



## Welcome From the Directors

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**Dear FUTURE "STAR OF THE WEST" BAND MEMBER,**

Let us first CONGRATULATE you on your success in middle school band!! You have been an important part of that band program and we are EXCITED about having YOU as a new member in the *Franklin "Star of the West" Band*.

This packet will hopefully answer questions and provide information to you and your parents about the FHS band program. Included in this packet are the following:

- Introductory letter from the Directors
- Introductory letter from the Band Boosters
- List of FHS activities
- FHS Honors
- Frequently Asked Questions
- Sample Graduation Plan

Being in the band at Franklin provides you with so many unique opportunities and *it's alot of FUN!* Take a few moments to check out all of the things listed on the next page that **YOU** will get to do in the Franklin Band. It all starts with our **NEW MARCHING MADNESS Saturday May 19 from 9am-12:00pm** and then we will have our **New Member Orientation Meeting for students AND parents on May 29 at 7:00pm in the Franklin Theater**. We then kick-off the Marching Season with our annual **Micro Marching Camp Monday-Wednesday June 4-6 from 8am-12:00pm**. This will be your 1st introduction to the ENTIRE FRANKLIN BAND!! We will take you, along with the returning members, step by step through the marching basics and help you become familiar with marching band. Then, we will have our Summer Band Camp starting on Monday July 30.

***Just think, by the first day of school, you will already know over 170 people at Franklin!! Additional dates for the Summer Band Camp will be passed out later this Spring.***

The Franklin Band's success is due to **students like YOU!!** Every year the incoming freshmen have made the FHS band stronger. *And this upcoming year will be EVEN BETTER!*

If you or your parents have any questions, please feel free to contact us in the Franklin band room at **236-2266**. You can also check out our website at [fhsstarband.com](http://fhsstarband.com).

***We look forward to having YOU in the "STAR OF THE WEST" BAND!!***

Sincerely,

Mr. Bruce Beach  
Director

Mr. Daniel Allen  
Director

# Welcome From the Band Boosters

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The Franklin HS Band consists of the Marching Band, 3 Concerts Bands, 2 Jazz Bands, and Winter Guard. The Marching Band consistently receives 1<sup>st</sup> Division ratings and competes at all local Marching Contests, UIL Area, and has performed at the UIL State Marching Band Championships. The Concert Bands have also received consistent 1<sup>st</sup> Division ratings at UIL and many other festivals. The Jazz Bands have not only received 1<sup>st</sup> Division ratings at our district festival, but also at the Hanks Jazz Festival where both bands have placed in the top three in their class numerous times. Our Percussion program has also been outstanding, competing and placing in the top three groups at the UTEP Day of Percussion, Eastwood Throwdown, and the Thunderdrums contests as well as receiving 1<sup>st</sup> Division ratings at numerous solo and ensemble festivals. The Winter Guard, known as "FOCUS", competes and places consistently here locally in events sponsored by the West Texas Colorguard Association, as well as competing in other W.G.I. (Winter Guard International) regional and national competitions.

The Franklin Band is very proud of each individual student's drive for excellence. Each year, there are a large number of students that participate in All Region Band, advance to the Area level, and make the Texas All State Band. The Franklin Band also has a large number of Solo and Ensembles that receive 1<sup>st</sup> Division ratings at our Region UIL contest and many of these students have advanced and performed at the UIL State Solo and Ensemble contest in Austin, Texas.

## Our Mission

Our mission is to support band activities of the Franklin HS Band programs, its Directors, and its students. The Band Boosters are made up of parents, the Directors and students. The Band Boosters strive to:

- Promote the Band Programs
- Promote the benefits of the Band Program through public awareness
- Promote a spirit of volunteerism through wholesome camaraderie and synergistic activity
- Solicit, collect, handle and utilize funds in promotion of the activities of the band to ensure its competitive edge
- Manage fundraising activities, special events and special trips directly related to the Band Program

Our goal is to assist the band program in its efforts to represent Franklin HS as the "Star of the West."

***Look What YOU Get to Do in the  
FRANKLIN BAND!!!***

**Summer Marching Band  
Band Lock-In  
Football Game Performances  
Pep Rally Performances  
U.I.L. Marching Contest  
U.I.L. Area Marching Contest  
U.I.L. State Marching Band Championships  
E.P.I.S.D. Marching Festival  
S.I.S.D. Marching Festival  
N.M.S.U. Tournament of Bands  
U.I.L. State Marching Band Championships  
Thanksgiving Day Parade - every other year  
Eastwood "Throwdown" Marching Percussion Festival  
All Region Jazz Audition/Concert  
All Region Band Audition/Concert  
Area Band Audition  
All State Band Audition/Concert  
Holiday Concert  
Solo and Ensemble Festivals  
Jazz Band  
Hanks Jazz Festival  
E.P.I.S.D. Jazz Festival  
Various Winter Guard Competitions  
Coronado Band Festival  
U.I.L. Concert and Sight Reading Festival  
Band Trip  
Band Banquet  
Graduation Performance**

# **F.H.S. BAND HONORS**

## **MARCHING BAND**

E.P.I.S.D. MARCHING FESTIVAL 22 YRS 1ST DIVISION RATINGS  
N.M.S.U. TOURNAMENT OF BANDS FINALISTS 9 TIMES  
SISD MarchFest FINALIST 2012, 2013, 2016  
UTEP DAY OF PERCUSSION CHAMPIONS 1997, 1998, 2nd Place 1999, 2005  
3rd place 2002, 2003  
THUNDERDRUMS PERCUSSION FESTIVAL 3rd Place 2004, 2010 2nd Place 2005,  
1st Place 2006, 2008, 2010  
EASTWOOD THROWDOWN PERCUSSION FESTIVAL 2nd Place 2012 and 2014, 4th Place 2013, 2016  
U.I.L. REGION MARCHING CONTEST 17 YRS 1ST DIVISION  
U.I.L. AREA MARCHING CONTEST 1998, 2000, 2002, 2004, 2008, 2010, 2012, 2014, 2016  
U.I.L. STATE MARCHING BAND CHAMPIONSHIPS 2016

## **ALL REGION BAND**

FRANKLIN CONSISTENTLY PLACES A LARGE NUMBER OF STUDENTS IN ALL REGION BAND

## **ALL REGION JAZZ**

CONSISTENT MEMBERSHIP IN THE REGION JAZZ BAND

## **SOLO/ENSEMBLE FESTIVALS**

CONSISTENT LARGE NUMBER OF PARTICIPANTS

## **JAZZ BANDS**

HANKS JAZZ FESTIVAL- Jazz One: 1999, 2000, 2002 FIRST PLACE ;  
2001, 2004, 2012, 2016 THIRD PLACE  
Jazz Two: 2000, 2001, 2002, 2003 FIRST PLACE; 2004, 2017 SECOND PLACE;  
2005, 2006, 2015 THIRD PLACE  
EPISD JAZZ FESTIVAL- Both jazz bands have earned consistent 1<sup>st</sup> Division ratings.

## **CONCERT BANDS**

3 PERFORMING CONCERT BANDS  
FIRST BAND-22 YEARS 1ST DIVISION RATINGS  
SECOND BAND- 20 YRS 1ST DIVISION RATINGS  
THIRD BAND-6 YEARS 1ST DIVISION RATINGS

## **FLAGS / WINTER GUARD(INDOOR FLAGS)**

PARTICIPATES IN THE WEST TEXAS COLOR GUARD CIRCUIT  
TOP THREE RANKINGS IN EACH OF THE FOLLOWING WINTERGUARD INVITATIONALS FOR THE PAST 16 YEARS:  
IRVIN, ANDRESS, FRANKLIN, DEL VALLE, HANKS, RIVERSIDE, AMERICAS, DESERT VIEW MS  
TRAVEL TO DENVER, LAS VEGAS, PHOENIX, CALIFORNIA and DALLAS FOR REGIONAL WINTERGUARD COMPETITIONS.  
ALSO COMPETED AT THE WINTERGUARD INTERNATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIPS IN DAYTON, OHIO.

## **FULL BAND TRIPS**

LOS ANGELES, SAN FRANCISCO, SAN ANTONIO, ORLANDO, SAN DIEGO, TORONTO,  
WASHINGTON D.C., COLORADO, DALLAS, NEW YORK, DENVER, and CHICAGO.

# ***Some Frequently Asked Questions About the Franklin Band...***

## **If I am in band, can I also do SPORTS?**

**YES!** The band directors and the coaches work together to allow students the opportunity to participate in both activities. We have consistently had band students in ALL high school sports. **YOU DO NOT HAVE TO CHOOSE ONE OR THE OTHER.**

## **If I am in band, can I also belong to other student clubs?**

**YES!** In fact, most of the FHS band students belong to a second, and sometimes third student club! *We encourage involvement!*

## **Do I have to audition for the FHS marching band?**

**NO.** Everyone is welcome to participate in marching band **REGARDLESS OF YOUR PLAYING ABILITY.** You will be placed in the band class for your instrument and there is no specific chair order. Part assignments (1st, 2nd, or 3rd) will be determined during summer band practice.

## **After marching season, what happens?**

Mr. Beach and Mr. Allen will place you into one of THREE CONCERT BANDS. Each of these three groups perform in the spring!

## **How many Jazz Bands are there?**

There are TWO jazz bands at Franklin. Both jazz bands meet before school during "0" period following Marching Season.

## **Does the FHS band take a trip in the spring?**

**YES!** The band will be taking a band trip in the Spring of 2019. We do a big full band trip every other year. We fund raise to help students offset the cost of the trip. *We encourage everyone to go on the band trip.*

## **Can I take band all four years?**

**YES!** You will need 26 credits to graduate, but **Band DOES COUNT as FINE ARTS, P.E., and an ELECTIVE!!** The counselors will help plan out your four years of classes to include band. PLUS, with Block Schedule, you will be able to take MORE electives than ever before!!! *Please check out the Sample Graduation Plan in this packet!!*

## **Will being in band have a NEGATIVE effect on my other grades?**

**NO.** Passing your classes is of the UTMOST IMPORTANCE in the FHS band. At the beginning of the year, we set up PEER TUTORING to help you with ANY subject. It has been proven that **staying in band helps MAINTAIN outstanding grades!**

**SAMPLE GRADUATION PLAN  
FOR STUDENTS IN BOTH BAND AND A MAJOR SPORT**

Assumptions:

- 1) Student is coming to high school w/o any middle school credits.
- 2) Major sport will be double blocked for both semesters (some major Sports are only double blocked in season).
- 3) Credits requirements for freshmen are 26 total credits.

**FRESHMAN YEAR**

<b>FALL</b>	<b>SPRING</b>
0) Marching Band	
1) Band	1) Band
2) English I - A	2) English I – B
3) Algebra I – A	3) Algebra I – B
4) W Geo – A	4) W Geo – A
5) Biology – A	5) Biology – B
6) Foreign Language I – A	6) Foreign Language I – A
7) Sport	7) Sport
8) Sport	8) Sport

**SOPHOMORE YEAR**

<b>FALL</b>	<b>SPRING</b>
0) Marching Band	
1) Band	1) Band
2) English 2 - A	2) English 2 – B
3) Geometry – A	3) Geometry – B
4) W History – A	4) W History – A
5) Chemistry – A	5) Chemistry – B
6) Foreign Language II – A	6) Foreign Language II – A
7) Sport	7) Sport
8) Sport	8) Sport

## JUNIOR YEAR

<b>FALL</b>		<b>SPRING</b>	
0)	Marching Band		
1)	Band	1)	Band
2)	English 3 - A	2)	English 3 – B
3)	Algebra 2 – A/ Math Models	3)	Algebra 2 – B/ Math Models
4)	US History – A	4)	US History – B
5)	Physics – A	5)	Physics - B
6)	Health	6)	Speech
7)	Sport	7)	Sport
8)	Sport	8)	Sport

## SENIOR YEAR

<b>FALL</b>		<b>SPRING</b>	
0)	Marching Band		
1)	Band	1)	Band
2)	English 4 - A	2)	English 4 – B
3)	Alg 2-A/ Math Models	3)	Alg 2 – B/ Math Models
4)	Government	4)	Economics
5)	Science Elective – A/	5)	Science Elective – B
6)	Technology - A	6)	Technology B
7)	Sport	7)	Sport
8)	Sport	8)	Sport