

**LEANDER BAND 2025-2026
NEW MEMBER ORIENTATION**

PLEASE SCAN ME:



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 - Booster/Volunteer questions
 - Registration



PEOPLE FIRST, BAND SECOND

Culture

- Safe, Inclusive, Fun, and Respectful Environment
- Life Skills
 - Responsibility, Organization, Goal achievement, Punctuality, Conflict resolution, Leadership, etc.....
- High Expectation
 - The Pursuit of Perfection
 - Learn how to handle pressure and disappointment
 - Understanding that happiness isn't on the other side of success
 - Trust the process and enjoy the journey



BAND OVERVIEW, BY SEMESTER

Fall Semester

- Marching Band Season
 - August 14 - November 17th
 - Weekly Rehearsals
 - Football games on most Fridays
 - Contests on Saturdays
 - 1 in Sept.
 - 2 in Oct.
 - 2 in Nov.
 - Various performances during the week
 - Open the [Leander Band Calendar](#) link for more details
- All Region/Band Placement Auditions
- Holiday Concert

Spring Semester

- Chamber Ensembles
 - Recruiting and Community performances
- YAC Solo contest
 - Prelims
 - Finals
- Concert Band
 - Clinician Concert
 - PreUIL
 - UIL Contest
 - Spring Concert
- Leadership auditions and training
 - April/May
 - Leadership Camp
- New Member Camp



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NEW MEMBER CAMP

Why?

- Build Relationships
- Learn how to March
- Begin learning next years show music!!!

When?

- May 13th & 14th
 - 5:00-7:30pm – Rehearsal
- May 15th
 - 5:00-7:30pm – Rehearsal
 - 7:30pm – Parent Preview

Where?

- Rehearsals – LHS Band Hall
- Parent Preview – LHS Competition Gym



MANDATORY SUMMER CAMPS

- **Percussion and Colorguard Camp (No Winds)**

- June 27-30
 - 8-5pm
 - Leander MIDDLE school (construction)
- July 9-11 (Colorguard Only)
 - 8-5pm
- July 21-25
 - 8-5pm (Percussion Only)

- **Summer Band Camp (Everyone)**

- July 28-Aug 12th
 - See [Leander Band Calendar](#) for times and group specific rehearsals
 - Be sure to click on the event to view these details



Weekly Rehearsal Schedule



MONDAY

-FULL ENSEMBLE
-4:30-7:00PM

TUESDAY

-OFF

WEDNESDAY

-FULL ENSEMBLE
-4:30-7:00PM

THURSDAY

-FULL ENSEMBLE
-4:05-6:30PM

*7 HRS AND 25 MINS OF
REHEARSAL EACH WEEK

TEXAS 8 HR RULE (U.I.L.)

- Before 1997 there were no regulations on the amount of time that school organizations could practice outside of school
 - This includes Band, Athletics, Theatre, etc.
- Currently, in almost every other State in the country, there are no regulations for after school rehearsals/practices.
 - Many of these programs rehearse 12 or more hours a week
 - They also have 8 hour practices on Saturdays





*Despite this,
Texas Bands still dominate
competitively...*

LEANDER ISD IS CONSIDERED, BY MOST, AS THE GOLD STANDARD FOR BAND, IN THE COUNTRY

- Examples of success:

Marching Band

- All 6 High School Bands advanced to the UIL State Marching Contest in 2024
- Have had at least 1 Band medal every year for the last decade, minus 2020 (Covid)
- Consistent BOA Regional, Super Regional and Grand National Finalist/Medalist/Class Champions/Overall Champions

Concert Band

- Consistent UIL Honor Band State Finalist/Winners
- Consistently selected to perform at the Midwest International Clinic
 - 6 ensembles in the past 2 years

...and the list goes on...




HOW AND WHY?

- Extremely supportive and proud Community
- District and Campus leaders that believe in the power and importance of the Arts
- Parent support, involvement, and protection
- **The most amazing, dedicated, passionate, hard-working, talented, responsible, selfless, trustworthy, resilient, determined, reliable...young adults in the country!!!!**



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***THE BIGGEST
MISCONCEPTION IN
THE HISTORY OF
MISCONCEPTIONS...***


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*Band takes up too much time,
my kid can't do it...*

Insert slow eye roll...







THE LEANDER BAND AVERAGES 250 MEMBERS EACH YEAR, WITH A 98 PERCENT RETENTION RATE.

Our students:

-take AP courses

-have been valedictorian

-have jobs after school

-play football, softball, track, tennis, etc

-are in the IB Program

-participate in choir, theatre, cheer. etc

-are in after school clubs/leadership

NEED MORE PROOF??



LEANDER BAND

During my time at Leander HS (since 2019)...

An average of **6** children have become ineligible during the Marching Band season. That includes 2 grading cycles!

...remember, that's **6** out of **250** members!!!!!!

TMEA ALL-STATE SAT SCORES

Convention Year	All-State Students SAT Average	National SAT Average	Texas SAT Average
2024	1299	--	--
2023	1296	1028	978
2022	1307	1050	1001
2021	1323	1088	1039
2020	1299	1081	1034
2019	1308	1059	1022



BAND FEES

Band - \$650

- \$300 Fair Share
- \$300 Meals
- \$50 Uniform maintenance

Percussion - \$775

- Same as Winds (\$650)
- Plus \$125 for Drumline Contest Fees

Colorguard - \$1,100 Total

- Fall – Same as Winds (\$650)
- Spring – Winter Guard Season (\$450)
 - \$250 Fair Share
 - \$100 Food
 - \$100 Costume

\$200 Deposit due on June 15th

What is "Fair Share"?

- Staff technicians
- Clinicians
- Master Classes
- Travel (Box trucks, Rig)
- Food
- Props
- Uniform/Uniform Supplies
- Designers
- Etc.



BAND FEES CONT...

Please communicate with me if there are any financial hardships, changes in monthly income, etc.

- We DO NOT want this to hold any students back from participating in the Leander Band

*Failure to pay, or make efforts to pay this amount, may result in the loss of opportunity for certain Program related events, Booster supported items, etc.

Always remember...

communication is the key!!!



Please Welcome...

Ben Schneider

- Band Booster President
- <https://drive.google.com/file/d/12raMNaITLQPO8lV8zzRaNqyPlmtOZcR5/view?usp=sharing>



REGISTRATION

Link for Registration:
COMING SOON!

***\$200 Deposit due on June 15, 2025**



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Parent Volunteers – Brandy Cox



-BOARD MEMBERS

-CHAPERONE

-PIT CREW

-SEAM-TEAM

-PROP CREW

-FUNDRAISING TEAM

-COMMITTEE CHAIRS

-HOSPITALITY

-WATER DAWGS

-FRUIT NINJAS

ETC...

INSTRUMENT CHECK OUT & SUPPLIES - PETRO

Instrument Pick Up Night:

- Friday, May 23rd - 1:00-4:00 PM – Leander High School Band Hall
- Contact Amanda Petro with any questions

Instrument Usage Fee:

- \$65 per semester IF you do not own your own instrument
- This fee is paid to the District, NOT the Boosters or Directors





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MISCELLANEOUS

Summer Section Leader hangs/sectionals

- Encouraged, but not required

Smartmusic Passoffs

- These are music assignments that are due before coming back for Summer Band
 - More details will be sent out soon

2025-2026 Physical Form

- https://drive.google.com/file/d/1kl_qj6NFN1blmRq9z4P_4g01Qy1Sn4E/view?usp=sharing

Required supplies for Summer Band

- Sunscreen
- White T-shirts
- Athletic Shorts
- Hat/Cap
- Fanny Pack
- Athletic Shoes
- Sunglasses
- Leander Band Water Jug (w/ jug cover)



Leander Band Check List

Coming Soon!!



Communication

SPORTS YOU

- Download the app here:
<https://sportsyou.app>

Your group code is: **3LNA-XPPU**

Google Classroom sign up

- <https://classroom.google.com/c/NzcyNDg0MjczNTQ2?cjc=wpsgmcxb>

Emails

- If you are currently NOT receiving emails from us, please fill this out
 - <https://forms.gle/LWttWb2PvxiuyWLe7>

Website

- www.leanderband.org