

Good morning,

Thank you to every parent that filled out our band survey! Your feedback and questions were essential to helping us making this revised plan (I think we're on plan E now!). As mentioned in previous emails, all band events will follow UIL and District guidelines to the fullest extent. In fact, we're exceeding those recommendations in several areas to provide the safest environment possible for our students.

Check-in Procedures

30 minutes before arriving each day, each band member must do a self-screening at home and complete the online screening form listed below. Anyone who has one of the symptoms listed should not come to camp! On arrival, directors will check for completion and immediately send anyone home who has symptoms listed or a fever over 100. Directors will again take temperatures, and students will be given hand sanitizer to start the day. Masks must be worn upon arrival, and 6ft distance maintained (marked on floor) while checking in.

Percussion and Guard

ALL Battery, Front Ensemble, and Colorguard members will start Band Camp on Mon, July 20th. After check-in, they will go immediately to their starting areas where their instructors will be waiting. Guard- BH2, Front Ens- BH1, Battery-Choir Room. These units will rehearse exclusively together in the same locations each day.

Woodwinds/Brass

The first 3 days of band camp (Mon-Wed, July 20-22) will consist of **only freshman** woodwinds/brass. We will utilize these 3 days to cover the marching fundamentals and body technique not covered in our June camp. This will allow the upperclassmen to move at a faster pace (which they will appreciate) when they join us on Thurs/Fri.

Starting Thursday, July 23, the woodwind and brass sections will be divided into section-based groups that will rehearse separately for the entirety of band camp. This is to 1. Allow us enough space to maintain our distancing guidelines, and 2. To lessen the amount of students each band member comes into contact with. The group assignments are as follows:

- Group 1: Saxes, Trumpets, Horns
- Group 2: Bass Clarinets, Trombones, Euphoniums, Sousas
- Group 3: Flutes, Clarinets

Each group will rotate to 3 different stations throughout their time at band camp; PE Gym, Commons, and Grid. (masks on at all times inside) Directors will monitor students on transitions to make sure distancing is being maintained. Students will take all equipment with them at all times. We will not be using lockers!

Everyone

As you can see from the attached schedule, we have reduced the hours of band camp to one session per day. This change was made to help ensure the safety of our students, as it would be impossible to monitor them all during a lunch break to ensure all distance and safety guidelines are being met. We are asking that once the students are done each day that they immediately go home to shower and change into new clothes.

I know there are still many questions about what the fall season is going to look like. Unfortunately, I do not have answers to many of those questions at this time. I will say that our priority continues to be to offer our students the best band experience possible while ensuring their safety. As more details unfold in the following weeks, we will continue to communicate with you and seek your input.

Please email me with any questions.

2020 Summit Band Summer Dates

Revised 7/16/2020

****Due to the current ever-changing social distancing needs- these dates are subject to change****

July 20 – 22 (Freshman WW/Brass, ALL CG+Perc)

7:00am - 12:00pm

July 23, 24 (Full band)

7:00am - 11:30am- All Winds, Perc, Guard

July 27 - 31 (Full band)

7:00am - 11:30am- All Winds, Perc, Guard

August 1 Uniform Fitting Day (Full band)

8:00am-5:00pm Band fees due!

August 3-7 (Full band)

5:00pm-8:30pm- All Winds, Perc, Guard

August 10, 11

7:00am - 11:00am

August 12

First day of school

August 21

Meet the Band Night! 7:00pm



Safety Measures During Rehearsal

- Masks will be worn at all times inside
- Students will maintain 10ft distance while rehearsing
- Students will maintain 6ft distance on breaks (Directors monitoring) We will space kids out amongst available shade on breaks outside at 6ft intervals.
- Students will not share equipment
- In an effort to keep kids from gathering socially without safety measures during lunch, we will not do multi-session days. (ex. No morning session/lunch/afternoon)
- Students will rehearse in smaller section-based groups and rotate to instructional stations. Students will be in the same groups for the duration of band camp.

Items Needed For Rehearsal

- Marching instrument, flag, music, pencil
- Mask!
- Students are to bring a 2-liter jug of water to ALL rehearsals!
- Dress in light weight, breathable, athletic clothes
- Be sure to wear athletic shoes! This will help prevent injury and make it easier to do the marching technique
- Students are encouraged to wear sun screen, hats, and sunglasses

Below are some things the students can do to help prepare for Summer Band:

- Be sure to drink lots of water BEFORE camp! No soda, tea, energy drinks, etc. They dehydrate your body.
- Be sure to eat a good meal the night before
- It is crucial the kids eat breakfast before camp.
- Get plenty of sleep each night!

Summit Band Survey FAQ's

- 1. If choosing to do a virtual learning option, can my student still attend in-person band class?** Below are the guidelines taken directly from the MISD Virtual Learning Overview page. According to this statement, as long as the student/parent provides the transportation, then yes, a student may attend band class and after school rehearsals. The District will not provide transportation for this.

Academic Courses / Extracurricular

Core academic courses will be offered at all grade levels. Elective options are being explored but are not guaranteed to mirror those offered on campus. Virtual Academy students will be allowed to participate in and attend extracurricular activities like football and band. They will also be able to attend Career and Technical Education (CTE) certification courses. Students must provide their own transportation for those activities.

- 2. Will my student be removed from band if opting for virtual learning only and not attending in-person class or after school rehearsals?** No! Absolutely not.
- 3. What will a virtual band class look like?** At this point, MISD has not released a plan for what the virtual band class will look like. Every effort will be made on our part to try and create a meaningful experience for those students. However, please understand that no matter what we offer, it is not possible for a virtual only band experience to be the same as an in-person one. Our goal will be to keep those students opting for virtual only to have meaningful assignments that will keep their playing ability up, maintain their engagement, and allow them to successfully return to in-person instruction when conditions permit.
- 4. Does my student have to wear a mask outside?** No, there is no District or UIL guideline that enforces wearing a mask outside while rehearsing. Many parents expressed concern about wearing a mask while marching outside. We want to make sure the students are as safe as possible in the heat and have no obstruction impairing breathing. For those that want to wear a mask outside, they will be permitted to. We will also be monitoring students on breaks and not letting them congregate together under the same trees like they have in previous years.
- 5. What is the procedure for parent chaperones?** At this time, I do not know what the MISD policy will be. For Summer Band, we are not planning to use any parent chaperones. The only adults that will be in contact with your students are directors/instructors, and they will undergo the same pre-screening/safety measures the students follow.