will meet between 7-8 hours outside the school day rehearsals per week. The schedule will be announced during summer band camp. Adjustments to the weekly schedule will happen, and communication about these adjustments will be made in advance and placed on the band calendar and related social media.
- Spring Semester competitive ensembles (including Honor Band, Symphonic Band, and Freshman Band) will meet for a weekly rehearsal during contest season. (Contest season begins in January -

see calendar and reserve these evenings). Spring Semester competitive ensembles will have a weekly sectional schedule set at the beginning of the contest season.

- All rehearsals and concerts are required unless excused in advance by the director.

ADDITIONAL EXPECTATIONS

- Be on time for all rehearsals, sectionals, and performances. Cell phones are silenced/put away, instruments are in hand, pencils are sharpened, music is in hand, and you are in your place when the bell rings or the rehearsal begins. ****LHS and LFHS tardy policy is enforced. ****
- Always have your music, instrument, and required materials.
- All students must be in Midland ISD Dress Code attire for every rehearsal (unless approved by the director).
- Before the rehearsal begins, please take care of restroom breaks (notify the teacher of health concerns related to frequent bathroom breaks).
- No gum, food, or drinks other than water!
- Keep your eyes on the conductor during rehearsal. Listen to the conductor at all times. Talking while the conductor is rehearsing or giving instructions is never appropriate.
- Take a mature attitude toward correction. Don't be a "know-it-all."
- Rehearsals are over once the director dismisses the band. Wait to begin to put your music away until instructed to do so. Stay involved in the rehearsal from start to finish. Rehearsals are not for personal grooming, catching up on the latest gossip, or doing homework.
- Approach rehearsals and performances with optimism, enthusiasm, determination, and wholehearted attention.
- The success of the band is your responsibility.
- Before asking a question-- ALWAYS refer to your handbook.

GRADING POLICY

The band is a co-curricular, performance-based class. Students earn grades by performing in rehearsals as well as concerts. Concerts and rehearsals cannot be "made up" because it is impossible to recreate that event with all students. Assignments will be split into 60% for major and 40% for minor grades. Students will earn grades in the following areas.

SCHEDULE CHANGE POLICY

Membership in the band is an honor and carries a responsibility to the entire Band. As a band member, the student commits to all activities throughout the year. Students must be in the Band for the entire year. Students are not allowed to be only in concert band. As the bands are auditioned and carefully balanced according to specific instrumentation, a student who does not complete the year affects the entire band. Therefore, if a student chooses not to fulfill their obligation and commitment, the following procedure will be observed in this order before any schedule changes:

- Required parent contact with Mr. Dojahn (LHS) OR Mrs. Marin (LFHS).
- School-owned instruments & uniforms turned in.
- Band fees and fundraising obligations are cleared following the rules stated in the Mighty Rebel Band Assessment Refund Policy.
- A drop slip signed or emailed by Mr. Dojahn (LHS) or Mrs. Marin (LFHS).
- Schedule change initiated.

MARCHING BAND

- All "academically eligible" band students (Freshmen & Senior High) participate in the Mighty Rebel Marching Band.

- Students must attend all rehearsals, including summer band camp, after-school marching rehearsals, and other scheduled rehearsals.
- All marching band members must provide their own black DSI Crossover Marching Shoes, flip folder, lyre for their instrument, and mouthpiece. Students must have this equipment by the first day of school to participate in football games and other performances.
- All marching band members must attend all football game performances (this includes any playoff games). All football game performances are listed on the band calendar.
- Events listed on the band calendar as “Contest” or “Concert” are considered major grades. Any unexcused absences from these performances will be grounds for dismissal from the band program.

NUTRITION

All students need to eat healthy and well-balanced meals every day. Students must eat a healthy breakfast every morning and lunch every afternoon during summer band camp. We do not recommend fried foods, salty snacks, soft drinks, or sweets. Drink plenty of water. As the new school year begins, students should continue their healthy diet throughout the day. Continue to eat a healthy breakfast every morning. Eat a healthy lunch. Stay away from greasy foods such as pizza, chips, and candy during the school day. Lunch from the vending machines is not appropriate. Students should continue to drink plenty of water throughout the day to stay well-hydrated for afternoon rehearsals. Eating healthy meals and drinking plenty of water are essential for students to remain healthy.

ASSIGNING MARCHING SPOTS

Cast numbers (marching spots) for our marching production this year will be assigned by our directors after week one of our summer band camps. Primary and Flex spots will be assigned based on the following criteria in order of importance: Attendance, Attitude, Marching Ability, and Music Ability. All band members will march in our pre-game performance at every home football game. Only primary marchers will march in our competitive marching band production. Students assigned as flex will have many opportunities to move into a primary marching spot throughout the marching season. If you have any questions about this process, please email Mr. Dojahn.

PRIMARY MARCHER

Students who earn a playing and marching position in the marching band will carry the designation of a primary marcher. This position is placed upon the best players and marchers in the marching band. Only a limited amount of primary marching spots are available in each instrument section. A primary marcher is a student who:

- Completes summer band camp and any auditions, chair tests, etc., as required
- Demonstrates high-quality marching skills as determined by the directors
- Demonstrates ability to memorize music and perform it at a high level as determined by the directors
- Is punctual in report times
- Is present at rehearsals and performances
- Maintains academic eligibility
- Represents the school, school district, band program, and themselves with the highest possible decorum and behavioral standards
- Follows all rules for the band program and all procedures for rehearsals

FLEX MARCHER

The band directors will keep the number of alternate marchers to a minimum; however, they are a necessary aspect of our program due to the UIL “No Pass/No Play” rules and prepare for possible substitutions due to sustained injury, illness, etc. Flex marchers will meet the same attendance, rehearsal, memorization, academic, and performance requirements as primary and prop marchers. A specific drill may be written, and music may be edited for students who cannot yet achieve the physical and musical demands required of varsity marchers. This will help improve their skill level and prepare them for future

performance opportunities. As a band staff, we are committed to providing performance opportunities for all students. However, the level of performance participation may be limited by eligibility and individual performance ability. Many ingredients are vital to a successful marching program, and no one part is more valuable than any other.

PROP MARCHER

Students who are not as strong at playing and marching in the marching band still have the opportunity to contribute to the overall design and presentation of the marching production. These students will carry the distinction of prop marcher. Occasionally, prop marchers may have a different rehearsal schedule than primary marchers. This will be communicated through the BAND app. Prop marchers can move into a primary spot by contacting a director. The director will work one-on-one with the students and observe their marching and playing techniques. If the student has improved and is ready to become a primary marcher, the director will assign them to be a flex marcher following a current primary marcher. A prop marcher is a student who:

- Completes summer band camp and any auditions, chair tests, etc., as required
- Is punctual in report times
- Is present at rehearsals and performances
- Maintains academic eligibility
- Represents the school, school district, band program, and themselves with the highest possible decorum and behavioral standards
- Follows all rules for the band program and all procedures for rehearsals

UNIFORM GUIDELINES

It is essential to the positive image of the Mighty Rebel Band that our uniforms be properly cleaned and maintained. Our band uniform must create an immediate and favorable impression in the eyes of both adjudicators and audiences. Band uniforms are expected to be worn by students for a minimum of ten years, so we must take good care of the uniforms for future bands.

The following are estimated replacement costs for each uniform item that is the property of Midland ISD and the Mighty Rebel Band:

Bib Overalls	\$70	Visor	\$35	Jazz Shoes	\$30
Jacket	\$190	Visor Wrap	\$45	Body Suit	\$35
Gauntlets (pair)	\$40	Maroon Plume	\$21	Gloves	\$10
Hip Drop (each)	\$34	Gray Plume	\$21	Jazz Pants	\$30
Garment Bag	\$10	Hat Box	\$20	Guard Shirt	\$15
Wooden Hanger	\$2			Garment Bag	\$70
				Rifle	\$40
				Practice Silk	\$10
				Flag Bag w/ name	\$48

Each member of the Mighty Rebel Band and their parents agree to be responsible for all the items listed above that have been issued to the student. You will be responsible for replacing any uniform part damaged or lost while in your care.

- No food or drinks, except water, may be consumed in uniform!
- Uniform pants (bibs) will be hemmed before distribution. The hem should hit the TOP of the shoe and not drag to the ground. Pants that are too long will become ripped and frayed at the hem. If a bib is returned with hem damage, you will be charged for a new replacement bib. **DO NOT CUT ANY FABRIC!**
- Any issues with the size or fit of the uniform assigned to you should be reported to a Uniform Parent immediately.

- Uniforms will be kept in students' labeled garment bags and stored in the MRB Uniform room when not in use. They are NOT to be taken home.
- The booster club will manage any necessary laundering of the marching uniform.
- Socks, under-uniforms, and marching shoes should NOT be stored in your garment bag. Students should take them home after each performance.
- Students must provide black marching shoes, calf-length solid black socks, and black gloves for each performance.

CONCERT BAND ATTIRE

The Legacy HS Band has two different concert attires.

- Concert Black – This requires that everything being worn by the performer is solid black dress clothes. That includes black closed-toe dress shoes, long black socks, a black dress shirt, a black belt, black slacks, a skirt at least knee-length, or a black dress at least knee-length. Shoulders must be covered. Denim is not allowed.
- “Sunday Best” – This requires your best dress clothes. Coat and tie for the gentlemen and dress at least knee-length or pantsuit for the ladies. Shoulders must be covered. Denim is not allowed.

INSPECTION

Before every band performance, students undergo an inspection process to ensure they wear the correct uniform items for that event. If students are out of compliance, they will be asked to fix the issue. If they cannot resolve the issue, they will not be allowed to perform with the band and will be placed on report duty.

REPORT DUTY

Report Duty is assigned to students who fail uniform inspection. Duties will be assigned to students on report after their performance. These duties include cleaning the stadium stands where the band sits at football games and or cleaning all rehearsal rooms at Legacy High School. The LHS Drum Majors will be in charge of coordinating all report duty responsibilities.

UNIFORM AGREEMENT

By signing The handbook agreement, I acknowledge that I have read and agree to comply with all uniform requirements. I understand that I am responsible for the uniform assigned to me. I must exercise proper care while wearing it so as not to cause damage. I understand that I must return it properly hung to storage to be ready for the next performance. I understand that I, my parent/guardian, will be held financially responsible for replacing any damaged or missing required uniform components. I will immediately notify a responsible person (Uniform Parent/Director) should my uniform become stained or damaged.

ORGANIZATIONS WITHIN THE BAND

JAZZ BAND

Students must be members of the Mighty Rebel Band if they want to participate in the Jazz Band. The LHS Jazz Band is only offered to Senior LHS students. All instruments are allowed into the ensemble. Jazz Band is a class period during the school day, and attendance is essential. Students who do not attend class will not be a part of any gigs or performances, and their grades will reflect that. The uniform for the Jazz Band is concert black.

WINTER GUARD

The Legacy Winter Guard is another competitive aspect of the Color Guard from the Fall marching season. The members of the winter guard are selected from The Legacy Color Guard during an audition in early December. This may or may not include a Varsity Winter Guard and a Junior Varsity Winter Guard. To be

considered for the Varsity Winter Guard, Members must have completed at least one season of either Color Guard or Winter Guard. The winter guard rehearses from December through March and competes locally and nationally. Competitions begin in late January and conclude in March. Competitions for the winter guard include various regional/area competitions. We must abide by their rules by participating in these state/regional organizations. Among those rules are a limit on membership (no more than 30 Members per ensemble) and a requirement to follow their specific competition schedule for educational and promotional purposes and to follow each group's progress. Fall marching band fees must be paid in full to audition for winter guard.

SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA WINDS/PERCUSSION

Legacy High School has a strong Symphony Orchestra program that performs throughout the year. Brass, woodwind, and percussion members of the Full Symphony Orchestra are decided on by the Legacy High School Director of Bands and the Legacy High School Orchestra Director. Students must be members of the Mighty Rebel Band during the fall and spring semesters to be considered for membership in the Symphony Orchestra. If a student is chosen as a member of the Symphony Orchestra but then fails to fulfill their full-year membership in the Mighty Rebel Band, the student will be removed from the Symphony Orchestra.

EVENTS

PEP RALLIES

All members must attend, participate in, and sit with the band during pep rallies regardless if the student is academically eligible or ineligible. The uniform for an indoor pep rally is our LHS Band polo shirt (shirt must be tucked in), denim blue jeans, a belt, and sneakers with socks. Students who are not in proper uniform will not be permitted to participate.

If a student does not participate with the band in a pep rally (whether by choice or because they are not wearing the correct uniform), they will not be allowed to attend the football game performance that week.

PARADES

All members must attend, participate in, and march with the band during parades regardless of whether the student is academically eligible or ineligible. The parade uniform is our Show Shirt (the shirt must be tucked in), khaki shorts, a belt, sneakers, and short white ankle socks. Students who are not in proper uniform will not be permitted to participate.

If a student does not participate with the band in a parade (whether by choice or because they are not wearing the correct uniform), they will not be allowed to attend the football game performance that week.

FOOTBALL PLAYOFF GAMES

The Legacy High School Football Team is an incredible organization with many appearances in the 6A playoffs. Playoff games are an exciting part of the fall semester because we can travel outside our football district to places like El Paso and Dallas/Fort Worth. These games are very exciting, and we must have as many students as possible attend. Playoff game dates and times are decided one week before the game takes place. If a student has had an out-of-town vacation planned with their family on a scheduled playoff game day, they will be excused from the game. Please complete the absence request online form to submit this absence. If the student is at home and no vacation is planned, they must attend the game.

Playoff game attendance: if a student is ineligible during marching band season, they WILL NOT be allowed to participate in playoff games. Playoff games are a privilege for those students who have taken care of their responsibilities during the fall semester.

Please Note: Students will be removed from the band program if they buy a ticket and attend a playoff game on their own or with their family instead of participating with the band. All band members are required to attend playoff games with the band.

TMEA ALL-REGION BAND AUDITIONS

- All Members of the Mighty Rebel Band must prepare and participate in the TMEA Texas All-Region Band Audition process.
- At any time through this process, the director reserves the right to remove a student from the audition process based on a lack of preparation or academic eligibility.
- If students advance to the next level, they are expected to attend the next level of competition.
- If students make the All-Region Band, they must attend the Clinic/Concert. Any unexcused absences from these rehearsals or performances will be grounds for dismissal from the band program.
- The attire is concert black (see rules for attire).
- Please note that being selected for the (9th-12th grade) All-Region Band or the Freshman Only All-Region Band is an honor and comes with the responsibility of attending the corresponding clinic & concert. This will be considered a major performance. Students who make the Region Band and have an unexcused absence for the clinic/concert will be removed from a competitive ensemble and dismissed from the program.

UIL / LHS SOLO AND ENSEMBLE CONTEST

All students will participate in solo and ensemble contests during the spring semester. Directors will help students choose appropriate music.

- ALL band students from the competitive ensembles will participate.
- Eligibility rules do apply for the UIL contest but not the LHS contest.
- Attire is "Sunday best." Which means no jeans of any type.

MID-WINTER BAND CONCERT

- ALL band students from the competitive ensembles will participate.
- Eligibility rules do not apply.
- The attire is concert black (see rules for attire).
- Admission is free.
- Please note that the directors may remove any students who have missed rehearsals or have behavior problems leading up to this performance.

PRE-UIL BAND CONCERT

- All concert bands will perform at a Pre-UIL Concert one to two weeks before the UIL Contest.
- All "academically eligible" students must participate in and perform in the annual Pre-UIL Concert in preparation for the UIL Concert & Sight-Reading Contest.
- The attire is concert black (see rules for attire).
- Admission is free.
- Please note that the directors may remove any students who have missed rehearsals or have behavior problems leading up to this performance. Students who don't participate in the Pre-UIL concert may be removed from the UIL performance (please note that this may affect Lettering and Spring Trip participation).

UIL BAND CONCERT AND SIGHT-READING EVALUATION

- All "academically eligible" students participating in competitive ensembles must perform at the UIL Concert & Sight-Reading Evaluation.
- The attire is concert black (see rules for attire).

- UIL Concert & Sight-Reading Evaluation is a major performance. Any unexcused absences from these performances will be grounds for dismissal from the band program.

SPRING BAND CONCERT

- All band students from the competitive ensembles will participate.
- Eligibility rules do not apply.
- Attire is "Sunday best." Which means no jeans of any type.
- Admission is free.
- Please note that the directors may remove any students who have missed rehearsals or have behavior problems leading up to this performance.

BAND BANQUET

A band banquet is held each spring near the end of the school year. This special evening brings the band together one last time to review the year and wish the seniors a fond farewell. Tickets are sold to cover the cost of the dinner, decorations, DJ, etc. To buy a ticket, students must not have past-due fees or fundraisers.

SPRING TRIP

Members of the Mighty Rebel Band will have the opportunity to participate in a Spring Trip. The Spring Trip is not required of any students but has some stipulations:

- Students must be a member in good standing. This includes participation in all of the rehearsals and performances listed above. Any unexcused absence from the previously mentioned rehearsals/performances could be grounds for removal from the spring trip without reimbursement.
- The student's trip must be paid for in full.
- All band fees/assessments must be paid in full.
- Students must be academically eligible.

Students who fail to meet these requirements will not be allowed to participate in the Spring Trip and may forfeit all or a portion of their Spring Trip payment, as outlined in the Spring Trip Contract.

STUDENT LEADERSHIP TEAM

The Legacy High School Band has many opportunities for students to develop leadership skills. Students can audition and apply for selected and elected officer positions. In this manner, students can serve their band program and refine skills they can use in other school organizations and future careers. Audition criteria are selected at the directors' discretion and are communicated to the students. The directors evaluate all selected leadership candidates based on their performance during the audition and current school year. Student leaders are held to higher standards of performance and behavior than general band students. They are expected to be positive role models for all band members. The leaders' role may change when the band directors assess new needs, expectations, and requirements. Students who have issues with conduct, eligibility, attendance or violate any expectations may be removed from a leadership position either temporarily or permanently. The band directors may also remove any student from a leadership position.

LETTER JACKET POLICY

A band member will earn a letter jacket the first time they meet all the requirements below in one school year. The jacket will come with the first letter attached. Only one jacket may be earned by a student during their high school career, regardless of the school club or organization. Students may earn additional letters each year they complete the same requirements. Letter jacket fittings will take place in May, and jackets will be distributed at the beginning of the following school year. 12th-grade band members who do not already have a letter jacket will be fitted for one in August. Special consideration will be given to injured students who do not receive proper performing time. Lettering Requirements:

- Be a member in good standing throughout the school year with no severe disciplinary action.
- Attend all required performances (football games, contests, exhibitions, and concerts) during the entire school year with no unexcused absences.
- Must participate in all UIL marching band contests in the FALL.
- Must participate in a SOLO contest.
- Must Participate in UIL CONCERT EVALUATION or WINTERGUARD CONTEST in the SPRING.

PRIVATE LESSONS

Developing the individual players is the most critical factor in creating a truly outstanding band program. Private lessons are the most valuable tool we can offer our students to aid their progression through the program. All students are strongly encouraged to take private lessons. There are many opportunities for student musicians to study privately with professional teachers. We prefer that students study with director-approved teachers on their instruments and avoid lessons at music stores, churches, etc., where less qualified individuals may be teaching lessons on several instruments simply for financial gain. At least one private teacher on each instrument will be available to teach as many students as possible during the school day or outside of school hours. Lessons are \$20 per 30-minute lesson, once a week. Information on enrolling will be distributed during the first week of classes. A limited number of scholarships are available for those in need. Please talk to your band director to obtain the appropriate forms.