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Maverick Manual

Presented by the EHS Band Boosters
2026 - 2027

EMERSON BAND BOOSTERS *Maverick Manual*

Welcome to the Emerson High School Maverick Band!

We are so excited you are here! Being a band parent (this includes color guard!) is a rewarding experience. You get a front row seat to watch your child be a part of something very special, and you, as a parent, have the opportunity to help grow our Booster organization so that it may support this group of phenomenal students and band directors.

Our goal for this *Maverick Manual* is to give you as much information as possible without overwhelming you. A lot goes into being a band parent, but you are going to love it...and we're here to help!

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EMERSON MAVERICK BAND & COLOR GUARD



2024

2nd Place in Scholastic Open at the North Texas Color Guard Championships



2024

Most Outstanding Color Guard in Prelims and Finals at McKinney Marching Invitational



2023

8th Place at Area Marching Contest



2024

2nd in 5A, 6th Place Overall at Birdville Marching Festival



In the last 5 years...

158 - All Region Band Members
26 - Area Band Members
11 - All State Band Members



2025 Plano East Marching Invitational:

- 1st Place in 5A and 2nd Place Overall
- Most Outstanding Music in 5A
- Most Outstanding Marching in 5A
- Most Outstanding Color Guard in 5A



2022 - 2025

1st Division Ratings at UIL Marching Contest



of Students Advancing to the Texas State Solo and Ensemble Contest:

- 2026 = 35
- 2025 = 33
- 2024 = 24



2025 & 2026 Concert Seasons:

All 3 bands received 1st Division Ratings at UIL



1st Division Ratings at UIL Solo and Ensemble Contest:

- 2025 = 86
- 2024 = 108
- 2023 = 69



2024

Euphonium Quartet selected to perform at TMEA Music Showcase



2022

TMEA 4A Honor Band State Finalist

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MEET THE DIRECTORS



BRYN ROBERTS – DIRECTOR OF BANDS

Bryn Roberts was honored to be hired as the first band director of Emerson High School! She has been a band director since 2005.

Ms. Roberts was an assistant band director at Reedy High School from the time it opened in 2015 until she came to Emerson in 2021. During Ms. Roberts' time at Reedy, her ensembles consistently received first division ratings at UIL Marching Contests and UIL Concert and Sightreading Contests. The Reedy Marching Band was named a finalist at the 2019 UIL Area Marching Contest.

Before coming to FISD, Ms. Roberts spent seven years as an assistant band director and color guard director at Westlake High School in Austin. During her time at Westlake, the Westlake Marching Band advanced to the UIL State Marching Contest four times and made final three times. They also made the finals at BOA San Antonio Super Regional four times. In 2012, they won the Sudler Shield recognizing outstanding marching bands. The Westlake Wind Ensemble was selected to play at the Midwest Band and Orchestra Clinic in Chicago in 2013. In addition, all four Westlake concert bands received Sweepstakes awards at the UIL Concert and Sightreading Contest for six consecutive years, and all four bands performed at Carnegie Hall in 2009 and 2013.

Ms. Roberts graduated Summa Cum Laude from Texas Tech University in 2005 with a Bachelor of Music. During her time at Texas Tech, she served as principal flautist of the Symphonic Wind Ensemble and Color Guard Captain of the Goin' Band from Raiderland. She also performed with the Texas Tech Flute Choir and the Symphony Orchestra and was the winner of the Wind Ensemble Concerto Competition in 2003. In 2014, Ms. Roberts received a Master of Music Education, also from Texas Tech.

Ms. Roberts' professional affiliations include Texas Music Educators Association, Texas Bandmasters Association, Pi Kappa Lambda and Tau Beta Sigma. She has had articles published through Texas Music Education Research, the Southwestern Musician, Band Directors Talk Shop and SmartMusic. She presented clinics at the TMEA, TBA, and Midwest conventions. She and her husband Justin, a software engineer, live in Frisco.



RYAN LANGER – ASSOCIATE DIRECTOR

Prior to Emerson HS, Mr. Langer served as the Assistant Band Director at Southwest HS in Fort Worth, TX, starting in 2020. He has led his concert ensembles to consistent first division ratings at UIL Concert and Sight-Reading Contest. In addition to his concert duties, he oversaw the visual program for the marching band. Prior to his role at Southwest, Mr. Langer taught private tuba and euphonium lessons across several North Texas school districts, guiding students from 6th through 12th grade and helping multiple students achieve success at the All-Region, Area, and State levels. His teaching career began with student teaching at Hebron High School and Arbor Creek Middle School in Lewisville ISD in 2018.

Mr. Langer graduated Magna Cum Laude from Texas Tech University in 2018 with a Bachelor of Music. At Texas Tech, he performed with the Symphony Orchestra, including a performance at Alice Tully Hall in New York City, and with the Symphonic Wind Ensemble with a performance at TMEA in 2017. He also served as Tuba Section Leader and Visual Instructor for the Goin' Band and played in the Basketball Bands.

As a performer, he was a brass member of the Carolina Crown Drum & Bugle Corps, earning the DCI Silver Medal in 2015. He was also a two-time Texas Tech University Concerto Competition Finalist and a finalist in the 2017 SCRTEC Arnold Jacobs Mock Orchestral Audition competition. As a member of the TTU Tuba and Euphonium Ensemble, the group was also invited as a performing ensemble for the 2016 International Tuba and Euphonium Conference in Knoxville, TN.

His professional affiliations include the Texas Music Educators Association, the Texas Bandmasters Association, Kappa Kappa Psi, and the International Tuba-Euphonium Association. Outside of school, Mr. Langer enjoys spending time with his wife Christina, a fellow band director, and his two dogs, Bear and Bella.

MEET THE DIRECTORS



BRENLEY ROWLAND – PERCUSSION DIRECTOR

Brenley Rowland is an audio engineer, music educator and performer based in Dallas, Texas. She is a recent graduate from East Texas A&M University, where she received her bachelor's degree in music.

Ms. Rowland's work experience includes serving as an Audio Engineer with the Blue Knights Drum and Bugle Corps during the 2024 season and Crossmen Drum and Bugle Corps in Summer 2025. Ms. Rowland has worked with multiple high schools as a percussion and audio technician. Most recently, she served as the Interim Percussion Director for McKinney High School in the spring of 2025.

As a performer, Ms. Rowland marched with the Troopers Drum and Bugle Corps in 2022 as a member of the Front Ensemble. Throughout her time at East Texas A&M University, she has performed with the Wind Ensemble, Percussion Ensemble I, Panimation Steel Band, Pride Marching Band, and most recently, in the IPEC Showcase at PASIC in 2023.



ASHLEY PEDERSEN – ASST. PERCUSSION DIRECTOR

Ashley Pedersen's percussion career began at Victor J. Andrew High School in Tinley Park, Illinois. She continued her studies in music education at Coastal Carolina University, South Carolina and Jacksonville State University, Alabama. Ms. Pedersen has a wide variety of DCI and WGI experience. She played quads at Music City Drum Corps (2011-2012), front ensemble at Carolina Crown (2013-2015) and front ensemble with Music City Mystique (2015). As an educator, Ms. Pedersen has been working as a lesson teacher, front ensemble tech, and drumline tech in Frisco ISD since 2021. In 2023, Ms. Pederson began working in the Emerson Cluster as the Assistant Percussion Director.

Before Ms. Pederson relocated to Texas, she worked as a consultant and technician in percussion for many schools and WGI groups in the mid-south. Before she lived in the mid south, she lived in Illinois and worked as an Adjunct Professor teaching Piano and Percussion at Moraine Valley Community College. She also trained in the Suzuki Method (piano) and worked in early childhood music.

In her free time Ms. Pederson enjoys traveling, making pottery and spending time outside.



BRYAN AYALA – COLOR GUARD DIRECTOR

Mr. Ayala started his color guard career in Grand Rapids, Michigan. He has participated with the marching arts for 10 years, performing with ensembles such as Interplay winter guard, Bluecoats Drum and Bugle Corps, Carolina Crown Drum and Bugle Corps and Onyx winter guard, in which Mr. Ayala was also a WGI Independent World Class champion.

Before moving to Texas, he was the director of Lake Orion high school in Michigan. During his time there, he helped direct them to their first WGI final appearance in school history.

Shortly after, Mr. Ayala moved to Florida to compete against some of the best directors in the nation and to take over as the color guard director for Sebastian River High School. Mr. Ayala spent 3 years in Florida, and while he was there, helped Sebastian River get promoted from A class to Open class and guided Sebastian River to their first WGI Open class finalist appearance. Most recently, Mr. Ayala taught in Lewisville ISD with the Flower Mound high school color guard as their assistant color guard director. Mr. Ayala also works with multiple groups across the nation as a choreographer and weapon technician. These groups include Flower Mound HS, Pearl HS, Clear Brook HS, Bridgeland HS, Origins World, and Colts Drum and Bugle Corps.

Aside from teaching color guard, Mr. Ayala likes to go hiking, explore new restaurants, collect trading cards, and spend time traveling the world.

Registration & Fittings

Registration for the 2026 – 2027 band season will take place on Wednesday, May 20th. **The first installment of your Band Fee is due at this time.** More information on Band Fees can be found on [page 10](#). At this same event, your student will also get fitted for all uniform items!

Marching Season: July - November

Summer Band starts in July and goes until the start of school. Then football games start at the end of August and go until November. Marching contests take place on Saturdays from late September through October. These kids will amaze you with how hard they work. Your kids will also be tired and cranky at times – be understanding and supportive. ***These are by far the hardest working students on campus!***

Football Games & Contests/Shows

If you purchase the football game meal plan, your student will be fed before the game. All students will be fed at contests, regardless of if you purchased the meal plan or not. Inspection will be at the specified time in the itinerary, and students must be in the required uniform, show hair complete and have a full water jug. Students will arrive home late on game nights and contests (if we make the finals). Please be prepared for 11:00 pm to midnight pick up times communicated via CutTime.

Show Hair

This is a very important part of our appearance and is required for every contest/show and football game (unless communicated otherwise). This applies for anyone whose hair touches the collar. Hair must be pulled back into a bun on the crown of the head. Use gel and hairspray to smooth and prevent fly-a-ways. Here's an instructional video link: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=lmN0hZOGA5k>

Water Jugs

Each Freshman student must purchase a water jug and holder (juguzzi). Returning students will use the ones they already have (new ones can be purchased at Registration). The students must have these with them for EVERY practice, game, and contest/show, and must be filled to the top. They are checked randomly at practices and always during inspection for games and contests/performance.

We Need Your Help!

Parent volunteers are needed for **every game and contest/performance**. We can't do this without you! See [page 20](#) for more information on how you can help us make each and every performance awesome for our students! Volunteers are needed to serve on the Meal Crew, Pit Crew, in Concessions, and as Chaperones.

Upcoming Dates to Plan Around

- ☆ **May 20th: Band and Color Guard Registration & Fittings**
2:00 pm – 8:00 pm (Come-and-Go Event)
Don't miss this event where students will be fitted for all uniform items and pay their band fees.
- ☆ **May 26th – 29th: May Camps** - We will learn the music for football games and our marching show.

DATE	WHO	TIME
MAY 26 th – 28 th	Brass & Woodwinds	8:30 am – 12:30 pm
	Percussion	8:30 am – 4:00 pm
	Color Guard	8:30 am – 4:30 pm

- ☆ **June 16th – 18th: Color Guard June Camp**
9:00 am – 4:00 pm
- ☆ **July 13th – 22nd: Summer Band Starts for Percussion and Color Guard**
8:00 am – 4:00 pm (Percussion) / 5:00 pm (Color Guard)
Percussion and Color Guard will begin their practices for the 2026 marching season.
- ☆ **July 20th – 22nd: July Music Camp for Brass and Woodwinds; Leadership Training**
9:00 am – 12:30 pm → Music Camp: Brass and Woodwinds will begin practice for the 2026 marching show and learn the All-Region Music.
12:30 pm – 2:30 pm → Leadership Training for the 2026-2027 Student Leadership Team.

- ☆ **July 23rd – August 11th: SUMMER BAND FOR ALL STUDENTS**

DATE	MORNING	AFTERNOON	EVENING
JULY 23 rd – 31 st	7:00 am – 12:00 pm	1:30 pm – 5:30 pm	
AUGUST 1 ST	7:00 am – 11:00 am	12:30 pm – 4:30 pm	6:00 pm – 10:00 pm
AUGUST 3 rd			5:00 pm – 10:00 pm
AUGUST 4 th			5:00 pm – 10:00 pm
AUGUST 5 th – 7 th	7:00 am – 1:00 pm		5:00 pm – 10:00 pm
AUGUST 8 th	7:00 am – 11:00 am	12:30 pm – 4:30 pm	6:00 pm – 10:00 pm
AUGUST 10 th	7:00 am – 11:30 am		5:00 pm – 10:00 pm
AUGUST 11 th	7:00 am – 12:30 pm	2:00 pm – 4:30 pm	

- ☆ **August 13th: Family Potluck and Summer Band Concert**
6:00 pm – 9:00 pm
We will eat together and then enjoy a performance by our band students showing off all their hard work during summer band!
- ☆ **August 15th: Mandatory Parent Meeting and Section Poster Contest (Students)**
11:30 am – 1:00 pm
Important meeting for parents to attend to prepare us for the upcoming year!

Emerson High School Varsity Football Games

DAY	DATE	TIME	TEAM	LOCATION
Friday	8/28	7:00 pm	vs. Garland HS	Garland: Williams Stadium
Thursday	9/3	7:00 pm	vs. Dallas Kimball	Frisco: Toyota Stadium
Thursday	9/10	7:00 pm	vs. Frisco Memorial	Frisco: Ford Center at The Star
Friday	9/18	7:00 pm	vs. Anna	Anna: Anna ISD Stadium
Friday	9/25	7:00 pm	vs. Denison	Frisco: Toyota Stadium
Friday	10/2	7:00 pm	vs. Celina	Celina: Bobcat Stadium
Thursday	10/8*	7:00 pm	vs. Prosper Richland	Frisco: Kuykendall Stadium
Thursday	10/15	7:00 pm	vs. Frisco Panther Creek	Frisco: Ford Center at The Star
Friday	10/30**	7:00 pm	vs. Frisco Independence	Frisco: Toyota Stadium
Friday	11/6	7:00 pm	vs. Frisco HS	Frisco: Kuykendall Stadium

* = Senior Night

** = Homecoming

CONTEST SCHEDULE

Emerson High School Band Marching Contests and Shows

DAY	DATE	EVENT	LOCATION
Tuesday	9/22	FISD Marching Showcase	Frisco: Ford Center at The Star
Saturday	9/26	Wylie Marching Invitational	Wylie ISD Stadium
Saturday	10/3	McKinney Marching Invitational	McKinney ISD Stadium
Saturday	10/10**	Bands of America Prosper Contest	Prosper ISD Stadium
Saturday	10/17	UIL Region Marching Contest	Little Elm Athletic Complex
Saturday	10/24	UIL Area Marching Contest	Melissa ISD Stadium

****This is the Saturday of Fall Break. All students are still expected to be in attendance.**

It is critical that all students are in attendance. If students are missing, the whole band is penalized for their absence. Please block off each of these days and do not schedule anything else on these days for your band student. If you know now that you have an unavoidable conflict on one of these days, please communicate that to the Directors right now. If absences are not communicated now, it will be assumed and expected that your student will be in attendance.

WEEKLY EMAILS

Ms. Roberts will send out a weekly email (usually on Sundays) that has all rehearsals and events for the week, including links to itineraries for games, contests, shows, and concerts.

From: Bryn Roberts (Emerson High School Band) regarding Payton Wilcox

EHS Band and Guard Week of 3-9-26

Emerson Band family,

This week's email is jam-packed with important information—about UIL, our spring trip, summer band, and marching season! Please take the time to read it carefully and mark all important dates on your family calendar.

1 Attachment

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See all of your program messages, events, financial information, and more in your CutTime Dashboard. [Click here to log in](#)

Symphonic Winds
March 31st
10:40 am performance
Lone Star HS
Itinerary [HERE](#)

Wind Ensemble
April 1st
3:55 pm performance
Memorial HS
Itinerary [HERE](#)

This Week's Schedule
Monday
7:00-8:45 am WE full band rehearsal

12:05-12:50 pm Student leadership meeting

4:45-5:45 pm Subliminal Thoughts sectional
5:00-6:00 pm Trombone Masterclass
5:00-8:30 pm Varsity WG

Tuesday
7:00-8:45 am SW full band rehearsal
5:00-6:00 pm Drum Club

Wednesday
7:00-8:45 am WE full band rehearsal

4:45-6:00 pm Jazz Band

Thursday
7:00-8:45 am CW full band rehearsal

4:45-5:45 pm Black Widow sectional
5:00-8:30 pm Varsity WG

6:00-8:00 pm Movement Camp
• All non-seniors attend!
• Wear athletic clothes and shoes.
• Bring a water bottle
• We will serve you pizza for dinner.

Symphonic Winds UIL Itinerary
Sunday, March 29th - Two days before UIL!
Almost Final Full Band Rehearsal (replacing Friday, March 13th rehearsal)
Arrive at 12:45pm to help set up stage
Rehearsal 1:00pm-3:00pm

Monday, March 30th - Day before UIL!
FINAL Full Band Rehearsal of the year!
Arrive at 7:00 am
Rehearsal 7:15am-8:45am

Tuesday, March 31st - UIL Day!
7:45am Arrive in uniform w/ everything you are taking to UIL (instrument, binder, snack, water) 8:00am Rehearsal begins
8:45am Rehearsal ends and load buses
9:00am Depart for Lonestar HS
9:35am Arrive at Lonestar HS & Unload
10:05am UIL Warm-up
10:40am UIL Stage performance
11:10am UIL Sight Reading performance
11:40am Load buses and return to EHS
12:05 pm Arrive at EHS & change into school clothes

Materials checklist for UIL
1. All components of concert uniform
2. Instrument in case (bring extra reeds, valve oil, etc.)
3. Binder, music, tuner, pick-up, etc



Band and Guard Directors will communicate time sensitive information and reminders via CutTime. This can come as a text, email or both. You will receive information on how to sign-up at Registration or you will receive a communication from Ms. Roberts.

CALENDAR

All rehearsals and events can also be found on the Emerson Band Calendar.

<https://www.emersonband.com/copy-of-calendar>



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Today<>March 2026Month

SUN Mar 1	MON 2	TUE 3	WED 4	THU 5	FRI 6	SAT 7
	7am WE full band 12:05pm Leadersh 4:45pm Subliminal 2 more	7:30am Altered Ga 4:45pm SW full ba	7:30am Dakel Ener 4:45pm Jazz Band 4:45pm Emerson C 5pm JV Rehearsal	7am CW full band 5pm Varsity Rehes 7pm Pre-UIL Conc	7:30am Black Race 4pm Spirit night at 5pm Varsity Rehes	JV State Champional
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BAND FEES & SUPPLIES

REQUIRED BAND ITEMS AND FEES

REQUIRED BAND ITEM	COST	DESCRIPTION
Band Fee	\$700	• Approx. 15 meals (up to 3 per contest; pizza for movement camps) • Marching and color guard techs • All-Region masterclasses throughout the fall • Marching band, jazz band, percussion, and concert band clinicians • Judges for leadership auditions and solo and ensemble • Entry fees for marching, percussion, and winter guard contests • Marching design: drill, music, choreography, costumes, uniforms, props, sound design, flags, electronics, UDB drill learning app • Recognition: band banquet decorations and awards; senior gifts • Winter Guard: design, flags, floor, choreography, costumes, props • Percussion: equipment, sticks and mallets, drum wraps
Water Bottle & Juguzzi	\$45	• Required for all band practices, games and contests
Marching Shoes	\$55	• Required for some practices, all games and contests
Black Band Pants	\$45	• Part of the 'Pep Uniform'
Black Jersey	\$45	• Part of the 'Pep Uniform'
Band T-Shirt	\$20	• Black t-shirt with the blue Emerson logo on it; 'Pep Uniform'
Long Black Socks	Varies	• Purchase your own; required for all performances
Visor	\$30	• Part of the 'Pep Uniform'
Fanny Pack	\$15	• Required for all band practices
Tux Shirt	\$20	• Required for those wearing a tux for concert season
Flip Folder & Lyre	→	• See below chart for cost per instrument
Extra Folder Pages	\$10	• Additional pages for holding sheet music in flip folder

REQUIRED FLIP FOLDERS & LYRES

REQUIRED BAND ITEM	COST
Flute	\$14
Clarinet	\$16
Saxophone	\$12.50
Trumpet	\$16
Trombone/Mellophone/Baritone	\$16
Tuba	\$14.25

A **Flip Folder** is a small binder that holds sheet music for stand tunes, and a **Lyre** attaches to the instrument and holds the flip folder, so hands are free to play the instrument.

BAND FEES & SUPPLIES

REQUIRED ADDITIONAL BAND ITEMS

REQUIRED BAND ITEM	COST
FISD Fall Instrument Rental Fee (school owned instruments)	\$50
FISD Spring Instrument Rental Fee (school owned instruments)	\$50
Foundations for Superior Performance Book ⁽¹⁾	Varies
Korg Tuner and Microphone Clip ⁽²⁾	Varies

(1) Each instrument has its own book and can be purchased on Amazon or at Music & Arts

(2) Link to purchase: <https://www.musicarts.com/korg-tm-70-tuner-metronome-and-cm-400-contact-microphone-combo-main0535679?variantid=1605868>

OPTIONAL BAND ITEMS

OPTIONAL BAND ITEM	COST
Football Game Meal Plan	\$125
Compression Shorts	\$20
Emerson Band Jacket	\$65

REQUIRED COLOR GUARD ITEMS

REQUIRED GUARD ITEM	COST
Band Fee	\$700
Water Bottle & Juguzzi	\$40
Sneakers	\$35
Jazz Shoes	\$15
Two Tank Tops	\$30
Skort/Shorts	\$25
Warm-Up Pants	\$25

OPTIONAL COLOR GUARD ITEMS

OPTIONAL GUARD ITEM	COST
Football Game Meal Plan	\$125
Fanny Pack	\$15
Gloves	\$20
Emerson Guard Jacket*	\$65

* = REQUIRED for color guard members who make Varsity Winter Guard

PAYMENT

The Band Fee plus any additional required items will be added together for a total amount due. You may make your payment in full, or the total amount due may be paid in 3 monthly installments. The first installment will be due at Registration.

Cash, check, or credit card will be accepted. If you plan to pay via check, please bring two.

*If you are eligible for free or reduced lunch and need an alternate payment plan, **please let us know before Registration.** We do not want finances to exclude anyone from participating in band!*

Marching Season starts in July and usually ends in early November. It consists of **(1) Summer Band, (2) Football Games, and (3) Marching Contests/Shows**. Here's some important information to know about each. I promise, it gets easier (for the parents)! 

SUMMER BAND

Summer Band starts for Percussion and Color Guard in mid-July and for ALL band students in late-July and will go until the start of school in August.

The schedule may vary from day-to-day. The specific times for each day are available on the band calendar and are also communicated in the weekly email from Ms. Roberts.

There will always be an hour and a half lunch break, and a dinner break if there is a night rehearsal. Students may leave and come back or stay at the school. Please just make sure they bring something to eat if they stay.

- **Band must wear white t-shirts beginning August 1st** (ok if they have writing/graphics)
- All students need to wear a comfortable pair of **tennis shoes**, designed for "running" or "cross-training"
- All students need to wear a **hat** and **sunglasses**
- All students should wear **sunscreen** and apply it multiple times a day
- All students must bring their band **water jug** that is completely full; it can be water or a 50/50 mix of water and a sports drink

We cannot stress enough that students must stay hydrated! The Directors will give the students frequent water breaks. Our #1 priority is the safety of our students, and we do not want anyone to get sick from the heat. Please urge your student to take full advantage of the water breaks and keep hydrated.

During these breaks, it's also a good idea for students to use a cooling towel around their necks or bring a handheld fan.

It's important that students eat a small breakfast that consists of fruit, carbs, and lean protein. **DO NOT** eat/drink dairy items! It is also a good idea to bring snacks like frozen grapes, orange slices, etc.

****IMPORTANT****

Students should go outside and be active a couple weeks before Summer Band to get acclimated to the heat and physical work of practices.



FOOTBALL GAMES

We love supporting our EHS Mavericks Football Team! Games are so much fun, and the band is an important part of the Maverick spirit. And don't forget why we REALLY go to the games...the half-time show! Here's some important information to know:

- **ITINERARY:** An itinerary for the game will be included in Ms. Robert's weekly email. Game day schedule will always start as soon as school is out, and games can either be on a Thursday or Friday night.
- **UNIFORM:** Students will either wear (1) their full marching uniform, or (2) their pep uniform which consists of black jersey, black band t-shirt, black band pants, visor, and marching shoes.
- **MEAL:** Only students who purchased the Meal Plan will be fed before inspection. If you did not purchase the Meal Plan, please make sure your student has something to eat as they cannot eat on the bus or during the game.
- **INSPECTION:** Will take place at the specified time in the itinerary and students must be in the required "uniform", show hair complete, and have a full water jug.
- **TRANSPORTATION:** All students are required to ride the bus to and from the games.
- **TICKETS:** For games against other Frisco ISD schools, spectator tickets can be purchased on the Hometown app. All other games' ticket purchasing will be communicated in the weekly email or a separate CutTime message.
- **DISMISSAL:** Pick-up time at the school will be communicated after the game via CutTime and is usually between 11:00 pm to midnight.

MARCHING CONTESTS

Contests are fun and exciting but can be a very long day for your student. Except for UIL Region, all contests will have a Prelims and Finals. All bands perform in the Prelims at their specified time. After all bands have performed, there will be an awards ceremony (around 4:00 to 5:00 pm) and the bands making Finals will be announced (it depends on the number of schools participating in the contest, but usually the highest scoring 10 to 12 bands will make Finals). All bands making Finals will perform again. Finals usually start around 7:00 pm, and the final awards ceremony takes place between 10:00 and 11:00 pm.



- **ITINERARY:** An itinerary for the contest will be included in Ms. Robert's weekly email.
- **UNIFORM:** Students will wear their full marching contest uniform.
- **INSPECTION:** Will take place at the specified time in the itinerary and students must be in the full marching contest uniform, show hair complete, and have a full water jug.
- **MEALS/SNACKS:** ALL students will be fed meals and snacks at contests. The number of meals provided will depend on the call time for Prelims and if we make the Finals or not. Students are also allowed to bring their own snacks.
- **TRANSPORTATION:** All students are required to ride the bus to and from contests.
- **TICKETS:** Most contests do online sales only. Ms. Roberts will send out the information for buying tickets, or you can purchase at the event using the QR code posted outside.
- **DISMISSAL:** Pick-up time will vary greatly based on if we make the Finals or not and will be communicated via CutTime.

WHY IS MY STUDENT NOT MARCHING / WHAT IS A SHARED SPOT?

There are different roles in the marching band. Varsity students perform on the field at marching contests. Most students will start the season in Varsity marching spots, some sharing and trading out spots with other members. Students will be evaluated continuously on their attendance, marching, and playing. Varsity spots will be finalized in mid-to-late September, with some students in shared spots being moved into a Junior Varsity or JV role. **Junior Varsity students are still an integral part of the band and attend all contests and football games.** Even though Junior Varsity students do not perform on the field during competitions or half-time shows, they do help with pit crew or props. They also perform in the stands and for the Majestics dance team at football games.

WHAT IS A PASS OFF?

A marching band pass-off is an assessment where students demonstrate their marching show music and drill to a director. Directors will provide feedback on where improvement is needed.

WHAT IS A CALL TIME?

Call time means the band student is ready in the required attire, with the appropriate equipment, and at the right place. A call time of 7:00 am means you are ready to begin at 7:00 am, not that you arrive at 7:00 am. **Students should always arrive at least 15 minutes before call time.**



NO PASS / NO PLAY

A student who receives a grade below 70 in any class after the first six weeks of school year or at the end of any grading period may not participate in extracurricular activities for three school weeks. This rule applies to all UIL sanctioned extracurricular activities, including band. An ineligible student may practice or rehearse, however. The student regains eligibility after the seven (7) calendar day waiting period has ended following a grading period or the three (3) school week evaluation period when the principal and teachers determine that he or she has earned a passing grade (70 or above) in all classes.

MARCHING UNIFORMS

The school pays for and keeps the marching uniform which consists of the following: bibs/bibbers (pants), jacket, gloves, shako, hat wrap, and plume (not always used), and gauntlets (not always used). Other pieces specific to the show may also be used.

During summer band camp fittings, students will receive their uniforms, which will remain at the school in labeled garment bags. Students are responsible for properly folding and hanging their uniforms after each use to maintain pressed creases.

In the middle and at the end of the season, students will be asked to bring their uniforms home to be laundered and returned. As to be expected, uniforms become quite odiferous after multiple wears between washings in Texas summer temperatures; as such, it is important students wear deodorant and not eat in uniform. Keeping a dryer sheet in the garment bag may also help.



Uniforms are machine washable (dry cleaning is not recommended) on gentle / knit cycle; do **not** use fabric softener or hot water. Tumble dry on cool / low, remove immediately, and hang.

Concert Season starts when Marching Season ends and includes:

CONCERTS / PERFORMANCES

Several concerts are held during this season starting with a holiday concert in December, Mid-Winter concert in February, pre-UIL concert in March or April, and a Spring concert in May. **These concerts/performances are mandatory** and count as part of their grade. There are also separate Percussion and Jazz Band performances.

TMEA ALL-REGION

All-Region auditions take place in December at various schools within the District. Students compete for spots in the All-Region Band. Students perform musical selections for judges in a blind audition. Top performers may advance to TMEA Area competitions, with the ultimate goal of qualifying for TMEA All-State. Travel to All-State is provided by the school. **Participation is optional.** Parents are not allowed inside the audition room.

UIL SOLO AND ENSEMBLE

UIL Solo and Ensemble take place in February at a designated school within the District. Students perform a solo and/or in an ensemble from a Prescribed Music List in front of judges to receive ratings and feedback. If a student performs a Class 1 piece and receives a Division 1 rating, they advance to the Texas State Solo-Ensemble Contest in May. Travel to the State competition is **not** provided by the school. There are additional fees for the required accompanist. **Participation is optional**, and students wear their own professional attire. Parents can watch the audition if it is okay with your student.

UIL CONCERT AND SIGHTREADING

UIL Concert and Sightreading takes place in March or April at a designated school within the District. Each band (Wind Ensemble, Symphonic Winds, Concert Winds) performs a concert of three prepared pieces for three judges. After the concert portion, the band goes to a separate room, receives a new piece of music and has several minutes to study it and practice with the Director before performing it in front of a different set of three judges. Judges will assign a rating for both the concert and sightreading portion, where Division 1 is Superior. **This performance is mandatory**, and counts as part of their grade, and students will wear their concert uniform. Parents are encouraged to watch the performances!

EMERSON SOLO AND ENSEMBLE CONTEST

This contest is solely for Emerson Band Students and is held at the school in May. Students can perform a solo and/or in ensembles, in front of a judge to receive a rating and feedback. Accompanist fees are covered in the Band Fee, and students wear their own professional attire. Parents can watch the audition if it is okay with your student.

CONCERT UNIFORMS

Concert uniforms are provided by and belong to the school. There are two options: (1) long-sleeve black dress or (2) tuxedo pants and jacket. The tuxedo option also includes a long-sleeve dress shirt, which belongs to the student when the student leaves band. Students need to individually purchase black pantyhose and closed-toed shoes for the dress or black crew length socks and dress shoes for the tuxedo (marching shoes may also be worn with the tuxedo).

During November fittings, students will receive their uniforms, which will remain at the school in labeled garment bags. Students are responsible for properly folding and hanging their uniforms after each use to maintain pressed creases.

In the middle and at the end of the season, students will be asked to bring their uniforms home to be laundered and returned. Uniforms are machine washable on gentle / knit cycle; do **not** use fabric softener or hot water. Tumble dry on cool / low, remove immediately, and hang. If the barcode label comes off, please use a small safety pin to attach it to the inside of the item.

EMERSON WINTER GUARD

Color Guard is a truly unique and enriching activity coined as “The Sport of the Arts” by Winter Guard International.

It consists of demanding athletic skills like sports but also pageantry and theatrics like the arts. The Emerson Color Guard is the biggest visual component of the marching band program. They utilize flags, rifles, sabers, dance, performance and theatrics to help convey the emotion of the music while visually representing what the audience is hearing.

The Emerson Color Guard has their own competitive season (Winter Guard) during the spring where they compete indoors against the most competitive groups around the country. They compete in the Texas Color Guard Circuit (TCGC) and Winter Guard International (WGI). The Emerson Color Guard is a young, but accomplished, organization. In the 2024-2025 season, they won 1st place in Scholastic A at the WGI Dallas Regional, 3rd place in Scholastic Open at the WGI Southwest Power Regional, and were 5th place in Scholastic Open at the WGI World Championships!

The team consists of 30+ members who, like our percussion section, have their own Color Guard Camp before Summer Band begins. The Emerson Color Guard is an integral, visual component of the Emerson Maverick Band. Their programs and equipment are one of the many important things that the Emerson Band Boosters fund.



BAND BANQUET

The annual band banquet takes place each year in May. The banquet is planned in coordination with student leadership and the band boosters. It is a night to recognize the achievements of the past year, honor our Seniors, hand out awards, and most importantly, have fun!

The time, location, and cost will vary from year to year but usually takes place on a Saturday night with tickets costing around \$30, which includes a nice dinner. Tickets for Seniors are free! Dress is semi-formal or dressy-casual. The band boosters also hold a silent auction at the banquet so be on the lookout for donation items.



BAND TRIPS

Every spring, the band sets out on a memorable band trip that blends music, friendship, and adventure. The program follows a special rotation: every fourth year, students travel out of state for a major performance experience, while the other years keep them within Texas, where they compete, perform, or take part in meaningful events such as playing at the Texas Capitol.

Along the way, students bond with friends at beaches, aquariums, and theme parks, creating memories that last long after the final note fades. These trips aren't just about showcasing musical talent—they're about building lifelong friendships and celebrating the joy of being part of something bigger than themselves.

The band trips are optional and there is an additional cost that is not included in the band fee. Students are given an excused absence for the days they miss school.



STUDENT SOCIAL EVENTS

Beyond the rigorous rehearsals and stage performances, our band program thrives on a social events that happen throughout the year. Students bond outside the band hall through high-energy activities like a fast-paced scavenger hunt at Stonebridge Mall, a super fun Easter egg hunt, and a section poster contest that sparks creative rivalry, just to name a few.

These gatherings are fueled by the generosity of our band families, as students are usually asked to bring their favorite snacks to share. It is through these relaxed, laughter-filled moments that our sections truly connect, transforming individual musicians into a supportive, lifelong family.



The Emerson Band Booster Club is an all-volunteer 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization with a mission to serve and support the Emerson Maverick Band & Color Guard students, parents, and Directors by creating, planning, and implementing an environment of excellence through fundraising, sponsorships, hospitality, communication, and volunteerism.

Meet the Emerson Band Booster Club Board Members



President: Rebecca Tessier

Rebecca is a graduate of Texas A&M University and has worked in corporate retail for 25+ years. She is the proud mom of twin boys entering their junior year, with one playing French horn and the other, euphonium. As EBBC President, she is excited to support the band community and looks forward to a successful year filled with growth, teamwork and great experiences for everyone.

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Vice President: Andrea Manton

Andrea is a former band member herself that continued on into college. She is currently a teacher and in her free time, loves to make crafts. Andrea and her husband John have been married for 20 years and have two children. Her son Tony is an incoming junior and plays trumpet, and her daughter, Abby, will be playing flute at Scoggins.

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Secretary: Nikki Nielsen

Nikki is a wife and mom of 4 daughters. She is currently a nanny to a 6-month-old baby girl. Her daughter Zoe will be a junior this year and it will be her third year in Color guard. She loves being a Color guard mom and getting to be so closely involved in what her children love to do.

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Treasurer: Steve Simmons

Steve is a father of three wonderful kids, a graduate of The George Washington University, and is a lead Information Security software engineer for USAA. His oldest daughter, Ellie, is a rising junior and has been playing clarinet since the sixth grade. Steve served on the Scoggins Band Booster Board as Treasurer and most recently on the Emerson Band Booster Board as Secretary.

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Assistant Treasurer: Baskar Venkat

Baskar works as a Principal Software Engineer at Global Payments. His daughter, Mahathi, is an incoming senior and plays the flute. While Baskar was initially skeptical about volunteering, he has come to truly enjoy the experience. He is incredibly grateful for the opportunity to support the band community, connect with like-minded parents, and looks forward to bringing new insights.

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Vice President of Hospitality: Kasey Edwards

Kasey is a graduate of San Diego State University, a former elementary teacher, and now works as a stay-at-home mom to 3 kids. She is a former band kid and loves the confidence and creativity music brings to her children's lives. Her daughter, Kylie, is an incoming sophomore and plays trombone, while her brothers Colin and Cameron, are in 7th grade band at Scoggins.

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Vice President of Volunteering: Michelle Uehlinger

Michelle is a graduate of Texas A&M University and works at Globe Life as a Director in IT. Her daughter, Ryan, is an incoming junior and plays bass trombone in the band. She loves being a 'Band Mom' and is grateful for the opportunities and growth band has provided her daughter.

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Banquet Chair: Laura Kennedy



Responsible for the planning, coordination, and execution of the annual band banquet.
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Color Guard Chair: Anne Hudson



Acting as a liaison between students and directors; assisting students and directors, as needed.
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Concessions Chair: Rhonda Ewell



Responsible for the preparation, management, and service of food and beverage operations at the stadiums for football games.
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Fundraising Co-Chairs: Jen Flaim (Spirit Nights); Michelle Uehlinger (Large Fundraisers)



Responsible for the planning, communication, management, and product distribution (if applicable) of the various fundraising events throughout the year.
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Media Chair: OPEN



Responsible for social media content creation, updating the website(s), and taking photos and videos at events.
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Pit Crew Lead: Tracy Trahan



Responsible for the coordination and execution of transportation, loading, unloading, and field movement of marching band instruments, props, and front ensemble equipment.
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Senior Gifts Co-Chairs: Adriana Brady; Kammie Trahan



Responsible for the planning, creation, coordination, and distribution of gifts to our Senior band members.
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Spirit Wear Chair: Deseri Dunn



Responsible for the design, ordering, sales, and distribution of Emerson Band and Color Guard branded apparel and merchandise.
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Sponsorship Co-Chairs: Kristen Jones; Janna Sergueeva



Responsible for the identification, solicitation, and relationship management of potential and current sponsors.
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Uniform Chair: Eileen Prentice



Responsible for the inventory, distribution, maintenance, and storage of band uniforms.
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Every volunteer must complete and pass a required annual background check.

Simply go to <http://friscoisd.voly.org> and fill out the required information.

Once all the statuses are green, email your approved background check to the Volunteer

Coordinator at emersonbbcvolunteer@gmail.com. There is no charge to do the background check.



PIT CREW

- Loads and unloads props and equipment from the trailers/trucks
- Moves props and equipment on and off the field for the performances
- Drives self to events



MEAL CREW

- Helps distribute pre-game meals (arrive @ 3:45 pm at Band Hall)
- Helps distribute meals at contests (drives self to event)
- Clean up



CONCESSIONS

- Help prepare food, serve, and ring sales at football games
- Food Handler Permit is required
- **Freshman parents required to sign-up at least once for concessions**



CHAPERONES

- Ride the bus with students, take attendance; hand out snacks (contests)
- Guide students for seating and staging at games and contests
- Insert, remove, and store plumes; help on field as needed; assist students

How to Sign-Up for a Volunteer Spot

- ☐ Click on the link or use the QR code to go to the EHS Maverick Band Link Tree.

<https://linktr.ee/EHSMaverickBand>



- ☐ Events will be opened to volunteers three weeks before the event on Sundays at 7:00 pm.
- ☐ The first three football game events will be opened for volunteers on Sunday, 8/2.
- ☐ Click on the event you want to volunteer for. It will take you to Sign-Up Genius where you will select the type of volunteer activity, enter your name, student's name, your cell phone, and email.
- ☐ This is a commitment, so we are relying on you to show up for the event you signed up for. Reminder emails and/or texts will be sent two days before the event.

Pit Crew, Concessions, and Chaperones get free admission to the event you volunteer for!

Why does the band fundraise?

Band fundraising is essential to bridge the gap between limited school district budgets and the high costs of instruments, uniforms, travel, and competition fees. It enhances quality music programs and fosters student camaraderie, pride, and skill development while keeping participation affordable.

What kind of fundraisers do we do?

(1) LARGE FUNDRAISERS

August – Student GroupFund

A high-energy, live fundraising event designed for school teams, bands, and clubs to raise money without selling products or going door-to-door. Students, in a group setting, contact friends and family via text to secure pledges and donations. **THIS IS OUR BIGGEST FUNDRAISER OF THE YEAR!** All students are required to participate.



October/November – Butter Braids®

This fundraiser is always a hit with the parents and students! These pastries are soft, flaky, hand-braided pastries filled with fruit, cinnamon, or cheese filling, made with 100% real butter. An icing or marinara packet is included with each pastry. They are easy to make...just thaw, bake and enjoy! Parents can opt-out of this fundraiser by sending a \$30 donation to the band. These can only be picked up at the school, no shipping.



January – “Fill My Calendar”

This is our second biggest fundraiser of the year and it's simple. Each student will receive a unique calendar link that we ask our parents to send via text and post on social media. Supporters simply pick a day on the calendar and pay that amount. Ex: Pick day 5 and pay \$5.



March – Mattress Sale

PARENT HELP NEEDED! The only way for this to be successful is for you to help get the word out. We will ask that all parents provide 20+ contacts and we take it from there. A mattress sale fundraiser is a unique, one-day event where we turn our gym into a temporary mattress showroom! It allows our community to buy high-quality, name brand mattresses at prices up to 50% below retail. Then our band receives a large portion of the sales!



April/May – TBD

We like to try a new fundraiser each Spring. Once the fundraiser has been determined, we'll be sure to communicate it well in advance!

TOP INDIVIDUAL EARNERS WIN CASH OR GIFT CARDS AND TOP SECTION WINS A SECTION PARTY!
It's important that we reward the students for getting pumped up and doing well on large fundraisers!

(2) SPIRIT NIGHTS

A spirit night fundraiser is a community-based partnership event where we partner with a local business, usually a restaurant, to raise money. On the scheduled date and time, we ask that our parents, students, and friends support us by visiting the business and when making a purchase, mention our band, which results in a percent of the sales being donated back to us!

We usually do 2 of these a month and will always be communicated well in advance. They can also be found on the Emerson Band calendar.



EMERSON BAND MERCHANDISE

Multiple times a year we open-up our "Spirit Wear Store" where you can purchase great Emerson Band and Color Guard merchandise! The link for the store, and the timeframe it will be open, is communicated by Ms. Roberts in weekly emails or special CutTime announcements.

The merchandise is shipped all at once to the Spirit Wear chair and handed out at a specified time at the school. **We are still a young band and growing booster organization, so we do not have extras on hand.**

- T-shirts
- Sweatshirts
- Hats
- Water bottles
- Car decals
- Yard signs

MARCHING SHOW SHIRT

Every year we have a theme for our marching show. Previous shows were entitled "Kinetic Playground" and "Sparkle", for example. Each year we make a shirt designed specifically for our marching show for our parents to wear at contests.

These are purchased separately from the general merchandise. The link for purchasing show shirts will be communicated by Ms. Roberts and is only open for a short time so we can order the shirts and receive them before contests start.

Make sure you purchase your shirts when the link is sent out because we do not order extras to have on hand for a later purchase.

SPONSORSHIPS



WE LOVE OUR SPONSORS!



...and we need more to of them to love! If your company, or a company you know of, might be interested in becoming a sponsor, please reach out to our sponsorship co-chairs and they will take it from there! We welcome any and all opportunities.

A huge thank you to our Gold level sponsors!



WE ARE A FAMILY

Band parents are the true heartbeat of any music program, transforming the pursuit of music into a loving, second family. Through late-night rehearsals and weekend competitions, their unwavering support builds a safe space where students thrive, and this “village” provides the perfect environment for our youth to soar!

Whether they are sewing uniforms, loading heavy equipment, or simply cheering in the bleachers, these volunteers show up for every single kid on the field. By showing up consistently, providing meals/snacks, and offering endless encouragement, band parents hold the door open, so every young musician feels seen, valued, and loved.

