

# LEGACY HIGH SCHOOL

## MIGHTY REBEL BAND

### 2024-25 Band Handbook

#### **Mighty Rebel Band Mission Statement**

The Legacy High School Mighty Rebel Band is dedicated to fostering a positive and enriching musical experience for students from Legacy High School and its feeder schools. Through an environment that balances support and competition, our talented musicians strive to excel in musicianship, leadership, and academic achievement.

#### **Legacy High School Alma Mater**

Our, Alma Mater hail,  
To thee, we sing our praise.  
Maroon and White our colors,  
We'll love throughout our days.  
To the Rebels, we will be true.  
We pledge ourselves anew to you.  
Thy memories we cherish,  
LHS, Our Legacy.



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## **BAND CLASSES AND DIRECTORS**

<b>Period</b>	<b>Time</b>	<b>Class</b>
1st period	8:40-9:28	Concert Band (9th Grade) - Mrs. Marin Front Ensemble - Mr. Connell
2nd period	9:33-10:21	Honor Band - Mr. Dojahn Drumline - Mr. Connell
3rd period	10:26-11:14	Symphonic Band - Mr. Avila
4th period	11:19-11:48	Advisory
7th period	2:29-3:17	Jazz Band - Mr. Avila
8th period	3:22-4:10	Colorguard - Mrs. Marin Percussion Ensemble - Mr. Connell AP Music Theory - Mr. Dojahn

## **BAND APP**

All band members and parents must stay informed about all rehearsals and performances. We use the BAND app for weekly communication and yearly calendars.

## **CUTTIE**

cuttime.net is the official record-keeping tool for Mighty Rebel Band students. It helps band directors and booster clubs organize student info, manage inventory, assign uniforms, handle trips, fees, fundraisers, form collection, and more. Students and parents can access it with a username and password and get instructions at ExtravaBANDza (band registration) or [www.mightyrebelband.com](http://www.mightyrebelband.com).

## **UIL PHYSICAL EXAMINATION / MEDICAL HISTORY FORM**

Upon entering the first and third years of high school marching band, students need a physical examination signed by a physician, physician assistant, advanced practice nurse, or chiropractor. Standardized forms are available from the UIL office. A UIL medical history form, signed by the student and a parent or guardian, is required before practice or participation. The medical history form must be submitted with the physical examination form.

## **STUDENT CODE OF CONDUCT**

The Mighty Rebel Band will strictly adhere to the Midland ISD Student Code of Conduct. Standards of behavior apply at all times, on or off school property. Violations may result in removal from extracurricular activities, including trips, without a refund. Students on a Leadership Team may lose their position due to violating the Midland ISD Student Code of Conduct.

*“Sponsors of student clubs and performing groups such as the band, choir, and drill and athletic teams may establish standards of behavior—including consequences for misbehavior—that are stricter than those for students in general. If a violation is also a violation of school rules, the consequences specified by the Student Code of Conduct or by board policy will apply in addition to any consequences specified by the organization’s standards of behavior.”* – Midland ISD Student Handbook, pg. 48

In addition to consequences provided by the Midland ISD Student Code of Conduct, the Mighty Rebel Band has adopted a sequence of consequences for minor disciplinary infractions. These policies apply year-round (Summer band rehearsals, Fall Semester, Spring Semester).

## DIGITAL CITIZENSHIP

Maintaining a high standard of conduct ensures that band member websites and social media posts are appropriate. Since the Internet is publicly accessible, communication on platforms like TikTok, Facebook, Instagram, Snapchat, GroupMe, photo sharing, emailing, and texting is considered public domain, even if marked private. Members are responsible for their posts and interactions on websites and social media. Inappropriate content includes profane or disrespectful language, suggestive photos, references to alcohol, drugs, or tobacco, and posts that are negative or threatening toward Midland ISD staff, band members, or other students. Poor sportsmanship or disrespect toward other bands is also prohibited. The Band Directors will review incidents that may result in dismissal from the band program.

## 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. Due to the many thousands of dollars worth of musical instruments in the band hall, we ask that only band students come into the band hall during the day and before or after school. Students must ask their friends not in the band to wait for them either in the hallway or outside.

- The band hall does not allow refreshments such as gum, food, or drinks.
- Practice & Ensemble Rooms are designed for practicing, not social gatherings.
- Students are allowed in the music library with permission. The copy machine is off-limits.
- Band Director Offices are off-limits to students unless invited, and the director's phone may only be used with permission.
- 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.

## MINOR DISCIPLINE INFRACTIONS

- Unexcused Tardy
- Unexcused Absence/Skipping Rehearsal
- Other minor insubordination (includes excessive talking)
- Consistently not having materials for rehearsals
- Wearing inappropriate footwear/clothing
- Improper care/maintenance of band uniform
- Disrespect to others
- Digital citizenship violation (see below)
- Improper care of equipment and school facilities (see below)

## MINOR DISCIPLINE INFRACTION CONSEQUENCES

Per six-week grading period

- 1st Time: Band Director consultation
- 2nd Time: Parent contact and student placed on report duty or given after-school detention
- 3rd Time: Parent contact, performance restrictions, and possible Midland ISD discipline referral
- 4th Time: Parent contact and possible removal from the band program

## MAJOR DISCIPLINE ISSUE: PROHIBITED SUBSTANCES

Students may be removed from the band program if they are in “possession,” “use,” or are “under the influence.”

- “Possession” means a student was caught on or off campus with a prohibited substance on their person. Midland ISD will send the student away for 30 days to MAP or DEAP.
- “Use” means a student has smoked, ingested, injected, imbibed, inhaled, drunk, or otherwise taken internally, on or off campus, a prohibited substance recently enough that it may be detectable by, but not limited to, the following: the student’s appearance, actions, breath or speech.
- “Under the influence” means a student’s faculties are noticeably impaired by alcohol and drugs, though the student need not be legally intoxicated. Impairment of a person’s physical and mental faculties may be evidenced by a pattern of abnormal or erratic behavior and the presence of physical symptoms of drug or alcohol use or by admission.

## MAJOR DISCIPLINE ISSUE: UNEXCUSED PERFORMANCE ABSENCE

If a student is absent from a performance without communication, they will be removed from the band program.

## **ATTENDANCE**

The band is a performance-based class, and each student contributes 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. Attendance and communication are crucial for maintaining a high-quality band program. Band members must be punctual and prepared for all rehearsals and performances.

The Mighty Rebel Band follows all attendance regulations outlined in the Midland ISD Student Handbook. Please note: *“The district is not required to excuse any absence, even if the parent provides a note explaining the absence, unless the absence is an exemption under compulsory attendance laws”* (Pg 26).

State law allows exemptions to the compulsory attendance requirements for the following activities and events, as long as the student makes up all work:

- Religious holy days
- Required court appearances
- Activities related to obtaining U.S. citizenship
- Documented healthcare appointments for the student or a child of the student, including absences related to autism services, if the student returns to school on the same day of the appointment and brings a note from the healthcare provider
- For students in the conservatorship of the state
  - An activity required under a court-ordered service plan or
  - Any other court-ordered activity, provided it is not practicable to schedule the student’s participation in the activity outside of school hours.
- For children of military families, absences of up to five days will be excused for students who visit a parent, stepparent, or legal guardian going to, on leave from, or returning from certain deployments.
- The district will allow junior and senior students to be absent for up to two days per year to visit a college or university, provided this:
  - Has been authorized by the board under policy FEA(LOCAL), and the student receives approval from the campus principal,
  - Follows campus procedures to verify the visit and
  - Makes up any work that needs to be completed.
- The district will allow a student 17 years old or older to be absent for up to four days while enrolled in high school to pursue enlistment in the U.S. Armed Services or Texas National Guard, provided the student verifies these activities with the district.
- The district will allow a student in grades 6–12 to be absent to sound “Taps” at a military honors funeral for a deceased veteran.

## ABSENCE/TARDY

Absences or tardies may result in loss of marching status or assignment. Students on a Leadership Team may also lose their positions due to absences.

## SCHOOL CONFLICTS

If there is a conflict with another school-sponsored group or organization, email Mr. Dojahn (LHS) or Mrs. Marin (LFHS) 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 the BAND APP daily, and inform the director in advance of conflicts. The critical word is COMMUNICATION.

# **GRADING POLICY**

This policy was created to keep all grading consistent across all classes. Students in the band will be given a numerical grade based on the following:

- 40% - RA - Rehearsal Assessment (minor assignments)
- 60% - PA - Performance Assessment (major assignments)

Students will receive a minimum of 1 grade per week for a minimum of 6 per grading cycle. Grades will be assigned on a 0-100 scale. Parents will receive an electronic progress report every three weeks. If a student is failing, the director of their class or ensemble will contact the parents. All communication will be noted in our communication log. To label a cycle grade as "incomplete," the director must meet with their direct supervisor.

## REHEARSAL ASSESSMENT

Rehearsal Assessment (RA) is 40% of a student's grade. It is based on daily effort in class and before/after school, demonstrating TEKS (Texas Essential Knowledge and Skills) for Fine Arts. This grade measures music literacy, creative expression, historical and cultural relevance, and critical evaluation and response rather than inherent musical ability. Students must have functional equipment and attend all required rehearsals and performances. These grades can't be made up or substituted. Students will receive live feedback on their demonstrated skills and can be pulled from class for additional help or conference as needed. Non-participation due to missing equipment/materials may also impact grades at the director's discretion.

## PERFORMANCE ASSESSMENT

Performance Assessment (PA) is 60% of a student's grade. Based on TEKS, this grade reflects attendance and performance at concerts, football games, contests, and other events, which are extensions of daily classroom activities.

## ABSENCES

We cannot recreate a performance for students to make up a performance assessment grade. If students miss a rehearsal assessment, they will be allowed one day of make-up per day of absence. Students will be assigned a written or playing project to complete outside class.

## ASSIGNMENTS

Student success will be measured in a variety of ways in our classroom. Students will have live playing assignments, recorded playing assignments, demonstration of skills, co-curricular rehearsal participation, and written assignments. Assignments may not be completed using Artificial Intelligence (AI) or any other means of academic dishonesty. Assignments where students demonstrate skills may be made up if the grade is undesirable. The student can redo the assignment for a grade of no more than 75 or the grade that

was originally assigned if it is higher, and we can provide new feedback. If an assignment is submitted late, 10 points will be deducted daily.

## **ACADEMIC ELIGIBILITY**

All Midland ISD Bands follow UIL, TEA, and Midland ISD eligibility rules. Ineligible students will continue rehearsing and participating in curricular performances to earn grades but cannot attend extracurricular performances with the band. Excessive school absences may also lead to ineligibility.

## **FINANCIAL OBLIGATIONS**

All Mighty Rebel Band members must pay a \$500 annual assessment fee by December 1st to cover expenses like clinicians, contest fees, supplies, uniform care, meals, transportation, and other costs determined by the Band Boosters Club. No student will be denied membership due to financial hardship; the booster club's Assessment Assistance Program, discussed at the first band parent meeting, can help ease the financial burden.

### FUNDRAISERS

Following state laws, the Legacy High School Band Booster Club conducts annual fundraisers, with proceeds credited to students' booster club accounts. Funds benefit the band program. Students are responsible for items checked out for fundraising until returned or paid for. Raised funds will cover outstanding assessments, instrument rental fees, and the spring trip.

### DISTRICT-OWNED INSTRUMENTS

Midland ISD provides limited student-use instruments for a \$75 "School Provided Instrument Fee" to cover repairs. This applies to bassoons, oboes, saxophones, French horns, euphoniums, tubas, and percussion. Proper care is essential; neglect may lead to loss of privileges. These district-owned instruments, valued over \$5,000, must be treated with the same care as personal ones. General Procedures for District-Owned Instruments:

- Midland ISD does not provide insurance for individual equipment. Students are responsible for all district-owned instruments, including fire, theft, accidental damage, abuse, and general maintenance.
- Students and parents are responsible for repairs due to accidents, carelessness, or lack of upkeep.
- Instruments are issued in good condition, checked, and cleaned beforehand. Students must maintain them; the district covers normal wear and tear.
- The \$75 fee does not cover valve oil, reeds, mouthpieces, etc., which are the student's responsibility.
- Band members are financially responsible for all equipment and materials checked out to them.
- Equipment and materials must be stored properly when not in use.

## **REHEARSAL & PERFORMANCE EXPECTATIONS**

The band's success depends on student conduct and cooperation. Students must bring all supplies, maintain their music, and show responsibility and discipline. Section rehearsals are mandatory and may occur before or after school. Summer Band Camp, starting in late July, is required; missing it may result in losing a marching spot. The marching band rehearses 8 hours weekly outside of school, while spring concert bands meet after school weekly during contest season. All rehearsals and concerts are mandatory unless excused by the director. Students should arrive on time with all materials, follow the Midland ISD Dress Code, and consume only water during rehearsals. They must stay focused, listen to the conductor, accept corrections, and avoid distractions. After events, students must properly hang up and turn in uniforms, with Section Leaders ensuring they are complete and properly hung.

# TRAVEL EXPECTATIONS

The Mighty Rebel Band holds high expectations for student conduct during travel, whether on school or commercial buses. Students must travel to and from events on the bus and must have all necessary forms completed to travel with the band. While on the bus, students must remain seated, keep their area clean, refrain from loud behavior, and follow instructions from the bus supervisor. Public displays of affection are not allowed, and silence is expected from boarding until instructed otherwise. It's emphasized that all performances start and end at the band hall, and students should always represent their school positively. Adult chaperones are to be respected as an extension of the band staff.

## TRIP CHANGE FORM

School policy requires band students to travel to and from off-campus performances using district-provided transportation. If a student needs alternative travel, they must submit the proper form to their director at least one week in advance for a principal's signature. To leave a school-sponsored band event with parents or guardians, students must complete and submit a Midland ISD Trip Change Form to Mr. Dojahn before the event, with signatures from both a principal and a parent or guardian. Approval is based on circumstances.

# MARCHING BAND

All academically eligible students participate in the Mighty Rebel Marching Band and must attend all rehearsals, including summer band camp and after-school rehearsals. Attendance at all football game performances, including playoff games, is mandatory. Performances labeled as "Contest" or "Concert" on the band calendar are significant grades and unexcused absences from these can lead to dismissal from the band program.

## MARCHING SUPPLY LIST

- All Marching Band Members
  - Cell phone for access to UDB App or Drill charts if no cell phone
  - Sneakers or tennis shoes that lace tightly with socks
  - Weather appropriate clothing
  - Sunscreen, hats, and sunglasses when outdoors
  - Water (½ gallon jug, not plastic see-through water bottles)
- Brass and Woodwind players
  - Instrument in excellent/playable condition with mouthpiece, reeds, movable slides, working valves, etc
  - Section Leaders must have a tuner and pickup at all times
  - Lyre and a flip folder filled with all required music for marching band
  - All assigned music: printed and in flip folders or your assigned concert band folder
- Percussion and Colorguard members: Please see the section below for your supply list.

## NUTRITION

Students are encouraged to maintain a healthy and balanced diet, including a nutritious breakfast and lunch during summer band camp and throughout the school year. Fried foods, salty snacks, soft drinks, and sweets are not recommended; students should opt for water. Greasy foods should be avoided during the school day, and lunch from vending machines is discouraged. Drinking plenty of water is essential for staying hydrated during afternoon rehearsals, promoting overall health and well-being.

## ASSIGNING MARCHING SPOTS

Evaluations to assign Primary and Flex marching spots are based on the following criteria: Communication, Attendance, Attitude, Physical Ability, and Musical Ability. Band directors will assess individual skills as students learn and participate in music, fundamentals, conditioning, and movement throughout summer band camp.

- **PRIMARY MARCHER:** This designation is awarded to top players and marchers in the band, with limited spots per instrument section. Criteria include completing summer band camp and any required auditions or tests, demonstrating excellent marching and musical skills, punctuality, consistent attendance, maintaining academic eligibility, high behavioral standards, and adherence to all band rules. If a primary marcher becomes ineligible, they will be replaced by a flex marcher and cannot regain their original spot, even with a waiver.
- **FLEX MARCHER:** Flex Marchers are alternates in the band, meeting the same requirements as primary marchers and ready to step in due to UIL rules or injuries. They follow the same attendance, rehearsal, memorization, academic, and performance expectations. Flex marchers may have modified drills and music to match their skill level, aiming to develop their abilities for future opportunities. While the band strives to include all students, participation levels may vary based on eligibility and performance ability. Each member plays a unique role in the band's success.

### OTHER GAMEDAY/CONTEST EXPECTATIONS

- Everyone must always have and be responsible for his/her equipment.
- Be in full uniform, properly worn at all times.
- Student hair, including facial hair, must be cleanly groomed and, by the nature of the style, does not tend to create a distraction.
- All students must wear their hair inside the visor/shako during a performance.
- Sit in your assigned seat/area and do not move about the band during the game.
- Sit when everyone sits and stand when everyone stands. Remember: we're a team!
- Watch the game and your directors. Be alert and ready at all times.
- Play every time the band plays, and play your best each time.
- Only band personnel and official chaperones are allowed in the band area. Parents, siblings, and friends may not sit with you. On occasion, alumni may visit with the director's permission.
- Food and gum are not permitted in the stands, and parents should not attempt to deliver food or drink at any time.
- Bluetooth speakers and personal headphones are not permitted. However, students may use personal headphones on bus trips. The above items may be confiscated and returned to the parents.
- Unsportsmanlike comments or conduct will not be tolerated at any time and may result in dismissal from the performance using appropriate discipline per the MISD Student Code of Conduct.
- Use good judgment at all times. When in doubt...don't do it!

## **UNIFORM GUIDELINES**

### MARCHING FULL UNIFORM

It is a privilege to wear the Mighty Rebel Band uniform. Make sure you have all parts of the uniform at each performance. If your uniform does not meet the high standard expected in the Allen Eagle Band, you may be removed from a performance or travel with the band. This uniform is a symbol of pride and will be worn accordingly. Eating and drinking anything other than water and approved distributed band snacks will not be permitted. Our band uniform must create an immediate and favorable impression in the eyes of both adjudicators and audiences. Students are expected to wear band uniforms for at least 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

Members of the Mighty Rebel Band and their parents are responsible for all issued items, including uniforms, and must pay to replace any damaged or lost parts. Only water is allowed while in uniform. Uniform pants should be hemmed to the top of the shoe; cutting fabric is prohibited. Report any size or fit issues to a band director immediately. Uniforms are stored in labeled garment bags in the MRB Uniform Room and should not be taken home. The booster club handles laundering. Socks and shoes must be taken home after each performance and not stored in the garment bag. Students must provide black marching shoes, calf-length solid black socks, and black gloves for performances.

All students must turn in their uniforms at the end of every event. Section leaders will check that jackets and bibbers are on the hangers correctly.. They will also check shako/visor boxes for shako/visors, gauntlets, and wraps (gloves may be in the shako box but are not required).

### SUMMER BAND UNIFORM

The Legacy HS Band has a summer band uniform to be worn at the Summer Band Concert, Meet The Rebels Pep Rally, Homecoming Parade, and the first few football games (due to the heat). The uniform includes a show t-shirt (tucked in), khaki shorts with a belt, short black ankle or black no-show socks, and sneakers or tennis shoes. The show t-shirt will be provided; everything else must be purchased.

### CONCERT BAND ATTIRE

The Legacy HS Band has two different concert attires.

- Concert Black: This requires that the performer wear 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

Students are expected to be in the courtyard with their section prepared for attendance and inspection. During the inspection, the section leader will check and record the following: (1) uniform jacket/bibbers are in good shape, (2) make sure the shako/visor and wrap are in good shape, (4) shako box contains shako, wrap, gauntlets, and gloves only, (5) check that instrument is in proper playing condition with mouthpieces/reeds, etc., (6) Check for band shoes and long black socks, (7) check for flip folders, lyres, and proper music, (8) Water Jug. Students who do not pass inspection may be sent home, not perform with the band, given report duty, and receive a zero for the performance.

### REPORT DUTY

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

# ORGANIZATIONS WITHIN THE BAND

## JAZZ BAND

Rebel Jazz members meet daily during a designated class period and must follow the Band Handbook and MISD Rules. Proper care of equipment and attendance are crucial for travel and performances. Performances are graded and mandatory. Inform Mr. Avila immediately if you cannot attend an event due to a conflict. Jazz Band is a privilege, not a casual elective, and Mr. Avila selects members carefully. Any abuse of this privilege will lead to a review of grades and involvement. Students are expected to arrive on time, be open to various jazz styles, and be eager to learn and grow musically.

## COLORGUARD

The Mighty Rebel Band Color Guard is a UIL varsity-level competition group. The group will travel with the band to all performances through the fall and spirit performances in the spring. Members of the color guard can be any student enrolled at LFHS or LHS and are selected through an audition process in early May. Students will be asked to pay a \$100 uniform deposit fee at our required parent meeting in the spring to ensure their spot on the team. Team Summer Camps will begin in Late July and run until the start of school. Students will be required to pay a guard fee and an equipment rental fee to cover supplies for the class, including a rifle, silks (3-6), pole, flag bag, sabre (returning members), team tops, choreography, and dance equipment. To remain in good standing for the fall and to audition for winter guard, students must pay their assessments, attend all rehearsals or communicate absences, and respect the team on and off the field. All marching band fees must be paid before auditioning for winter winter guard. Required Items: Jazz Shoes, Jazz Pants or Joggers, Team Top, Show Make-Up, Game Day Make-Up, Rifle, Flag Pole, Silks, Flag Bag

## PERCUSSION

The Mighty Rebel Band Percussion Section is a UIL varsity-level competition group. The group will travel with the band to all performances through the fall and concert band performances in the spring. Members of the percussion section are selected through an audition process in early May.

Students who fail to audition for Drumline or Front Ensemble are an automatic alternate.

- Alternates will be placed as shadows in the marching band where directors need spots covered.
- Percussion alternates will participate in the stands at games and pep rallies.
- Alternates will be enrolled in the percussion ensemble class.

Students who fail to attend percussion camp and/or summer band camp will be allowed to keep their spot from the audition but must make up lost time from missing rehearsals. Failure to catch up will result in losing their spot and being moved to percussion ensemble class.

Each student will need the following for the fall and spring semesters of band classes.

- 1 pair of concert snare sticks - Innovative Percussion IP1 Or equivalent (IPLD, IPCL, Vic Firth SD1, SCS1)
- 2 Pair Marimba mallets matching - Innovative percussion IP275 Or equivalent (Mallettech CN14)
- 1 pair of Xylophone mallets - Innovative Percussion IP902 Or equivalent (Mallettech BB34)
- 1 pair of Timpani mallets - Innovative Percussion CT4 Or Equivalent (Promark JH2, VicFirth T3)
- Stick bag - Liberty One 01S (or equivalent)
- 3 ring binder

## SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA WINDS/PERCUSSION

Legacy High School has a robust 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, including 9th graders, must attend, participate in, and sit with the band during pep rallies regardless of whether the student is academically eligible or ineligible. We do not have a uniform for pep rallies, but we encourage students to dress appropriately for the theme. If a student does not participate with the band in a pep rally, 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 has a strong playoff history, with games held outside the football district in places like El Paso and Dallas/Fort Worth. Attendance at playoff games is crucial, with dates and times announced a week before. Students must attend unless excused for pre-planned out-of-town vacations, which require an online absence request. Ineligibility during marching band season prohibits participation in playoff games. Attending a playoff game independently results in removal from the band program; all band members must attend games with the band.

### **TMEA ALL-REGION BAND AUDITIONS**

All Mighty Rebel Band members must prepare for and participate in the TMEA Texas All-Region Band Auditions. Directors may remove students from the process due to lack of preparation or academic ineligibility. Advancing students must attend the next competition level and, if selected, the All-Region Band Clinic/Concert. Unexcused absences from rehearsals or performances will result in dismissal from the band program. The attire for the concert is concert black. Selection for the All-Region Band is an honor, requiring attendance at the clinic and concert, and is a significant performance. Unexcused absences will lead to removal from competitive ensembles and dismissal 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, and ALL band students from the competitive ensembles will participate. Eligibility rules apply to the UIL contest but not the LHS contest. Attire is "Sunday best." Which means no jeans of any type.

### **PRE-UIL BAND CONCERT**

All concert bands will perform at a Pre-UIL Concert one to two weeks before the UIL Contest. The attire is concert black. 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 band students in a concert band will perform at the UIL Concert & Sight-Reading Evaluation. The attire is concert black. UIL Concert & Sight-Reading Evaluation is a significant performance. Any unexcused absences from these performances will be grounds for dismissal from the band program.

## SPRING BAND CONCERT

All band students in a concert band will participate. Eligibility rules do not apply. Attire is "Sunday best." Which means no jeans of any type. Admission is free. Directors may remove students who have missed rehearsals or have behavior problems leading to this performance.

## GAME NIGHT / BAND BANQUET

Each school year, a game night (December) and a band banquet (May) are held. Tickets are sold to cover the cost of the dinner, decorations, DJ, etc. Students must have no outstanding fees or unpaid fundraisers to purchase a ticket.

## SPRING TRIP

Members of the Mighty Rebel Band will have the opportunity to participate in a Spring Trip. The Spring Trip is not required. Students must be enrolled in a band class, maintain good standing, and participate in all rehearsals and performances. The trip must be fully paid, and all band fees must be cleared. Academic eligibility is required if the trip falls on a school day. Failure to meet these criteria may result in the student's inability to participate in the Spring Trip and potential forfeiture of payment.

# **STUDENT LEADERSHIP TEAM**

At Legacy High School, we are fortunate to have outstanding student leaders essential to our band program's success. We offer various leadership opportunities through auditions and applications for officer positions. Candidates are evaluated based on audition performance and conduct throughout the year. Student leaders must maintain high behavior standards and serve as positive role models. Their roles may change based on assessed needs, and any conduct, attendance, or eligibility issues may result in removal from leadership positions at the band directors' discretion.

While all students can be considered for these leadership positions, only a limited number are available annually. Regardless of title, every Mighty Rebel Band member must develop and demonstrate positive leadership skills.

# **LETTER JACKET POLICY**

Band members can earn a letter jacket once they meet specific requirements within one school year, with the first letter attached. Only one jacket may be earned per student throughout high school, regardless of club or organization involvement. Additional letters can be earned each year by meeting the exact requirements. Letter jacket fittings occur in May, and distribution occurs at the start of the following school year. 12th-grade members without a letter jacket will be fitted in August. Injured students may receive special consideration.

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.

## **SCHEDULE CHANGE POLICY**

Membership in the band is an honor and requires a year-long commitment. Leaving the band mid-year affects its balance and instrumentation. If a student decides to exit the band program, they must follow this procedure: parents contact Mr. Dojahn (LHS) or Mrs. Marin (LFHS); return school-owned instruments and uniforms; pay all band fees and fundraising obligations as per the LHS Band Booster Club; and the directors will then initiate the schedule change.

## **PRIVATE LESSONS**

Individual player development is crucial for an outstanding band program, and private lessons are highly recommended for all students. Opportunities for private lessons with professional teachers are provided, with a preference for director-approved instructors to ensure quality.