



# Abilene High School Eagle Band

*“The Oldest Marching Band in Texas”*

[www.eagleband.com](http://www.eagleband.com)

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Dear 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Band Parent,

This is an exciting time of the year for the Eagle Band at AHS. We look forward to meeting you and to having your child join the *Oldest Marching Band in Texas!*

Please know that your child is very important to us. We recruited every band student back in 5<sup>th</sup> grade with the hopes and expectations that they would one day join us in making music, traveling and learning a great deal about life, their friends and how to succeed in this world of ours. Please let us help you change your child's life for the better by encouraging them to remain in band in high school. You and your child have a lot to look forward to in this amazing program.

To get things started off right, the Eagle Band hosts a pre-registration time each Spring to get students fitted for a uniform, gloves, hats, T-shirts, and other items we cannot guess just by looking at them. Once fitted, we will order all the items needed over the summer and have them ready for you when Rookie Camp starts July 30<sup>th</sup>.

This year, Pre-registration will be held at Abilene High School **Friday, May 11<sup>th</sup> from 6:00 - 8:00pm** in the Band Hall. You may come at any time during these two hours and we can help walk you through the pre-registration process...

We have included a page in this mailout detailing all of the information that we need to collect at Pre-registration, including the deposit. Please bring the form with you when you come.

Thank you for making time to attend Pre-registration. The process takes about 40 minutes from start to finish once you get to the front of the line. When you have completed Pre-registration, you may relax knowing that everything your child needs is ordered and will be ready to go.

On another note, our website is [www.eagleband.com](http://www.eagleband.com). You will find everything you need to know on this website, including a calendar that will update your smart phone with all events, times and places. We have pictures, contact info, videos, answers to frequently asked questions, and you can sign up for our free group texting service as well. We want to make staying informed easy, so visit the website often.

Have a great Spring and we look forward to seeing you at your Spring concert and Pre-Registration May 11<sup>th</sup>.



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Musically Yours,  
Eagle Band Directors

All incoming students (Rookies) need to acquire the following items before we can issue them a uniform:

1. One pair of black shorts – minimum of a 6 inch inseam and not below the knee. All black, no other markings, or logos and they must have a zipper. No elastic waistband allowed.  
(See enclosed pictures for clarification)
2. One pair all black socks – calf length or longer. No logos or other markings  
(See enclosed pictures for clarification)
3. One lyre – available at NTune Music store in Abilene, specific for your instrument  
(Flutes, Drums and Tubas are exempt from this requirement)

Items 1-3 above are your responsibility to acquire over the summer at your convenience. Your child must show us these items on August 6, 2018 at Final Registration.

In addition to items 1-3 listed above, the band will order the following items for you once you have pre-registered:

- A. One pair Marching shoes
- B. One pair cotton long sure grip gloves
- C. One travel T-shirt
- D. One rain poncho
- E. One Eagle Band backpack
- F. One flip folder with 10 extra pages
- G. One Ultimate Drill Book

Items A-G will be ordered for you when you complete Pre-Registration (May 11th) and you will receive them at Final Registration (August 6th) when your account is paid in full. Total due by August 6th for all incoming students is \$200.00 (This includes the \$100 Pre-Registration deposit). Percussionists will add \$45 to this cost for drum camp.

Students may fundraise a large part of this amount through summer plaque sales. Plaque sales start in June and run at least through October. The \$100.00 deposit must be paid by May 11th and therefore cannot be fundraised.



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Here is a schedule for all incoming students (Rookies) for your convenience:

May 11	Pre-Registration at AHS BH 6:00pm-8:00pm <u><a href="#">Come at your convenience.</a></u>
May 11	Deadline to complete Pre-Registration and make \$100.00 deposit
June	Plaque sales begin, watch for announcement regarding exact start date
June 4-6	Drumline Camp for all drumline 8:00am-12:00pm and 1pm-4pm
July 23-27	Drumline camp for all drumline 8:00am-1:00pm
July 30-31	Rookie Camp for all incoming band, and color guard members 9:00am-4:00pm
August 6	Final Registration at AHS West Cafeteria 6:00pm-8:00pm
August 1-17	Full Band Summer Camp begins. Every week day 8:00am-1:30pm
August 20	Monday Night Rehearsals Begin 6:00pm-8:00pm
August 22	First day of school