



## Lee High School Mighty Rebel Band

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Greetings from Lee High School and the Mighty Rebel Band.

Proud of a long and storied tradition of excellence, The Rebel Band has been nationally recognized in The Tournament of Roses Parade, two presidential inaugurations and as a Western International Band Conference Honor Band in Seattle. Here at home they support the Rebel Football team on Friday nights and continue a 51-year record of Division I top ratings in University Interscholastic League Marching, Concert and Sight-reading Contests. Their continued success in competition and performance demonstrates that the Mighty Rebel Band truly is the "Pride of West Texas."

But, the band is not too proud to ask for your help. The community of Midland, Texas has always supported students and the programs that make them successful. Those partnerships have become even more important as the financial commitment involved in keeping the Mighty Rebel Band functioning at the highest level has become more and more of a challenge. Marching band has evolved into a production that is elaborate, expensive and logistically complex, to say the least. Our booster club maintains a six figure operating budget and each student band member has a \$500 dollar participation fee for the school year.

In order to compete with the very best bands in the state of Texas, the Mighty Rebel Band has become more reliant on corporate donations and grants from supportive foundations and local businesses. This upcoming school year is no different and it is where we need your help! Expenditures we anticipate in 2019-2020 include:

- \$30,000 in production posts for the half time show which becomes the UIL Marching Contest Show. This includes drill design, music (including copyright), flags, uniforms, props, etc.
- New Drumline equipment \$25,000.
- New electronic equipment and technology with an estimated cost of \$10,000.

While these totals do not account for the entirety of our budget, they do provide a clearer picture of the amount of support needed to address the large costs associated with the operation of a competitive 6A high school marching band.

The students, directors, and boosters of the Lee High School Band program are committed to maintaining the tradition and excellence of the Mighty Rebel Band. Your financial support will go a long way in helping the band reach their highest potential and allow the student musicians of the Mighty Rebel Band the opportunity to be competitive in our region and throughout the state!

Thank you in advance for your support! Our appreciation is heartfelt as we cannot do it without you!  
GO REBELS!!!

Sincerely,

Jason Brents, Director of Bands, Lee High School