

**LOUIS D. BRANDEIS HIGH SCHOOL  
BAND DEPARTMENT**



**2017-2018  
Band Handbook**



## **INTRODUCTION**

The purpose of this handbook is to acquaint and inform all students and parents with the band program at Louis D. Brandeis High School. The Bronco Bands work toward excellence and accomplishment. This requires cooperation and dedication from students, parents, directors, and administrators.

The handbook is admittedly lengthy, but all the information included is important to you. All enrollees and their parents are requested to read this handbook thoroughly and sign their signatures indicating cooperation with request.

Please read this handbook and save it for reference. Return the last page, along with the Trip Release Form (if not completed at registration), with affixed signatures, before the end of the first week of school.

Always remember, if you cannot find an answer, ask the director.

## **WEBSITE:**

[www.brandeisband.org](http://www.brandeisband.org)



**LOUIS D. BRANDEIS HIGH SCHOOL  
FINE ARTS DEPARTMENT**

**BAND**

The first semester of HS band is designed for the marching band and color guard as per the Fine Arts TEKS governed by TEA. Teacher approval and audition are the prerequisites. The Bronco Marching Band, “*The Spirit of Brandeis*”, performs at all varsity football games, pep rallies, UIL Marching Contest, selected parades, community activities and selected music festivals. The marching band begins rehearsals each August with intensive training prior to the opening of school. Throughout football season, the marching band meets every Monday and Tuesday after school and Wednesday, Thursday, and Friday morning for full band rehearsals. In addition each student may need to attend one sectional a week throughout the football season. The marching band is comprised of competitive and non-competitive marchers. Non-competitive marchers will serve at competitions as helpers for props, pit equipment, guard equipment or designation by directors.

The Brandeis Concert Bands are involved with many performances throughout the year such as holiday concert, winter concert, spring concert, Pre-UIL concert and UIL Concert and Sight-reading contest, and selected festivals. Students will be required to attend one sectional each week in the second semester. The band is divided into three performing organizations; the Symphonic Varsity Band, the Concert Non-Varsity Band, and the Sub-Varsity Band. Placement in these bands is determined by auditions at the first of each semester.

Classroom instruction will be focused on music fundamentals and technique exercises basic to each instrument. Music will be chosen appropriate to student level, and beyond student ability to enhance their musical growth.

Color Guard or Winter Guard is offered for students who want to be a part of the band program, but, do not play a musical instrument. Band students may also be a part of the Color Guard or Winter Guard. Student may count Color Guard toward the P.E. requirement towards graduation.

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**Louis D. Brandeis High School**  
**13011 Kyle Seale Parkway**  
**San Antonio, TX 78249**  
**Band Hall: 210-397-8300 or 397-8301**  
**HS Office: 210-397-8200**

**Principal**

Dr. Geri Berger

**Principal's Secretary**

Monica Bennett

**Vice Principal**

Cynthia Barrera

**Academic Dean**

Elisa McCracken

**Assistant Principals**

Eric Craig / Mike McKenna/Leandro Miranda/Jenna Bloom

**Director of Fine Arts**

James Miculka

**Band Directors**

Richard Herrera

Jesse Cuellar

David Suarez

**Percussion Tech**

Josh King/Mike Gomez

**Color Guard Instructor**

Amanda Dresser King

**School Colors: Navy Blue & Orange**

**School Mascot: BRONCOS**

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## 2015-16 Leadership Team

**Drum Majors:** Jonathan Rodriguez, Head DM  
Bailey Hungate, 1<sup>st</sup> Assistant  
Eric Jin, 2<sup>nd</sup> Assistant  
Lynsey Lamouruex, Back Field DM

**Guard Captains:** Carmen Gonzalez and Denys Alvarez

**Flute:**

Shelby Ebner, Kayla Goodman

**Clarinet:**

Jamie Dart, Abrianna McCray

**Alto Sax & Low Woodwind:**

Daniel Soria, Cade Kouba

**Trumpet:**

Ian Aigner-Varoz, Brian Guerrero

**Horn:**

Ben Walls

**Trombone/Baritone/Tuba:**

Nathan Mendoza  
Diego Mullen  
Sam Williams



**Drumline Captain:** Nick Franklin

**Co-Captain:** Nicholas Burroughs

**Pit Captain:** Emilio Magallan

**Co-Captain:** Krish Shahadipuray

### BAND COUNCIL

**President:** Abrianna McCray

**Secretary:** Stephen Toedt

**Vice President:** Gunner Whatley

**Historian:** Shelby Ebner

# **DISCIPLINE PLAN**

## **BRANDEIS BAND DEPARTMENT**

The purpose of discipline is to create an environment that enhances learning and performance. This plan is based upon the premise that every student has a right to participate in the learning process without interference. Responsibility for behavior lies directly with the individual student. Therefore, anyone who interferes with the effectiveness of the classroom, performance, travel situations, or learning environment in general, **CHOOSES** to accept the consequences as outlined below.

### **GENERAL STANDARDS**

1. Lack of Preparation: Each student is expected to be in class, on the drill field or present for travel and performance with the correct equipment, the correct uniform, the correct attitude, and on time.
2. Interruptions: Verbal or nonverbal are inappropriate behaviors. Students are expected to maintain a mature level of behavior.
3. Refusal to do as instructed: Students are expected to respond with a positive attitude toward instruction.
4. Profanity and/or Obscenity: Students are expected to refrain from this type of activity.
5. Chewing gum, candy or use of tobacco etc. are prohibited
6. Use of Illegal Drugs and/or Alcohol is prohibited (refer to BHS student handbook).
7. Failure to take proper care of equipment including the uniforms and facilities is unacceptable.
8. Any form of “rough-housing” when involved with Band or activities is prohibited.
9. Personal instrument must be in good playing condition during performances or rehearsals.
10. School owned instruments will be checked out in good playing condition and must be maintained by student. If school instrument is not in playing condition, then the repair cost will be the responsibility of the student.
11. Band Directors have final say on what capacity a band member or guard member will serve as a member of the organization. This includes but not limited to: competitive marcher vs. non-competitive marcher, instrument selection, band class placement, leadership team, and approval to participate in future band/guard events.

## **NEGATIVE CONSEQUENCES**

**1<sup>ST</sup> Offense** – Warning

**2<sup>nd</sup> Offense** – Warning + Conference + Report

**3<sup>rd</sup> Offense** - Warning + Conference + Removal from Rehearsal/Performance

**4<sup>th</sup> Offense** - Warning + Conference + Call to Parents

**5<sup>th</sup> Offense** – Send to Principal + Removal from Program

Any student who severely disrupts the class will be sent directly to the principal for disciplinary action. The director will notify parents.

The above applies to anytime we are together for travel, rehearsal, performance, etc.

## **ATTENDANCE/TARDIES**

Students are expected and required to attend all rehearsals and performances! Students are expected to arrive 10 to 15 minutes prior to the start of rehearsals and 30 minutes prior to a concert performance. Points will be deducted from participation and rehearsal technique grade for all absences and tardies. Make ups for missed rehearsals and/or performances will be handled at the director's discretion. Excused absences and tardies may also be subject to point deductions.

## **DUTY ROSTER**

**DUTY ROSTER** is a form of punishment for misbehavior, tardies, or unexcused absences. Students are to report to the band hall the time the director applies. During this time, the student will clean, dust, sweep, etc.

**NOTE:** When we travel, **EVERY STUDENT** will use school transportation or official transportation provided by the District/Booster Club. If you choose other transportation you cannot participate. A Parent or legal guardian may be the only person to receive you from the directors at the approved time following an activity. Prior written notice signed by parent or guardian is requested for this arrangement.

**NOTE:** We reserve the right at any time to add, delete, or modify these standards and consequences in order that your “right” to an education free of disruptive conduct be guaranteed.



## **Brandeis High School Band**

### **Grading Policy**

50% - Formative Category  
Participation

- Attendance in class/performances with all necessary equipment
- Tardy policy as stated in the BHS student handbook will be observed
- Attendance at section rehearsals and clinics
- Attendance at all performances
- Being in the right place, at the right time, with the necessary equipment and the proper attitude
- You have the right to be here, but you don't have the right to be late
- *Extra Credit: Participation at UIL Solo and Ensemble Contest*
- *Extra Credit: Participation of the All-Region, Area, & State Audition Process*

Rehearsal Techniques

- Proper playing techniques, posture, hand position
- Equipment in good playing condition
- All necessary equipment for successful learning such as reeds, valve oil, and drum sticks, etc.
- A positive attitude and work environment
- Attendance

50% - Summative Category  
Testing

- Playing test will be conducted on a weekly basis via Six Week Objective Sheets
- Written test will be given
- The auditions will be graded and the students will be placed in chairs and bands accordingly
- These test will be done live and/or recorded with the possible use of a metronome
- It would be wise for you to have a metronome or use the band website metronome

### **Lettering Policy**

Any student can purchase letter jackets as long as they are a member of the band. All cost such as jacket, patches, and embroidery will be the student's responsibilities. All-Region, All-Area and All-State patches will be given to the students by TMEA.

## ***MOTTOS TO LIVE BY***

**SYSTEM** (*directors*) + **SPIRIT** (*students, parents*) = **SUCCESS**

IF IT'S WRONG, DON'T DO IT

ATTITUDE IS EVERYTHING!

The 3 P's: Passion, Preparation, Persistence

IF YOU THINK YOU CAN OR CAN'T, YOU'RE RIGHT!

To be on TIME is to be LATE..., To Be EARLY is to be on TIME

sUccess.....begins with the second letter

There is no I in team work, But, there is in BRANDEIS SPIRIT

No Excuses, Just Results!

Practice as if you're the Worst, Perform as if you're the Best!

The 4 D's:

DESIRE

DEDICATION

DETERMINATION

DISCIPLINE

I Must Practice Every Day for 30 minutes

If you don't LEAD or FOLLOW, get out of the WAY!

Be Intimidating, NOT Intimidated!!!

“Winners assemble as a TEAM, Losers in small groups...complaining”

*Bill Parcels*

If you Fail to Prepare, you are preparing to Fail! *Mike Brumbaugh*

# CLASSROOM EXPECTATIONS

1. Be in your seat or at your assigned area, ready to work when tardy bell rings.
2. Have all supplies and work everyday.
3. Keep Hands, Feet, and Objects to yourself.
4. No cruel teasing, cussing, put downs, or rude gestures.
5. Follow director/teacher directions.
6. Keep all areas of Band Hall neat and orderly
7. No Food or Drink allowed in Band Hall
8. No cell phone use during rehearsals/performances

# CLASSROOM MANAGEMENT

*INSERT PROBLEM HERE:* \_\_\_\_\_!

Who owns the **PROBLEM**?

Who owns the **RESPONSIBILITY**?

Who made the **DECISION**?

Who has the **POWER**?

Who has the **CONTROL**?

Who makes the **CHOICES**?



# **Brazos Valley Community College**

## **Band Calendar**

**2017 – 2018**

(Dates & Times Subject to Change)

### **JULY**

- 6: Percussion Rehearsal: 9 am to 4 pm
- 12: Percussion Rehearsal: 9 am to 4pm
- 17 – 21: Percussion Rehearsal Camp: 9 am to 7 pm
- 20 – 22: Texas Bandmaster Convention: All Day
- 24 – 28: Leadership Team Meeting: 9 am to 12 pm
- 26: Full Percussion Rehearsal: 9 am to 4 pm
- 31: First Day of Summer Band 7:30 to 3 pm (M)

### **AUGUST**

- 1– 4: Summer Band cont'd: 7:30 am to 3 pm (M-F)
- 2: Registration for Senior/Junior and uniform fitting
- 3: Registration for Sophomore and uniform fitting
- 4: Registration for Freshmen and uniform fitting
- 7 – 11: Summer Band: 7:30 am to 1 pm (M-F)
- 8 Band Booster Meeting 7 pm (Tuesday)
- 14 – 18: Summer Band: 7:30 am to 11 am (M-F)
- 21 – 24: Summer Band: 7:30 am to 9:30 am (M-Thur)
- 23: Teacher Appreciation Breakfast from 8:30 am to 9 am (Band Boosters)
- 24: Summer Band Concert: 7 pm (Thursday)
- 28: First Day of School

### **SEPTEMBER**

- 1: Football Game vs. Johnson, Heroes Stadium at 7:30 pm
- 8: Football Game vs. Alamo Heights, Farris Stadium at 7:30 pm
- 12: Band Booster Meeting, BHS Band Hall: 7 pm (Tuesday)
- 14: Football Game vs. Boerne Champion, Boerne Stadium: 7 pm (Thursday)
- 16: TMEA All-Region Jazz Auditions, 8 am O'Connor HS
- 16: UIL Region Twirling Contest, 10 am TBD
- 16: Dripping Springs Drumline Festival, DPHS Stadium
- 16: East Central Drumline Festival, East Central Stadium
- 23: Football Game vs. Madison, Comalander Stadium: 7 pm (Saturday)
- 30: Football Game vs. Clark, Farris: 7 pm (Saturday)

### **OCTOBER**

- 6: Football Game vs. Taft, GUS Stadium: 7:30 p.m.
- 7: Vista Ridge Marching Contest: All Day (Saturday)
- 10: Band Booster Meeting 7 pm (Tuesday)
- 12: Football Game vs. Marshall, Farris: 7 pm (Thurs-Homecoming)
- 20: Football Game vs. Brennan, Farris: 7:30 pm
- 21: UIL Region Marching Band Contest, GUS: TBD (Saturday)
- 26: Band Booster Fall Dinner Fundraiser, 5 pm to 8 pm (Thursday)
- 28: Football Game vs. Holmes, Gus: 7 pm (Saturday)

### **NOVEMBER**

- TBD: Football Zone Playoffs Northside A vs. Northside B; TBD Farris/GUS
- 3-4: BOA South Regional, Alamodome TBD
- 7: Band Booster Meeting, 7 pm (Tuesday)
- 10-11: TMEA Region Jazz Clinic/Concert, O'Connor HS
- 11: Host South Texas Drumline Festival, All Day (Saturday)
- 15 – 16: TMEA All-District 6A Band Auditions, Stevens HS - 5pm Wed, 5 pm Thurs

## **DECEMBER**

- 1: TMEA All-Region Freshmen Track Audition, Stevens HS, 5 pm Friday
- 2: TMEA All-Region 6A Band/Orch Wind & Perc Audition, Stevens HS, 8 am Saturday
- 5: TMEA All-Region Orch Winds & Perc Rehearsal, O'Connor HS, 6 pm
- 7: Jazz Band/Jazz Combo Holiday Concert
- 8-9: TMEA All-Region Full Orchestra Clinic & Concert, Stevens HS
- 14: Band Holiday Concert & Band Booster Meeting (Wednesday)

## **JANUARY**

- 9: Band Booster Meeting, 7pm (Tuesday)
  - 13: TMEA All-Area Band Audition, UT Austin, 9 am
  - 25: TMEA All-Region Band Clinic, Taft HS, 5 pm to 9 pm (Thursday)
  - 26: TMEA All-Region Band Clinic, Taft HS 8 am; Concert at 6 pm (Friday)
- TBA: Winter Guard Competition

## **February**

- 10: Brandeis Jazz Festival, BHS Auditorium 8 am to 8 pm
  - 13: Band Mid-Winter Concert/Booster Meeting, BHS Auditorium, 7 pm
  - 14-17: TMEA Convention/All State Clinic & Concert
  - 22: UIL Solo & Ensemble, BHS, 5 pm
- TBA: Winter Guard Competition  
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## **March**

- TBA: Winter Guard Competition
- 6: Band Booster Meeting, BHS Band Hall, 7 pm
  - 11: Winter Guard Competition
  - 12-16: Spring Break
  - 22: Percussion Concert, BHS Auditorium, 7 pm (Thursday)
  - 29: Pre UIL, BHS Auditorium, 5 pm (Thursday)
  - 31: Temple Jazz Festival, Temple TX, All Day
- TBA: Winter Guard Competition

## **April**

- 3: Band Booster Meeting, BHS Band Hall, 7 pm (Tuesday)
- 10: UIL C & SR Contest for A2, A3, & Prep Sub NV Band, Warren HS, Time TBD (Tuesday)
- 11: UIL Concert & Sight-reading Contest for Varsity Band, Warren HS, Time TBD (Wed)
- 19-23: Possible dates: Spring Band Trip to Orlando: TBD
- 26-30: Possible dates: Spring Band Trip to Orlando: TBD

## **MAY**

- 3: Cornyval Parking 4 pm to 8 pm
- 4: Cornyval Parking 4 pm to 8 pm
- 5: Cornyval Parking 4 pm to 8 pm
- 6: Cornyval Parking 9am to 1 am
- 8: Band Booster Meeting, BHS Band Hall, 7 pm (Elections Meeting)
- 10: Spring Jazz Band Concert, BHS at 7:00 pm
- 17: Spring Band Concert, BHS at 7:00 pm
- 18: Band Banquet, 6 pm, Pedrotti's
- 21-25: Fish Band Camp 5 pm to 7 pm
- 22: Parent Meeting for New Incoming Parents, BHS Band Hall, 7 pm
- 26: UIL State Solo & Ensemble, UT Austin

## **June**

- 6: Last Day of School

**BAND FEES**  
**2017– 2018**

The Louis D. Brandeis Band program has certain requirements each student must meet to be a part of the organization. The fees are collected at the beginning of each school year. The fees collected will benefit the band members throughout the school year.

A band fee is required of **\$360.00** for new and returning band students. The band fee will be used to cover a variety of expenses encountered by the band program throughout the year that are not covered by the Northside ISD. Such expenses may include (but not limited to) marching drill design, marching and concert music arrangement, all weekday game meals, uniform cleaning, certain contest fees, specialized marching and concert instruction, supplemental supplies, shirts, gloves, shorts, shoes, etc.

**Students will have 3 options to pay the band fee:**

Option 1: \$360.00 due at registration

Option 2: \$180.00 due at registration, remaining \$180.00 due Sept. 29

Option 3: \$120 due at registration, \$120 due Aug. 28, \$120 due Sept. 29

Additional Fees: School Owned Instrument Use Fee Required by NISD Students who play a school owned instrument (e.g. piccolo, oboe, bassoon, bass clarinet, contra bass clarinet, tenor sax, bari sax, trumpet, french horn, baritone, trombone, bass trombone, tuba, percussion) add a required fee of \$30.00 per school year to your band fee.

**Guard Fees will be a flat fee of \$550.00 that will cover for the whole year:**

Option 1: \$550 due at band registration

Option 2: \$275 due at registration, remaining \$275 due Sept. 29

Option 3: \$190 due at registration, \$180 due Aug. 28, \$180 due Sept. 29

**Jazz Band Fees for non-band members will be \$50.** An additional fee of \$30 will be charged for the NISD Instrument Use Fee for students who use school equipment.

**Concert Band Fees for non-marching band members will be \$180.** An additional fee of \$30 will be charged for the NISD Instrument Use Fee for students who use school instruments. Approval from directors is required before a student can be deemed a non-marching band member.

***Checks can be made payable to: Brandeis Band***

Cash, checks, and money orders accepted.

**Sibling Clause:** If two or more siblings are involved in the Brandeis Band program, they may qualify for the Sibling Clause. See Mr. Herrera for details.

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

**ID#:** \_\_\_\_\_

*(please print)*

**NORTHSIDE INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT  
Louis D. Brandeis High School**

**2017-2018 Parent Permission Form for Travel**

\_\_\_\_\_ has my permission to travel with the Brandeis Bronco Band.  
**(student)**

I will not hold Northside Independent School District or its employees liable for accidents or injury, which may have occurred while on the above described trip. I further understand that any competition or performing program as a representative of a Northside School or the District (including practice, competition, travel to and from the event, or other related activities) who displays conduct which is disruptive or detrimental to the program including but not being limited to, being in possession or under the influence of alcohol, marijuana, hallucinogenic drugs, or other prohibited substances of any kind, or attempting to sell, distribute, or to use said prohibited items on campus of any school in the District or any activities mentioned above will be subject to immediate withdrawal from the program for the remainder of the school year and/or placed under suspension, placed in an alternative program, or expulsion from school. (Northside Board Policies, EHAD local, FNCF/FNCE local, FNCG local, FNCH local).

I, \_\_\_\_\_ authorize Richard Herrera/or chaperones to execute  
*(Parent or Guardian)*  
any and all documents necessary for my child, \_\_\_\_\_ to be treated by a medical doctor or at a medical facility, whether on an emergency or non-emergency basis should it be deemed necessary for his/her care and general welfare.

**\* I give / do not give (circle one)  
Permission for over the counter medication to be administered.**

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

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

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

Emergency Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Emergency contacts other than above: \_\_\_\_\_

**PLEASE READ CAREFULLY**

May a qualified sponsor provide minor medical attention?

\_\_\_\_\_  
Yes                      No

If a doctor is needed for any reason, you will be contacted. If we are unable to reach you immediately, may a doctor administer medical attention as he/she feels necessary?

\_\_\_\_\_  
Yes                      No

In case of emergency, please list the telephone number's where you may be contacted.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Home                      Office                      Cellular                      Other

If you cannot be reached, please list someone else we may contact to inform of problem or procedures given.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Contact Person                      Phone

Please list any allergies or other medical problems you feel we should know about.

Please list any medication your child is allergic to.

Medical Insurance plan and number: \_\_\_\_\_

Parent Email: \_\_\_\_\_

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*(Please check one)*

\_\_\_\_\_ I give the Webmaster permission to post pictures of my child on the Band Website: [www.brandeisband.org](http://www.brandeisband.org)

\_\_\_\_\_ I Do Not give the Webmaster permission to post pictures of my child on the Band Website.

I have read and understand the 2017-18 Louis D. Brandeis High School Band Handbook and agree to abide by the procedures and policies contained herein. I understand band is a two semester, four year commitment and will strive to be a positive contributing force in the organization.

**SIGNED** \_\_\_\_\_  
*Student's signature* *date*

**SIGNED** \_\_\_\_\_  
*Parent's/guardian's signature* *date*

We commit to make the Brandeis High School Band the best organization it can be and will use our knowledge and skills to develop all of our students to their fullest potential.

**SIGNED** *Richard Herrera*  
*Director of Bands signature*

**SIGNED** *Jesse Cuellar, David Suarez*  
*Assistant Director's signature*