

2007-2008

**LA PRYOR  
BULLDOG BAND  
HANDBOOK**

## **PHILOSOPHY**

The La Pryor ISD band program exists to provide students wishing to have a meaningful experience in music, and to express themselves musically in a structured setting, a vehicle in which these desires can be met. Secondly, the band exists to support various activities, such as sporting events of La Pryor ISD, and the community of La Pryor. It is hoped that students participating in the band program will experience a sense of personal growth, teamwork, discipline, positive self-image, commitment, and responsibility because of their commitment to a worthwhile organization, and that they will have a deeper understanding, appreciation, and respect for all types of music.

## GENERAL BAND RULES AND REGULATIONS

### ATTENDANCE

Due to the fact that band is a performance-oriented course, attendance is a major part of a student's grade. Therefore, **attendance is required for all rehearsals and performances.** An excused absence from school will be accepted as an excused absence from a daily rehearsal. **Only personal illness, death in the immediate family, or family emergency will be accepted as an excuse from a performance. Any other absence from a performance will result in a failing band grade for that grading period.** Appointments, tutorials, club meetings, shopping trips, "I had to go out of town", etc., **will not** be an excuse for absence. Schedule conflicts between band and other campus organization will be worked out between the band director and the sponsor of the other organization. Absence from rehearsals may result in being disqualified from participating in band activities.

### BAND HALL FACILITY AND EQUIPMENT RULES

All La Pryor ISD codes of conduct apply in the band hall.

Destruction of school property and facilities will not be tolerated and may be cause for dismissal from band. Damage to the facility or equipment occurring as a result of improper behavior will be treated as a purposeful act. Students removed from the band for damaging or destroying the band facility or its equipment will not be allowed to rejoin the band. Any student guilty of theft of band equipment will be immediately removed from the program, and will not be allowed to rejoin.

Students are expected to be in the band hall when the tardy bell rings. Upon entering the band hall they will immediately get their instruments and music, and be seated. They are expected to be ready to play when the director gives the first down-beat. Students not ready to play will be given a tardy.

No gum, drinks, or food items are allowed in the band room.

Non-band students are not allowed in the band hall.

All band equipment is to be properly put away after each use. This includes instruments and music.

All equipment bought by the band belongs to the band. It is not to be considered "free" equipment.

### GRADING PROCEDURES

The major portion of high school band students' grades will be given for participation, both in class and in performances. Students are expected to be able to perform their music at an acceptable level, and will sometimes be tested on certain music to assess their

level of performance. Tests will also be given on specific test music, sight reading, and music theory. Ample time will always be given for preparation, except for sight reading.

### **ACADEMIC ELIGIBILITY**

Students in the band program must remain academically eligible to participate in all UIL activities. This rule is expanded to include all activities that take place away from the La Pryor ISD campus. Please note: football is a UIL activity. No academically ineligible student will participate with the band at a football game.

### **UNIFORM INSPECTION**

Before leaving the band hall for a performance, students must pass a uniform inspection. If the performance is away from La Pryor, inspection will be to make sure each student's uniform is complete, including proper shoes and socks. Students who fail to pass inspection will not be allowed to travel to or participate in the event.

### **UNIFORM GUIDELINES**

Uniforms are to be kept in the band hall. Under no circumstance are they to be taken home. Cleaning of the uniforms is the responsibility of the band, not of the student. This will enable us to make sure all uniforms are treated equally and that they will always maintain their appearance. Alterations to a uniform will be done only by someone appointed by the band director.

Band uniforms should always be treated respectfully and worn with pride. Whenever in public the uniform will be worn in its entirety except for the hat, unless specifically instructed otherwise by the band director.

### **FOOTBALL GAME PROCEDURES**

Students will be in the band hall by the announced time. Hanging around outside the door is not "in the band hall".

Each student is responsible for having all of his or her equipment available when needed. If help is needed to transport equipment to the bus or field, it will be provided by the director, a chaperone, or by designated students.

Water will be provided at the football games. No other food or drink is allowed while in the stands. No gum chewing is allowed.

### **TRAVEL RULES AND PROCEDURES**

When traveling by bus, these rules and procedures will be followed:

1. All district rules will apply.
2. There will be no open displays of affection
3. No loud talking, laughing, screaming, whistling, or other such noises will be tolerated.
4. Radios, CD players, etc., must be listened to with headsets only. No openly played music will be allowed.

5. No interactions with students from other schools while you are on a band bus will be tolerated. Band bus windows will be in the *up* position from the time the bus arrives at the destination town until it leaves the destination town.
6. Chaperones and bus drivers will be obeyed and treated respectfully. Failure to do so will result in loss of travel privileges.
7. No student will be permitted on a band bus unless a permission slip from a parent or guardian is on file in the band hall. All students must travel to the event on the bus. A student may return with a parent or guardian only if that parent or guardian provides the director with a note *at the event* requesting that the student be allowed to leave with him or her.

Any student attending an event with the band is required to act in a manner that reflects favorably on the band, the school, and the community of La Pryor. Failure to do so will result in that student losing the right to travel with the band.

## 2007-2008 LPISD BAND CALENDAR

August 31	Charlotte	away
September 7	Leahey	away
September 14	Cornerstone	home
September 21	Medina	away
September 28	Dilley	home
October 12	Rocksprings	home
October 19	Nueces Canyon	away
October 26	D'Hanis	home
November 2	Sabinal	away
November 9	Brackettville	home
December 20	Christmas Concert	6:00 PM
May 22	Spring Concert	6.00 PM
May 31	High School Graduation	3:00 PM

**Attendance is required for each of these performances.** Other events, such as concerts and competitions, may be scheduled at a later date.

**LA PRYOR BAND TRAVEL PERMISSION AND EMERGENCY  
AUTHORIZATION FORM**

I hereby give permission for my son/daughter, \_\_\_\_\_,  
To travel with the LPISD High School Band during the 2007-2008 school year.

I understand that my child is responsible for his/her actions and that I will assume full responsibility for any financial damage resulting from my child's actions.

I understand that students are required to abide by LPISD and band policies at all times.

I understand that students will be properly chaperoned at all times, and I will not hold the band director, principal, superintendent, school board or chaperones responsible in case of accident or injury to my child.

In the event that my child requires medical treatment, I authorize the band director, chaperones, or other school officials to act in my behalf in securing any medical attention they deem necessary for the welfare and benefit of my child.

Name of family physician: \_\_\_\_\_ Telephone \_\_\_\_\_

Medical insurance company and policy number: \_\_\_\_\_

Any known allergies: \_\_\_\_\_

Any special medical problems: \_\_\_\_\_

Any medication being used: \_\_\_\_\_

Additional comments: \_\_\_\_\_

***I have read the above information and fully understand and agree with the content of this form. I also acknowledge that I have read and understand the policies set forth in the La Pryor High School Band Handbook. (please sign and return)***

\_\_\_\_\_  
Parent or legal guardian signature

\_\_\_\_\_  
Student signature

Day phone # \_\_\_\_\_ Evening phone # \_\_\_\_\_

Emergency contact person \_\_\_\_\_ Relationship \_\_\_\_\_

Emergency phone # \_\_\_\_\_

