

# Teague Lion Band

Student Handbook

2011-12



## 2011-2012 STAFF

**Cari Martin**, Head Band Director/High School Director

**Michael Owens**, Assistant Director

**Judy Gibson**, Band Secretary/Flag Sponsor

**Helen Cannon**, High School Twirling Sponsor

**Tammy Clemmons, Jr.** High Twirling Sponsor

(254)-739-1541-Band Hall Office (Mrs. Gibson)

### BAND OFFICERS-Elected Positions

**President-Karim Hussain**: Leads meetings and projects that the band council has decided to participate in. The President makes sure the Band Managers are doing their jobs helping the band. Meetings will take place as needed.

**Vice President-Kristen Gore**: Assist the President with meetings and any other task the Band Council has decided to take part in. The Vice President will pick a uniform crew and will make sure that uniforms are hung up properly after performances. Vice President must oversee all students that are on the uniform room rotation duty.

**Secretary-Kyle Hayworth**: Takes minutes of the Band Council activities. The Secretary will also be expected to take roll not only in Band Council meeting, but in band class as well

**Reporter-Ericka Villa**: The Historian makes sure that all band activities get placed in the newspaper. They also help with getting pictures placed in the yearbook as well as keep record of all the activities the band has done throughout the year.

**Parliamentarian-Nick Gibson**: The Parliamentarian keeps order within meetings which helps the President and other officers to conduct business.

All Band Council students will be expected to serve as role models in class, and during football games. Council members can be removed if inappropriate behavior is exhibited or a member misses meetings on a regular basis. The President is to be notified prior to missing a meeting. \*See rule sheet about band council from Mrs. Martin. One council member should be present at each band booster meeting.

**Drum Majors, Flag Captains & the Head Twirler are also included in the Band Council**

### Class Representatives

**Freshman: Meg Taylor, Sophomore: Marquitta Dyer, Junior: Chase Walker, Senior: Amber Kerzee**

These students are elected from their respective class. Duties include: Assist president and Vice President with social activities, booster meetings, visiting bands, newsletters and publicity. Represent class members at Band Council Meetings.

## Appointed/Auditioned positions-Service Officers

**Drum Majors-** MarKesha Warren (Head), Nathan Havens (Assistant): Selected by audition by 3 outside judges. Drum Majors act as field directors of the marching band; conduct in the stands as needed and assist President of Band Council. These individuals are second in command to the Band Directors and set the example for other students in the band as set by the Band Directors.

**Leadership Team:** Karim Hussein, Amber Kerzee, Chase Walker, Marquita Dyer, Kristen Gore, Nick Gibson, Bethany Guest, Caitlyn Chandler, Kyle Hayworth. These students are chosen by directors after having auditions and these students have proven proper marching skills, and shows good leadership qualities. Sophomore, Juniors or Seniors can be selected for this.

**Flags/Twirlers:** Ashley Morris (Head Twirler), Kim Persons, Alexa Anzelmo, Meg Taylor, Candace Doggett.

Flag Captions-Chelsea Ferrell, Brandy McNett (Co-Captians). Flag line members-Yazmihn West, Carly Atchley, Keyra Abram, Tyler Brown, Nicosha Nelms, Katelynn Kaminski, Bekah Havens, Clara Powell.

Duties include: Performing at football games and pep rallies. Other performances may be scheduled through the year as well. Students are selected by audition from those interested in trying out for the flag or twirling line.

**NOTE:** ALL officers are expected to project a positive image of the band to the band members, the school, and the community. Disciplinary referrals and attitude problems will be reviewed and may be cause for probation from office.

### **Qualifications for Twirler, Flags, Drum Majors**

1. Must have parents permission
2. Twirlers, Flag members, and Drum Majors are expected to maintain an attitude and conduct themselves in a way that will project a positive image of the band, the school, and the community. Members may be suspended for disorderly or disrespectful conduct while representing the band. A demerit policy is in place for these groups.
3. Expenses will be incurred for specialty uniforms, camps, make-up, socks etc.
4. Twirlers, Flag members and Drum Majors are expected to attend summer camps and/or workshops scheduled by the director/sponsor.
5. Outside judges are hired to select these groups. There will always be a panel consisting of at least 3 judges from out of town that are highly qualified.
6. The number of twirlers & flags accepted will be determined by the recommendation of the judges based on the number of candidates who have demonstrated a sufficient level of twirling or flag skills.
7. Captains will be junior or senior members who have previously been on the line. If there is no one in those grades that are interested in trying out for captain, then freshman and sophomores will have the option of auditioning for those positions.
8. There will be NO alternates.

***Additional guidelines, rules and permission slips are handed out prior to auditions.***

### Band Boosters

All parents of band members are automatically members of the Teague Band Boosters when your child enters the 6<sup>th</sup> grade. The Boosters meet once a month, see the calendar that directors will distribute. Officers are elected annually. The boosters award scholarships each year to senior band members who apply. Two scholarships are chosen by people in the community who are not affiliated with the band booster organization or the band program. In addition, the boosters support the band through fundraisers and sponsor other social activities throughout the year. All parents are encouraged to be active supporters through the booster organization.

### Award/Letterman Jackets

Award jackets will be earned through a system of accumulating points. Participating in the Band Activities will generate points. Students automatically earn points towards their letterman jacket for participation in Jr. High band. Additional points may be accumulated beginning in the 9<sup>th</sup> grade. Points will be reviewed following the UIL Concert and Sight-Reading Contest. A total of 55 points are required to earn an award jacket. Also, students who stay in band will earn a letterman jacket during their junior year in H.S. (see point system included in this packet)

### Attendance

Your attendance at all rehearsals is important! It is very difficult to put a performance together when people are not there to rehearse. You are important to the band as a whole for your playing abilities and to those around you who count on you for spacing and alignment. **ALL band members are subject to sitting out a performance if the directors feel they are not ready to perform due to attendance or preparation problems and may serve as an alternate marcher. These marchers may or may not perform at competitions and performances. All band performances are MANDATORY.** Band clinics are held during marching season and then during spring concert. The band program pays for a clinician to come in and critique the band. This is why clinics are deemed MANDATORY for attendance. This critique helps find problem areas that need to be corrected before going to contest and we need EVERY band member in attendance on these dates. We will also hold after school practices and ensemble practices. Attendance is taken at these practices and if you miss several, it may reflect on your report card. If it becomes necessary for you to miss an after school practice, please contact the band hall IN ADVANCE **and bring a signed note from your parents** (or doctor, if appropriate) explaining the reason for your absence. If you are not able to attend a performance or completion, please let Mrs. Martin know as soon as you are aware of this conflict.

\*Please try to schedule appointments, trips, etc. at times that do not conflict with rehearsals or performances. Athletes will be excused from band rehearsal only for the time when athletic practice conflicts with band practice.

### Grading Method

Daily work as well as tests will determine six weeks grades in band. Performances are always counted as major test grades. Written tests and/or performing tests may be given. Daily work checks may be announced or announced. Evaluation of students may include the following areas:

1. Assigned music or excerpts (pass-offs)
2. Marching fundamentals/marching practices
3. Scale work

4. Memorization of marching drills
5. Memorization of marching music
6. Sight reading skills
7. Fundamental music theory (note names, rhythmic values etc.)
8. Proper instrument technique and care
9. Twirler and Flag/Auxiliary routines
10. Performances (including but not limited to Band Concerts, Contests, and Friday Night Football Games)
11. Sectional practices (after school) for Marching & Concert Seasons
12. Band Clinics for both Marching and Concert Seasons

### Teague High School Band Football Game Procedure

The impression that the band makes at football games and public appearances is very important. You can make the Teague Band's part of the game an outstanding one. Many people from outside of Teague will see the Teague Band only once. The impression that they receive has a great deal to do with the spirit, pride, and reputation of the band. The Teague Band, football team, student body and cheerleaders reflect the image of Teague High School. Help make ours a favorable image at ALL times!

1. Meet at the band hall at the designated time for games. **BE ON TIME!!** If the designated time is 5:00, that means you are in uniform and sitting in your chair at that time. That does not mean the time you are to arrive to get ready!!!
2. Each person is responsible for his or her own equipment at all times. Cases will be loaded on the band trailer by all band members and the loading crew and chief will double-check everything.
3. **BE PROPERLY UNIFORMED AT ALL TIMES.** Stay in uniform until you can change out of the ENTIRE uniform. Do not change in public. Jackets may be taken off before or after halftime **IF** a director authorizes it.
4. Take your place in the stands as quickly as possible after the performance.
5. Stay with your section throughout the game.
6. Do not take any unauthorized refreshments during the game. After the half time performances, the band will be given 3<sup>rd</sup> quarter off. Students will need to be back in the stands when 2 minutes are left in the 3<sup>rd</sup> quarter. **Tardiness will cause you to lose 3<sup>rd</sup> quarter for the next game.** Please refrain from eating anything that will stain or soil the uniform. It will be YOUR responsibility to keep your uniform neat and clean during marching season.
7. During cold weather you may bring coats and blankets if needed
8. NO ONE but band personnel is allowed in the band section.
9. Watch the directors at all times when they are standing in front of the band. Get music up rapidly when it is called.

10. File out of the stands in an orderly formation before the halftime show.
11. TREAT VISITORS, OTHER DIRECTORS, AND GUESTS POLITELY AT ALL TIMES.
12. When we travel everyone is to use school transportation. If you have special circumstances that prevent this, you must clear it with Mrs. Martin or designee PRIOR to the activity (Athletes, Cheerleaders and others involved in school activities please remind me).
13. Show good sportsmanship toward the opposing team and officials throughout the course of the game. Do not play your instrument unless instructed to by a Drum Major or a Director.
14. Please be aware that playoff games are a possibility. Part of our Responsibility is to participate at EACH football game-we do not perform at scrimmages. Should the team succeed in making the playoffs, the band will be expected to be present and you will be expected to be with the band during the game. Please do not schedule conflicting activities until you are sure the season is over.

### **Procedure For Taking Students After A Game**

1. All students will ride the bus from Teague to the game or any other band event unless another school organization has a conflict with band. Conflicts that are school related will be worked out between the organizations involved.
2. Band Students will not be released to their parent/guardian at activities away from Teague. They will be required to ride to and from all activities with the designated TISD employee/employees. The sponsor will reserve school transportation for all required school events. This decision has been made by the band director and principal.
3. If a student has an emergency or school transportation issue they must be signed out by a parent prior to leaving. Parents will need to meet with Mrs. Martin before taking their child from an event in order to sign them out. Students are not allowed to leave with another parent unless a note has been previously approved by the director before the band event takes place.
4. Students are not allowed to ride with other students after football games, or out of town performances in their own personal vehicles.

*These rules are a protection for your children. Being responsible for this many students is an awesome task. We will try to be flexible with the students; however, we must have strict rules when it comes to keeping track of your child.*

### **U.I.L. Eligibility**

Under UIL rules, a student who receives a failing grade on a report card loses his/her eligibility to participate in all extra curricular activities for three weeks. At the end of the three week point students can regain eligibility of their grades are passing in all of their other classes including the one that they were failing. Once a failing grade appears on the report card, the student is ineligible EVEN IF HE/SHE LATER MAKES UP THE WORK AND THE GRADE IS CHANGED TO PASSING. (Exception: A failing grade that was an error may be changed and eligibility may be restored). A grade of incomplete (I) will cause a student to be ineligible until all work is completed within the allotted time and a grade is changed to passing. Because of this we urge students to remain current in their class work.

## **BAND UNIFORM REGULATIONS AND INSPECTION NOTES**

- \* ALWAYS have your uniform Dry-Cleaned. NEVER wash it in the washing machine.
- \* **Wear your band shirt and shorts or pants under your uniform. You must remain in TISD dress code!!!**
- \* Special care should be taken when hanging up the band pants. If they are not put up properly they could end up in the bottom of your band and will be VERY WRINKLED at the next performance.
- \* Uniforms should be kept clean at all times. Clean soiled uniforms as soon as possible to prevent soil from setting in fabric.
- \* Suspenders should be worn at all times. **The trousers should not break at the shoe, but should hang straight.** Minor alterations necessary to accomplish this are permissible, but **DO NOT CUT ANY MATERIAL.**
- \* Uniforms must always be hung in the bag issued with the uniform. Everything is matched up by number so you will be responsible for remembering your number throughout the entire season.
- \* Long hair must be worn up underneath the hat at half-time performances. Take off all jewelry before games.
- \* If you should get mud on your uniform, allow it to dry and then brush it off with a clothes brush. DO NOT use a wet rag, it will only set the dirt into the fabric. If your uniform is stained in anyway, bring that to the attention of a band staff member. If the uniform is mistreated in any way, you will be held responsible for repairs, cleaning or replacement cost!!!

### **FINES**

**Students are responsible for school equipment and/or music issued to them during the year. Loss or damage (other than wear and tear) will result in a fine.**

#### **School Equipment-----List Price**

Uniform Bibbers-----\$80.00	Full Uniform-----\$300.00
Uniform Jacket-----\$150.00	Flip Folder-----\$8.00
Uniform Hat-----\$70.00	Lyre-----\$7.00
Uniform Bag-----\$25.00	

#### **Teague High School Band-Letterman Jackets**

Jackets will be earned through a system of accumulating points. Points will be generated by participating in Band Activities. Band membership points, band contest, and Region Band points can be generated at the Jr. High level which will count towards a letterman jacket. The remainder of points will be earned by each student at the H.S. level. Points will be reviewed each year after UIL Concert & Sight-Reading Contest. A total of fifty-five (55) points are required to earn a letterman jacket. In a student's junior year of H.S. they will be awarded a letterman jacket regardless of points.

## Activity Points

<b><u>Band Membership:</u></b>	3 points for each year of band membership
<b><u>H.S. Band UIL Contest:</u></b>	2 points (1 for Marching & 1 for C & SR)
	<i>Jr. High Contest: 1 point for musical contests but not limited to that contest only</i>
<b><u>Jr. High Region Band:</u></b>	2 points earned for trying out 4 points earned for making a chair
<b><u>H.S. All Region Band:</u></b>	4 points earned for trying out 6 points earned if you make it to Area
<b><u>H.S. Area:</u></b>	6 points earned if you make it to Area
<b><u>Other Honor Bands:</u></b>	3 points for trying out 5 points for earning a chair
<b><u>Solo &amp; Ensemble:</u></b>	4 points for auditioning  <i>For earning a 1<sup>st</sup> division on 9 points for Class 1 solo/6 for Class 1 ens. The following:</i> 7 points for Class 2 solo/5 for Class 2 ens. 6 points for Class 3 solo/3 for Class 3 ens.
<b><u>Texas State Solo &amp; Ensemble:</u></b>	Qualify 5 points Earn a 1 <sup>st</sup> Division at State= 12 points Earn a 2 <sup>nd</sup> Division at State= 8 points
<b><u>Non UIL Solo &amp; Ensemble:</u></b>	3 points for Participation Earn a 1 <sup>st</sup> division= 3 points

### 2011-12 IMPORTANT DATES

September 10, 2011	Flag Clinic	10:00-2	Teague Band Hall
September 12, 2001	Band Clinic	5:30-8	Teague Band Hall
September 24, 2011	UIL Twirling		Fairfield H.S.
October 3, 2011	Band Clinic	5:30-8	Teague Band Hall
October 8, 2011	Teague Marching Contest		Teague H.S.
October 19, 2011	UIL Marching		LaVega H.S.
October 29, 2011	UIL Area Marching		Groesbeck H.S.
November 7, 2011	UIL State Marching (for bands that advance)		San Antonio
December 2, 2011	ATSSB Jr. High Region		Groesbeck H.S.
December 3, 2011	ATSSB H.S. Region		Groesbeck H.S.
December 12, 2011	Christmas Concert		Teague H.S.
January 7, 2012	ATSSB Area Auditions		Robinson H.S.
January 21, 2012	ATSSB Clinic/Concert		Groesbeck H.S.
February 8-11 <sup>th</sup>	TMEA-Directors		San Antonio
February 18, 2012	Solo & Ensemble		University H.S.
March 8, 2012	H.S. UIL Concert & SR		Groesbeck H.S.
April 4, 2012	Jr. High UIL Concert & SR		Midway H.S.
May 5, 2012	Region Meeting		Midway H.S.
May 14, 2012	Spring Concert		Teague H.S.
May 25-28	State Solo & Ensemble		San Marcos

**Student Information Sheet**

Student Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Grade: \_\_\_\_\_ Instrument: \_\_\_\_\_

Other than band, other school activities are you involved

in: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

Do you currently work? If so where: \_\_\_\_\_

Parents Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Home Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Home Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_

Student Cell #: \_\_\_\_\_

Parent's Cell #: \_\_\_\_\_

Any other information you wish to share with us:

**TEAGUE BAND BOOSTERS**

**President: Terry Gibson**

**Vice-President: Katherine Havens**

**Secretary: Hillary Chandler**

**Treasurer: Leslie Cockerham**

**Reporter: Angela Dyer**

Band Booster Meetings are usually held on the second Tuesday of every month at 5:30 in the band hall. These meetings are on each monthly band calendar that is sent home with H.S. students. Boosters play a major role in our band program. All the booster officers ask is your participation in manning the concession stands and other fund raising projects. Please make an effort to help the booster club by filling out the following form.

**WHAT OUR BOOSTER CLUB DOES FOR OUR BAND**

Working football concessions

Assisting with Teague's Marching Invitational

Feeding band students-every game night, special events, summer programs etc.

Raising money for the Disney Trip

Purchasing instruments or supplies for the program

Selling ads and compiling the football program-major fundraiser

Providing pictures and information to the Teague Chronicle

Hosting the yearly Band Banquet

Holding a Christmas Bake Auction-fundraiser

Providing 2 Band Booster Scholarships

Attending contests to support the students and the band program

**Band Booster Information**

Student Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Parents Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Home Phone #: \_\_\_\_\_ Cell # \_\_\_\_\_

Parent email address: \_\_\_\_\_

Are you interested in helping with concession stands? Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_\_

(working the window, working with food, grilling, serving pizza to the band during 3<sup>rd</sup> quarter, clean-up crew)

Are you willing to bake a dessert for the auction at the Christmas Concert? Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_\_

## High School Band Supply Sheet

Band Shirt: Size(s): \_\_\_\_\_ \$20.00 each \$ \_\_\_\_\_

(XXL-\$22.00, XXL \$23.00) Family orders are welcome. (This shirt will be worn under uniforms, for pep rallies and parades.)

Lyre Bent \$7.00 \_\_\_\_\_ Clamp on \$12.00 \_\_\_\_\_ \$ \_\_\_\_\_

(All student, except percussion will need one of these to attach flip folders to their instruments)

Flip Folder \$8.00 \_\_\_\_\_ Flutes \$12.00 \_\_\_\_\_ \$ \_\_\_\_\_

(All students need this to put their marching music in)

Band Shoes: Size: \_\_\_\_\_ \$27.00 \$ \_\_\_\_\_

(Shoes come in full & half sizes. Women's 5 1/2-12 Men's 3 1/2-11. Order in Medium or Wide Widths. Example 10M or 10W)

Valve Oil/Slide Oil \$5.00 \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Cork Grease \$3.00 \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Drum Sticks \$15.00 \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Ligature \$7.00 \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Neck Strap (Alto's) \$6.00 \_\_\_\_\_ \$10.00 (padded) \_\_\_\_\_ \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Mouthpiece Brush \$3.00 \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Reeds and a few other supplies are always on hand. See Mrs. Gibson to purchase these.

**TOTAL DUE** \$ \_\_\_\_\_

*(Orders will not be placed until full payment is received)*

*Make checks payable to Teague Lion Band*

**NAME:** \_\_\_\_\_

**INSTRUMENT:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Teague Independent School District**

**Drum Testing Consent Form**

**2011-2012**

By our signatures below, we agree to participate in the Teague ISD drug testing program for students participating in extracurricular activities. We understand that failure by either of us to sign the form shall result in removal of the privilege of participation in extracurricular activities, including practice and competition. If either of us is unclear about any aspect of the drug testing policy and program, it is our individual responsibility to contact the campus principal.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Student's Name

\_\_\_\_\_  
Student's Signature

\_\_\_\_\_  
Parent/Guardian

\_\_\_\_\_  
Name Parent/Guardian Signature

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

*\*This form only needs to be filled out for each band student on a yearly basis and will be kept on file in Mrs. Gibson's office. Please turn this in before the school year begins.*

## Band Handbook Agreement

Name of Band Student: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

I have read all of the information in the band handbook and understand what is expected for the upcoming 2011-2012 school year.

PARENT SIGNATURE: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone Numbers: \_\_\_\_\_

**THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT!!**

## Parent/Student Checklist

Please be sure you turn in the following information to Mrs. Gibson's office:

\*Student Information Sheet

\*Supply Sheet and payment

\*Medical Release Form-must be turned in and **NOTORIZED** or you will not be able to participate in football games or competitions. Mrs. Gibson has her notary license and can notarize this form for parents. A parent (or guardian) must come in person and have a valid driver's license.

\*Drug Testing Consent Form

\*Band Handbook Agreement Sheet

\*UIL Parent Acknowledgement Form

\*Band Booster Form

We are all looking forward to this year. It is a STATE year, which means if the band receives a rating of ONE at marching contest we will advance to the state competition. That is one reason we need EVERYONE at every practice!!

THANKS!

