

LASA Band New Member Guidebook

2025-2026



“Make Your Mark, Leave Your Legacy”

[LASA Raptor Band Boosters](#)

New Parents and Members

Welcome to the LASA Raptor Band!

The directors look forward to having you join our LASA Raptor Band family!
We are very excited to have you become a member of our band!

Musical excellence, along with academic excellence, is what we are all about.

In this guidebook you will find information to help you as you prepare for the next four years.
Feel free to call us if you have any questions or concerns.

The directors look forward to meeting you and your family!

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Dear New Band Parents,

Welcome to the LASA Raptor Band Family!

Congratulations! You and your student are about to start an awesome and exciting journey with the LASA Raptor Band! Being part of the LASA Band Family is a uniquely wonderful experience and provides support and a positive peer group.

Many of you are veterans of middle school band programs, so we know that you appreciate the level of commitment required from students and parents. We'd love to have you involved at any level that is comfortable – from joining the Band Booster Board to being part of the Pit Crew or helping with any of the other band volunteer opportunities. Getting involved makes the band experience more fun for you and your child (even if they tell you otherwise ☺).

This guidebook is intended to give you insight into the traditions and language of the LASA Raptor Band and to help answer common questions other parents have had in the past. We hope to provide you with information about what a typical year in the LASA band looks like.

In addition to this guidebook, we strive to keep everyone in our band community updated throughout the year on upcoming events, volunteer opportunities, and last minute changes to schedules. Here's how we will be sharing information:

- **BoosterHub:** BoosterHub is our newly adopted communication system. All emails will come from “Lasa Band Boosters” and the email address of LasaBand.Boosters@gmail.com. *Please make sure that you and your student are in BoosterHub and receiving messages!*
- **BoosterHub Website:** The BoosterHub Website/App is our official record source and will have the official calendar and gear store — <https://lasaraptorband.boosterhub.com>
- **The LASA Raptor Band website** is also a great source of information. We encourage you to subscribe to the calendar or bookmark the page for your easy reference. <https://lasaraptorband.org/calendar/>
- **LASA Band Booster Meetings:** We encourage everyone to join our monthly booster club meetings, which typically are scheduled on the fourth Monday of every month at 7:30pm.

Please do not hesitate to contact any of us with any questions you might have. We are always available to address your concerns. In addition, our amazing Band Directors are here to support you and your students.

Again, welcome!

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I. DAILY LIFE

How much time will my child need to reserve for marching band?

Summer Band begins in late July and lasts Monday through Friday, morning and afternoon. Wear a white t-shirt, shorts, comfortable athletic shoes, and bring a large water jug. Sunscreen, hats and sunglasses are highly recommended! Make sure to bring anything you need musically, which includes your instrument, flip folder, and BERP (if you have one for brass players).

Once school begins, marching band will have practice after school. The online calendar shows which days students rehearse. On a typical 5-day week, students will have one day off. Games are typically on Fridays, with some games on Thursdays. On game days, students stay after school for practice, then leave for the game on the bus.

In addition, two to four Saturdays in the fall will be required for the Cap City Marching Festival (the band's biggest fundraiser), other marching festivals, and UIL competition. (See pages 9-10 for more information.) For 2025, Cap City is scheduled for September 27, 2025. Other required Saturday commitments will be posted on the band calendar <https://lasaraptorband.org/calendar/>.

As the band enters concert season (November - May), your student will not have after-school rehearsals every day, but will need to spend more time on individual practice at home. Some after-school sectionals/rehearsals can be expected in the spring. The majority of band members take private lessons, some during their band class and some outside of school time. Yes, band is a major commitment, but as with anything worthwhile, the more you invest, the more you will get out of the program. Past band members have reported that having the structure and commitment of marching band has helped them achieve more in the rest of their LASA careers.

What happens if my student misses a rehearsal?

Our band directors realize that there will be times when life outside band must take precedence, such as for medical appointments. As much as possible, please schedule appointments for non-rehearsal days. The band directors publish the rehearsal schedule months in advance in order to avoid conflicts. Make sure to check the calendar on the band website before making any appointments. When one person is gone during marching practice, the problem is amplified many times over. It is simply impossible to learn to march a show if there are "holes" instead of bodies on the practice field. Those students who are at practice can't figure out where to go because the people they should be following are missing and the people who are missing don't know where to go when they return. Everybody loses.

This is true for Summer Band as well as for after school rehearsals. We learn over half of the marching show before school begins; having regular attendance during Summer Band sets us all up for success for the remainder of the marching season. In addition, this is invaluable time for us to come together as a band, spend time with old friends and make new ones. For freshmen in particular, it's a great way to start off getting comfortable in high school. Summer Band really is the beginning of creating the band family experience; attendance and participation at all of it is expected.

Because a student's absence impacts everyone else, students may lose points on their overall grade for missing rehearsals during the school year. Just like athletes may not be allowed to start or play a game if they miss practice, band students need to attend rehearsals so they can perform. If your student MUST miss rehearsal or part of a rehearsal, have your child discuss the situation in advance with their band director.

How does my child manage to be in band and keep up with grades?

The band directors will tell you unconditionally that grades must come first. Time management is critical and is easier for some students to learn than others. The secret, if there is one, is to think ahead and stay caught up. Working ahead is the key.

In addition, if a student is ineligible due to grades, they cannot march. Students with a grade in an *Honors weighted* course below 60 become ineligible; students with a grade in an Unweighted course below 70 become ineligible. Students can regain eligibility three weeks after losing it if they bring ALL their grades up to the appropriate level.

It is important for students to make a plan in advance to work through any schedule conflicts! Seek help at the first sign of confusion or trouble. The teachers at LASA are there to help your child be successful. They are glad to work with students before school or during lunch. If after school is the only time a student can get help, your child can talk to the directors and his/her section leader and they will work out something. The directors are also great about matching up band kids as tutors/mentors, but they have to know there is a problem before they can find a solution. As noted above, years of experience has proven that students on the whole have more motivation to pass during marching band season and generally have higher grades.

Can you explain "The Show"?

"The Show" is the performance the marching band spends hours and hours and hours perfecting for marching competitions. The band performs the show, or part of it, during halftime at football games. The show is 7-8 minutes long and is typically made up of four parts – the "intro," the "opener," the "ballad," and the "closer." The music is dramatically different for each part to showcase the band's ability to play and march to a variety of music. In addition to the main parts of the show, there may also be a "percussion break" that showcases the drumline or front ensemble.

Watching a show is like watching a three-ring circus. It is impossible to keep up with everything. At any given time, in addition to the band, drumline and pit, there may also be flags, rifles, sabers and dancers, along with props. It is truly theater on the field!

The show comes together bit-by-bit and week-by-week. Each day the band learns several new charts or sets. It is important not to miss a marching practice! It is nothing short of awesome to watch our kids put it all together on the field.

UIL Region Marching contest is usually held in mid-October. If a band scores well enough at the Region competition, they continue to move up the UIL competition ladder through October and into November. The show will be next to perfect by then. All marching bands compete at the Region level each year; and starting in 2023, ALL bands across the state are allowed to advance to the Area and State levels. The band will continue to march the show until the end of football season and all scheduled marching competitions (see the band calendar).

What is a "shadow" or alternate?

A person who does not have his/her own marching position (spot) in the show, but rather shares the same spot during practice with another like-section member, is called an alternate. Often the two individuals will trade off in weekly halftime performances until band contests grow near. Each year there are a handful of students in this category. From a drill-writing standpoint, it is wise for a marching band to save back a few substitutes for those inevitable occurrences such as injuries, failed grades, or long illnesses. Should a marcher in the show become ineligible, students mentioned in the above section can fill into their spot. This procedure helps the band to avoid marching a "hole" in the show. Alternates can also be used to fill other positions that arise as the

show is refined.

Are private lessons required for band members?

Students are strongly encouraged to continue private instruction on their instrument. Our band directors do a magnificent job of stretching our students, but there are too many students in class to allow for the kind of one-on-one attention your child will receive from a private instructor. Private instruction is particularly helpful in the spring when students prepare for Solo and Ensemble Competition. The directors keep lists of private instructors for most instruments. Some instructors come to the school and give lessons either during band class or after school.

What are Band Siblings?

Each year the band officers organize Band Siblings for new members in the band. The purpose of the Big Siblings program is to give new students a friend and mentor in the band. Big Siblings are assigned during Summer Band at the request of the new band member. Freshmen and other new band members will be invited to sign up if they wish to participate in this activity. Being invited to be someone's Band Sibling is an honor and a responsibility to be taken seriously. The newcomers typically ask upperclassmen in their section to serve as these mentors, but if a student is uncomfortable asking a person to fill that role, the band leadership will assist. Once a Big Sibling has been assigned, the freshman or new band member becomes a Little Sibling!

Big Siblings touch base with their Little Siblings on a weekly basis. Big Siblings typically exchange candy or other small gifts or tokens of friendship with their Little Siblings on football game days, at marching contests and sometimes during the holidays. Being part of the Big Siblings system gives your child an opportunity to connect a bit more deeply with another band member.

Are there pep rallies?

Pep rallies are held about two-four times a year, once or twice during football season and once or twice in the spring semester. The band plays for all pep rallies. On pep rally days, the band will be dismissed a few minutes early. Pep rallies are usually held the last part of the day.

What happens after marching season is over?

The band moves into concert season at the conclusion of marching season. There are typically three concerts during the remainder of the school year: Winter, UIL and Spring / Senior Salute. The Jazz Bands often hold concerts separate from the other bands. In addition to preparation for concerts and UIL concert band competition, the students are encouraged to participate in solo and ensemble competitions. After school marching rehearsals are no longer needed. You can expect about one weekly rehearsal per activity as applicable during the second semester, e.g. one for band/percussion/colorguard class, one for jazz/stage band, one for full orchestra. Many students shift to winter or spring sports, or audition for the one of the many other offerings the music department has such as full orchestra, stage band, winter guard, pit orchestra.

What's the deal with graduation?

All non-senior band students are asked to perform at the LASA graduation ceremony (location to be determined) each year.

II. GAME DAY!

How does "tailgate" work?

On football game days, the band will meet to rehearse and/or go over logistics and expectations for 30 - 45 minutes. In order for the students to get to the game on time after rehearsal, our wonderful Band Boosters Tailgate Committee organizes a "tailgate" meal before every game as well as on competition days. Your child will get a great meal with their bandmates before they head off to the game. The menu varies each week and every dietary need can typically be accommodated – vegetarian, gluten-free, dairy-free, food allergies. The Tailgate leads will be at Everything Day, so make sure you sign in with them and note your student's special dietary needs. Tailgate fees will be included in your student's My Fair Share fees. Game days and competition days are long and every kid comes through the Tailgate line.

Volunteers are needed to shop, set-up, serve, grill/prepare food, and clean up. Although games are typically on Thursday or Friday, there will also be opportunities on Saturdays for marching competitions. Because so many meals are being provided over the course of the season (every football game as well as 2-3 meals at each competition), we really need many volunteers! Even if you can only help out once or twice, this is a simple, fun way to help out and get to know the kids as well as enjoy the company of other band parents.

What is the PIT CREW?

The Pit Crew is made up of band parents responsible for seeing that the drum major stands, percussion equipment, props, and the sound system used by the entire band is transported and set up at every performance. We could not function as a band without the help of the Pit Crew! At football games, the Pit Crew moves to the gate where they unload at the middle of the second quarter and help to position the vast array of instruments along the sideline. They watch the show from the track and then help to quickly clear the equipment away after the show. Anyone is welcome to join this awesome group of volunteers. We contract with a driver to pull our beautiful 46' trailer with all of our heavy equipment, but often need additional vehicles. Please consider volunteering to help drive one of the vehicles needed to get the equipment to games and performances. The box truck is large but does not require a CDL to operate; please volunteer if you are comfortable driving that size of a truck. It takes many parent volunteers to get the necessary equipment moved each week, particularly later in September and into October when we have our full set of props and equipment on the field. Please consider helping in this area, even if only for one game!

When and where are the football games? How long do they last?

Football games are held either Thursday or Friday night and usually begin at 7:30 PM. Students generally stay after school until the game starts and are provided with dinner by the Band Boosters (see "tailgate"). Games typically last about 3 hours and the band is required to be at the entire game. The football schedule will be posted on the band calendar on the LASA band website <https://lasaraptorband.org/calendar/> when it is available. Home games will usually be played at either Nelson Field or House Park. (<https://www.austinisd.org/athletics/facilities>)

Do I have to buy a ticket to come to the football games and watch the band?

Yes...even if you just come for halftime. Everyone has to have a ticket except uniformed band members, band directors, and the Pit Crew. Tickets may be pre-ordered online or purchased at the game (pro tip: there's often a very long line in person). Depending on the district (AISD, Hays, etc.) tickets range from \$6 - \$8 per game, and student tickets are typically discounted. Due to security restrictions, most stadiums are now requiring a new ticket purchase each time you exit the stadium. AISD employee? Good news: if you show your badge at the ticket booth for AISD games, you'll receive a discounted ticket price (student price). Oh, and by the way,

the purchase of a ticket is required to watch marching competitions as well - and those prices vary. Also, most stadiums now only allow clear bags into the stadium. You may also want to bring some stadium chairs to keep comfortable in the bleachers.

What does my band student need to take to the games?

Other than their complete uniform, hat, gloves, percussion and colorguard equipment, instrument and music, your student should bring their water jug. They may also want to bring a small hand towel to wipe down the bench if it has been raining. Note that band members are not allowed to eat during games, nor are they allowed to drink anything but water during games. Food particles and sticky drinks tend to do bad things to musical instruments and uniforms. They will be fed all of their meals through Tailgate.

Uniform Notes

Band performances at the beginning of band season use the “summer uniform” - the LASA band t-shirt, band shorts, and special marching shoes. Summer uniforms are available to be purchased online via the link sent out in early June. Another window to order uniforms will open up near the beginning of Summer Band. Students will purchase their own long, black socks separately to go with the summer uniform. As the weather cools (a little), we move to the formal marching uniform, usually just in time for the Cap City Marching Festival. Please note that you do not need to wear the summer uniform to Summer Band (see pg 1 for what to bring to Summer Band).

It is a good idea to have a couple of safety pins handy for emergency uniform repairs. Students can pin a couple of safety pins on the underside of the bibber strap or tuck them in the bibber pocket.

In particular, before band competitions, it is absolutely essential that students review their uniform to ensure that they have all parts (including socks), hems are the appropriate length, and shoes are clean. Plumes for marching hats are distributed before the band goes onto the field.

Do we march in bad weather?

Well...that depends on how you define “bad”! As a general rule, yes, we suit up and head to the game as a show of support for our school and our team. Of course, the directors have safety foremost in their minds, and will not knowingly endanger students. If it is raining hard, the band may leave instruments on the bus. If it is really cold, marchers should plan ahead by layering warm clothes under uniforms. In the event of lightning, the stadium will often be evacuated and events may be delayed or canceled.

What are the announcements that the band makes right after half time at the football games?

There are several sets of announcements going on in the band stands during the third quarter. Each week awards are given for Section of the Week, Marcher of the Week, and so on. Recipients of these awards are nominated by section leaders and band officers, and chosen by the band directors.

The students also use the third quarter to give out some humorous awards that are surprises to the Band Directors as well as the rest of the audience!

The other set of announcements involves “crossing over.” During each game, members of the home team band “cross over” to welcome the visiting band. Band leaders are introduced on the visitor side and then they, in turn, bring a delegation from the visitors’ side over to introduce them on the home side. Small gifts are often exchanged between the bands and Band Boosters. This is intended to build community and camaraderie between the schools.

What are "stand tunes" and "brass jams?"

Stand tunes are catchy, popular tunes the band plays to pump up and entertain the crowd during games. Brass jams are catchy, energizing tunes and rhythms that ONLY the brass and percussion play. The rest of the band has appropriate motions/routines/exercises that go along with the brass jams. It's also fun for the parents to join along for some of the motions too!

Is there a parent protocol at football games?

Yes...come, wear your band shirt or school colors and have fun! Don't forget your clear bag and a stadium chair. Beyond that, we are a pretty laid-back group. We tend to sit next to the band. You can see the halftime show best from up high, but you can always migrate to the top and stand during half time if you choose to sit down low. We stand for the school song, and take lots of pictures. We try to watch our kids without letting them know we are watching them! ☺

The band sits in a designated section. We do not enter the band seating area unless it is really important. You can pass a message down the line to your child or get your child to meet you at the edge of the section if you need to talk to your child. Former band members and visiting junior high students are allowed to sit with the band, but no other guests or dates. Remember, your band member has a job to do during games!

How do I find my child at the end of the game?

Before your student leaves for school on game days, make a plan for where to meet after the game. They will know what their post game responsibilities are, and whether or not they will need to return to campus. Students may ride the bus back to the school after the game and can be picked up there, or may be picked-up at the stadium after the game (near the buses in the parking lot). Students' belongings will be left on the bus during the game and should be picked up before leaving the stadium.

III. OTHER EVENTS

What is Everything Day?

Participation in Everything Day, which is usually scheduled on a Saturday in August at the school, is required of all band students and at least one parent/guardian. "All" includes marching band, concert band, jazz band, stage band, and colorguard. This is one stop shopping at its best! Everything Day is a chance to take care of all the various logistical tasks that go along with being in marching band, including paying fees, filling out all necessary forms for the year, and signing up for volunteer opportunities. In addition, students will be measured for their full marching band uniform.

What is the Band Jamboree?

The AISD Band Jamboree is typically held on a school night in September at Toney Burger stadium in southwest Austin. Each band from AISD performs some or all of their show.

Parents and spectators sit on the south side of the stadium. The band will travel to the stadium by bus from LASA. Most students will be allowed to leave with parents straight from the stadium at the end of the evening; others may need to return to LASA to help with unloading. Your student's section leader will be able to tell them if they may leave with you or if they need to return to LASA with the buses.

Students will be required to stay until all other bands have performed, although they may be allowed to take

homework into the stands.

What is a marching contest?

A marching contest is an opportunity for schools to perform their marching shows in front of a panel of judges who offer critiques to help them improve their shows in preparation for UIL competition. Typically, schools organize marching contests as fundraisers for their band programs. Bands pay a fee to attend the contest and receive the benefit of the judges' remarks. The LASA Band traditionally tries to compete in two or three marching contests each year aside from the UIL competition to gain first-hand experience and to benefit from the valuable feedback from the judges. Marching contests typically occur on Saturdays and may last all day. Check the Band calendar via BoosterHub to see the dates and locations of the marching competitions for the current year.

What is Region Band?

The TMEA Region 18 Auditions happen in early December. Students may audition on Thursday, December 4th and/or Saturday, December 6th at Akins HS in south Austin. Directors will confirm the exact date(s) in November. The band directors will provide the "region etudes" to students in late July/early August. Students who place high enough in their respective audition room will earn a chair in one of the 5A or 6A Concert or Symphonic Bands. The Clinic and Concert will happen on Friday and Saturday, December 12th and 13th. The Region process goes through Area and State. Students who place near the top of their room at Region will advance to Area. That audition will take place on Saturday, January 10th, 2026 at Hays HS.

Does my child have to participate in UIL Solo and Ensemble Contest?

Well...yes and no. For MOST students, participation in UIL Solo & Ensemble Contest is optional. ALL students are strongly encouraged to participate. Students in the upper bands are expected to participate at some level. Your student should speak with his or her director for individual advice about participation, choice of music and information about accompanists. Solo & Ensemble Contest is Saturday, January 31st, 2026 at Bowie HS.

What is the Capital City Marching Festival (Cap City)?

Each year, the LASA Band Boosters host the Capital City Marching Festival (September 27, 2025). This is the primary fundraiser for the LASA Band and every family is needed to help make it a success. We will host approximately 20 schools at Burger Center on that Saturday (September 27, 2025). LASA will march in "exhibition" (which means we will receive critiques from the judges, but will not be eligible for awards and trophies) It is a busy, fun day, and it's not too early to sign up for the Cap City job you would enjoy the most. Please mark your calendar now for September 27, 2025 and plan to make a day of it!

<https://capitalcitymarching.org>

What is the Band Banquet?

The Band Banquet is held on a Saturday evening in the late spring at an off-campus facility. The attire is usually semi-formal. Dinner is followed by an elaborate awards ceremony in which the seniors give out rather "colorful" awards to their peers, the directors give out numerous awards and the leadership of the band for the following year is announced. A dance follows the awards presentation. Ticket prices are set to cover the cost of the event.

What can you tell me about the band trips?

Band trips are wonderful opportunities for our kids to bond, travel, explore new cultures and practice their independence – all in a carefully structured environment. **Last year’s trip was to New York City. Dates and destination for this year’s trip (2026) have not been determined, but it will likely be an in-state trip.** The LASA Band tries to take a trip each year. Band parents play a big role as chaperones for band trips. Band trips are not intended to be family vacations, but we’ve had younger siblings attend. If parents volunteer to be chaperones on a trip, they agree to be responsible for young people in addition to their own. Band members and their chaperones are expected to pay for their trips. All band students are welcome on band trips (including, of course, Colorguard, Jazz Band, and everyone enrolled in any band class).

What is My Fair Share?

AISD provides limited monetary support for the LASA Band to operate, but the funds are insufficient to support the needs of our large, active band program. The My Fair Share program was established in 2004 to augment the budgetary needs of the Band. Each year as the band booster budget is developed, a My Fair Share amount is established and collected from all band students by the Band Boosters. All students participating in the LASA Band Program including members of the Concert, Symphony and Wind Ensemble bands, Marching Band, Jazz Band, and Color/Winter Guard contribute toward My Fair Share. Installment payment plans and payment assistance are available. Additional donations are welcome and are also considered tax deductible. All students may fully participate in the band regardless of the amount of MFS fees they contribute.

IV. PARENTS: GETTING INVOLVED, STAYING INFORMED

Who are the Band Boosters and what is the Band Booster Board?

Hopefully YOU will soon be a Band Booster! Anyone who is a parent, friend or supporter of the LASA Band can become a member of the Band Boosters by paying an annual membership fee of \$20 although one member is included in your My Fair Share fee. Membership fees go into the general band fund to purchase supplies for the band. The Band Booster Board (or Band Board) is a group of Booster members who have agreed to serve the band in various volunteer capacities. We have a food service team, trip planners, treasurers, senior jacket orderers, a webmaster, a trailer committee and more. The Band Booster Board is the group that gets the Boosters organized to accomplish what needs to be done...whatever that may be...to provide support for our band, our students, and our directors. We work hard, are very proud, and have a whole lot of fun! The Band Boosters usually meet once a month on Zoom. The specific schedule will be posted on the band calendar on BoosterHub. Everyone is always welcome to attend whether or not they are “official” Boosters but only members are allowed to vote.

Where is the Band Calendar?

The most current Band Calendar can be found on the LASA band website <https://lasaraptorband.org/calendar/>. Please review the calendar regularly and plan accordingly. If you have questions about the Band Calendar, please let a director know.

How can I stay up to date on what is happening with the band?

There are a number of ways to stay informed and connected with the LASA band. By far, the best ways to stay up to date are by checking [the band website](#) and reading **your email**. There are also some announcements that go out via text, particularly to update travel times or last minute schedule changes.

If you’re looking for even more opportunities to connect, join us on the private **Facebook group** ([LASA Band Boosters Community Group](#)). It’s a great place to ask questions, share silly band stories and even more videos! Please make sure to answer the security questions so that we can approve your membership. You

can also check out the LASA Raptor Band Instagram account. (<https://www.instagram.com/lasaraptorband/>)

Finally, there's always a lot of great information presented at **Band Booster meetings** so make sure to join us on the fourth Monday of the month. If you don't have regular access to email or the internet, please let us know so we can make sure you get all the important band messages!

How can I get involved?

Give us a call or send an email to Phoebe Purdy or Renee Nieh. We'll help you get involved even if you only have a small amount of time to offer. We hope you will enjoy the rich and rewarding experience of being part of our awesome Band Family. Welcome!

Who do I contact if I have questions?

The band directors are always available if you have questions but sometimes your question might be better answered by one of our parent volunteers working in a particular area. Here are some of the parents you may want to contact in their various roles:

Band Booster President

Phoebe Purdy - p_brons@yahoo.com

Band Booster Vice President

Daniel Alonzo - dlalonzo@gmail.com

Band Booster Treasurers

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