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### **\*\*VERY IMPORTANT FORMS\*\***

**PACKET IN THE FRONT OF THE BAND HANDBOOK**

**APS PERMISSION & MEDICAL FORMS – (2 copies must be completed & notarized)**

**VOLUNTEER BACKGROUND CHECK INSTRUCTIONS**

**GOLDEN BAND BOOSTER MEMBERSHIP FORM**

**PARENT/ STUDENT CONTACT INFORMATION**

**SPRING TRIP INTENT FORM**

**VOLUNTEER SIGN UP**

**BEHAVIOR CONTRACT**



## LETTER FROM THE DIRECTOR

From the Director,

I hope everyone is enjoying and fun and relaxing summer break. I can't believe how fast the summer is going. It looks like band camp is right around the corner, maybe it is.

I am very excited about the new school year. We have a lot of terrific students returning this year to ensure another awesome year of music. Our marching show, "Pinball Wizard" should be tons of fun. This year we are having our drill writer fly in to teach us basics and the opener. This is something totally new for our band and should be very interesting. We are also going to 4 competitions this year which is a bit of a push for us. We are doing the regular 3, Pageant, ZIA, & TOB. this year we will be going to Flagstaff to compete in the Dome at NAU. We will also have a side trip to the Grand Canyon which I'm sure everyone will enjoy.

Many of the officers and sections leaders spent 4 days after school was out to organize and clean the band room. We still had tons of things packed in boxes from re-model year. They did a great job of organizing the concert and jazz band music library, that was a huge job. They also completed the solo and ensemble library and put up awards that haven't been up since 2005. I applaud their dedication and leadership to our program, they are making it a better place for all of us.

If you are interested on getting a step up on the All State auditions and our chair placement auditions in November you can go the NMMEA web site and find the audition material. Enjoy the remainder of the summer, see you at the end of July.

Mr. Sanks



## LETTER FROM THE ASSISTANT DIRECTOR

Dear Students and Parents,

Welcome, or welcome back as the case may be, to another exciting year of the Eldorado High School Band Program!

Marching band is unlike anything that any of the 8<sup>th</sup> graders have ever experienced. You may feel overwhelmed at first. **Don't worry!** It is normal and completely expected for you to have those feelings. Remember that everyone, including your fellow section members, section leaders, staff and even your directors were once in your position and are here to help you and the entire band improve and succeed!

My experiences with marching groups are numerous. Upon graduating from High School, I worked as a marching tech and brass coach at local high schools. I spent the summer of 1995 marching contra with the DCI drum corps the Blue Knights from Denver, Colorado where I also participated in the Individual and Ensemble competition.

While earning my undergraduate degree at UNM, I performed in the Wind Symphony, Symphonic Band, Jazz band 1 and Jazz band 2. With the Spirit Marching Band I served as section leader for 4 years and also as a drill writer and staff member for one. In addition to those duties I also ran the Soundpack Basketball Band for the Lady Lobo Basketball games.

I earned my Master's degree in music with an emphasis in education in December of 2008 from the University of New Mexico.

This year's marching show "Pinball Wizard" has lots of potential with show design, drill design, props, body movements, and of course, musical expression. (After all, The Who is my favorite band) Let's work together to realize both the potential of the show and most importantly the potential of the EHS Marching Band!

I will gauge success of our marching band by us improving with every performance. This goal can be achieved by carefully evaluating each performance or run through and having focused rehearsals to address concerns.

I am excited for another year at EHS! I am in my ninth year teaching here at Eldorado as the assistant band director and my tenth year teaching overall. In addition to my duties as the assistant band director at EHS, I am also the band director at Jackson Middle School.

**Remember to bring the following very important things to band camp: Water, sunscreen, a hat, sunglasses, good athletic shoes, an open mind, energy, and most importantly, A POSITIVE ATTITUDE.**

See you at Band Camp!  
Mr. Snowden



*Eldorado Golden Eagle Band Program \* Albuquerque, New Mexico*

## FROM THE BOOSTER PRESIDENT

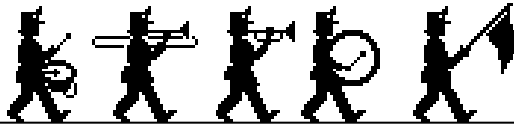
Welcome new band families, I sure hope you are ready for all the fun that our Eldorado High School Band is ready to provide! To our returning families, welcome back! You must be as eager as I am to see what our band has in store for us this year with the Pinball Wizard show.

Students, please be sure to take advantage of the fundraising activities the Boosters have organized for you to help defer the costs of band expenses. The year begins with magazine sales, entertainment book sales and Pageant of the Bands (POB) advertising sales. Many students fund all of their band fees and band trip costs with their participation in these fundraisers.

Parents, be sure to jump into the excitement and volunteer to help whenever you can. Volunteering provides its own rewards. You get to make new friends, try something new and best of all, spend time with the students. There are many ways to participate: chaperoning, drinks, pit crew, jazz festival, fundraising, uniforms, newsletter and more. There are several areas that still need help, so be sure to call or email me. Getting involved not only helps to keep everything running smoothly, but you get to stay informed with what is going on in band and meet new people.

Keep this manual handy and refer to it often! This manual is still a frequent read of mine even now, as I venture through the world of EHS Band. If you have any questions or would like to volunteer your talents, don't hesitate to contact me or any of the Booster Officers. The Band Boosters meet on the first Tuesday of each month and we would love to see you at the meetings. I'm excited for this year and I hope you are as well.

Juli Koleske  
[jkoleske@msn.com](mailto:jkoleske@msn.com)  
Phone: 275-3442



## STAFF MEMBERS

### **JOHN SANKS, DIRECTOR**

**Band Room Tel:** 296-4871 Ext. 1266

**Email:** [Trbnman1@aol.com](mailto:Trbnman1@aol.com)

**Education:** BA in Music Education from Montana State University

**Years of Experience:** 27 years in Montana and New Mexico

Taught at Rio Grande HS, Polk MS, Highland HS, Santa Fe HS, UNM and Eldorado HS  
Named the 2004-05 NM Music Educator of the Year

**Eldorado Connection:** Completed more than 16 years at EHS as Band Director

### **STEVE SNOWDEN, ASSISTANT DIRECTOR**

**Email:** [scsjrtuba@msn.com](mailto:scsjrtuba@msn.com)

**Education:** BME University of New Mexico; MME at University of New Mexico

**Years of Experience:** Music clinician and drill instructor at area schools for more than 11 years  
Marched with the Blue Knights Drum and Bugle Corps. Taught at Cibola HS, Polk MS,  
and is currently the Band Director at Jackson MS.

**Eldorado Connection:** Completed 8 years at EHS as Assistant Band Director

**Jason Owen, Drill Instructor**

**Bill Nordin, Drill Instructor**

**Eric Schreiber, Drill Instructor**

**Terry Rousseau, Percussion Instructor**

**Nick Roman, Color Guard & Winter Guard**

**JD Shaw, Music Arranger**

**Drew Solomonson, Drill Writer**

Outstanding people have one thing in  
common: an absolute sense of mission.

*Zig Ziglar*

## DRUM MAJORS & SECTION LEADERS

<b>Drum Majors</b>	Shelley Jarigese	266-6009
	Chelsea Kimbrell	293-3718
	Jackson Miller	291-0584
<b>Flute</b>	Ashley Kallsen	293-8079
	Maria Morrow	858-1254
<b>Bass Clarinet</b>	Alli Jenner	291-6363
<b>Clarinet</b>	Shannon Kallsen	293-8079
	Matt Davoudzadeh	261-0908
<b>Saxophone</b>	Clarissa Anello	821-3486
	Ashley Allers	480-8564
	Jamie Greenwood	293-9146
<b>Trumpet</b>	Kyle Neumann	869-5838
	Amy Childress	271-2548
	Brendan Mulkern	296-4050
<b>Horn</b>	Aja Watkins	821-8021
	Garrett Jones	292-1981
<b>Trombone / Euphonium</b>	Julie Stuart	296-8188
	Michaels Rogers-Oty	271-4874
<b>Tuba</b>		
<b>Percussion</b>		
<b>Color Guard</b>	Grace Weile	299-3578
<b>Pit:</b>		

### Drum Major Responsibilities

Conduct the band

Assist in organizing and running rehearsals

Assist in teaching drills

Monitor and mentor underclassmen

### Section Leader Responsibilities

Ensure that marching sets are locking in

Assist students in perfecting their marching abilities

Help students learn, understand, and perfect drills and forms

Assist students in improving their musical abilities

Call and run extra sectionals when needed

Monitor and mentor underclassmen

After silence that which comes nearest to expressing the inexpressible is music.

*Aldous Huxley*

# BAND CAMP

Students will need to bring the following items to band camp each day:

1. Good attitude, a willingness to learn and an expectation of fun
2. Band instrument in excellent playing condition
3. Tennis (athletic) shoes (**NO** flip flops or sandals)
4. Sunscreen and hat
5. **LOTS** of water (with student's last name marked on container)
6. Three-ring binder (1/2") with 50-60 plastic sheet protectors, shoulder strap, and pencil
7. Black pep band flip folder distributed at Band Camp.
8. Reeds, mouthpieces, sticks, and mallets as required by Director
9. Color Guard: Flags & rifles as required by Director (flags and rifles are provided)

*Students will be **on their own** for lunch from Noon to 1:15 pm each day.*

Students will be practicing outside on the Marching Field, which is located east of student parking and the baseball fields. Wear cool, light-colored clothing. APS dress code will be enforced.

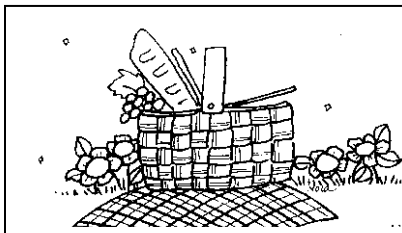
**Note to freshmen parents:** Evening social activities are an important part of band camp. Band sections get to know each other and begin to bond as a section. Most activities are supervised. If you have questions, call a Band Board member or have your student call the section leader.

<b>Saturday, July 23</b>	7:00 am Until Finished	Band Members, Families & Friends	Marching Field & Storage Shed Clean-up
<b>Thursday July 28</b>	9:00 am Until Finished  1:00 pm-5:00 pm  6:00 pm-8:00 pm	Student Officers & Section Leaders   Band members and their families	Band Camp Prep  Leadership with Chad Simons  Picnic at El Oso Grande Park (CNMI)
<b>Friday July 29</b>	8:00 am – Noon	Section Leaders, Incoming Freshmen, First Time Marchers	Learn basic marching commands and techniques
<b>Saturday July 30</b>	8:00 am - Noon	All Band Members	Marching Rehearsal
	Noon – 1:15 pm	Uniform measuring in Band Room	Freshmen & new students BRING YOUR LUNCH, <b>**Shoe Fitting**</b>
	1:30 pm– 5:00 pm	All Band Members	Music Rehearsal

<b>Monday August 1</b>	8:00 am – Noon	All Band Members	Marching practice
	Noon- 1:15 pm	Uniform issue for <b>SENIORS</b>	Band Room - BRING YOUR LUNCH!
	1:30 pm – 5:30 pm	All Band Members	Music and sectional rehearsals
	TBA	Band & Color Guard Members	Social Activity
<b>Tuesday August 2</b>	8:00 am – Noon	All Band Members	Marching practice
	Noon – 1:15 pm	Uniform issue for <b>JUNIORS</b>	Band Room - BRING YOUR LUNCH!
	1:30 pm – 4:30 pm	All Band Members	Sectional Rehearsals
	6:30 pm – 9:00 pm	All Band Members	Pep Band Music Rehearsal
<b>Wednesday August 3</b>	8:00 am – Noon	All Band Members	Marching practice
	Noon – 1:15 pm	Uniform issue for <b>SOPHOMORES</b>	Band Room - BRING YOUR LUNCH!
	1:30 pm – 5:30 pm	All Band Members	Music Rehearsals
	TBA	All Band & Color Guard Members	Social Activity
<b>Thursday August 4</b>	8:00 am – Noon	All Band Members	Marching practice
	Noon – 1:15 pm	Uniform issue for <b>FRESHMEN, last name A-L</b>	Band Room - BRING YOUR LUNCH!
	1:30 pm – 5:30 pm	All Band Members	Music Rehearsals
	TBA	Band & Color Guard Members	Social Activity
<b>Friday August 5</b>	8:00 am – Noon	All Band Members	Marching practice
	Noon-1:15 pm	Uniform issue for <b>FRESHMEN, last name M-Z</b>	Any Uniform problems, see Mrs. Britain today
	1:30 pm – 5:30 pm	All Band Members	Music Rehearsal
	TBA	All Band & Color Guard Members	Social Activity
<b>Saturday August 6</b>	8:00 am – Noon	All Band Members	Marching practice
	Noon - 1:30 pm	Lunch provided by Boosters Uniform questions	Lunch in courtyard See a Uniform Mom in the Band Room
	4:30 pm	Parents	Parent meeting in PAC to discuss school year, approve budget, and notarize permission forms; Don't forget checkbook.
		Parents, Siblings, Grandparents	Performance on the marching field In FULL UNIFORM

**For the potluck picnic on Thursday, July 28, 6:00 pm at El Oso Grande Park:**

- \* Seniors bring a salad or side dish
- \* Juniors and Sophomores bring a main dish
- \* Freshmen bring drinks



**Everyone please bring your own plates and utensils!**

El Oso Grande Park is located off of Morris by CNM (TVI).

## STUDENT OFFICERS

OFFICE	DUTIES	OFFICER	PHONE
<b>Presidents:</b> <i>(Juniors &amp; Seniors only are eligible for this position)</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Conducts meetings to plan student activities, team building, and fundraising</li> <li>Prepares and maintain a student board calendar for the school year</li> <li>Provides clear expectations</li> <li>Communicates with the Director, Assistant Director, and Booster Board</li> <li>Communicates with band students</li> </ul>	Jackson Miller	291-0584
		Julie Stuart	296-8188
<b>Vice-Presidents:</b> <i>(Juniors &amp; Seniors only are eligible for this position)</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Participates in all student activities</li> <li>Completes delegated assignments</li> <li>Assists the president as needed</li> </ul>	Amy Childress	271-2548
		Maria Morrow	858-1254
<b>Secretary:</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Records minutes of all meetings.</li> <li>Maintains a binder for all minutes and reports</li> <li>Prepares and distributes activity and event information and other communications</li> <li>Takes roll during marching season</li> </ul>	Maggie Carr	296-2701
<b>Senior Rep:</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Attends all activities</li> <li>Encourages students to attend and participate in activities</li> </ul>	Michael Taylor	294-3139
<b>Junior Rep:</b>		Jamie Greenwood	293-9146
<b>Sophomore Rep:</b>		Ali Watkins	821-8021
<b>Historians:</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Schedules photographer duties and photographs events</li> </ul>	Maddy Cole	220-2290
		Andrew Coles	294-3448
		Emma Petton-Counelis	298-5199
		Shelley Jarigese	266-6009
<b>Librarians:</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Passes out and collects concert band music</li> <li>Keeps music library in order</li> </ul>		
<b>Social Events Coordinators</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Suggests and arranges social events throughout the year</li> </ul>	Andrew Coles	294-3448
		Alli Jenner	291-6363
		Chelsea Kimbrell	293-3718

# MARCHING BAND

JULY - NOVEMBER

Marching Band is a fun and exciting opportunity for the band to perform at football games and compete against the best bands across the state in Pageant of Bands, Zia and Tournament of Bands. The highest quality band is comprised of all the students working together as a well-trained team. Students are encouraged to keep their grades up so they can play and make the team sound its absolute best. All band members are expected to participate in the tournaments and attend the football games. It is a big commitment and hard work, but more than that, it is rewarding and fun.

Marching Season begins with band camp two weeks before school starts and ends with the last football game or competition in late October or early November. Band students and color guard students comprise the Marching Band and participate in Marching Season. All Marching Band members are required to attend Zero Hour.

## AFTER-SCHOOL REHEARSALS

Marching Band rehearses after school on the marching field on Tuesdays from 3:00 pm to 5:30 pm. The EHS practice field is located at the very eastern edge of the campus – east of the baseball and soccer fields. These rehearsals are **MANDATORY** for all band students, with the exception of certain athletes, CEC students, etc. In addition, some after-school rehearsals will be held at Wilson Stadium (located directly east of Manzano High School). These rehearsals will begin promptly at 3:00 pm and end at approximately 5:00 pm. Students are responsible for their own transportation to and from Wilson Stadium.

Athletes involved in fall athletics do not attend these rehearsals. Instead, they go to their regular athletic practice. If they do not have an athletic practice, they are expected to be at after-school band rehearsals.

All after-school rehearsals are considered mandatory and will be graded. There will be three after-school rehearsals in October that ALL ATHLETES must attend. Some of the rehearsals will be held at Wilson Stadium (directly east of Manzano High School). APS must approve these rehearsal dates and confirmation has not yet been received.

After School Sectionals will start in August and will be set up after school starts.

## MANDATORY REHEARSALS

Additional mandatory rehearsals will be held throughout Marching Season. These rehearsals are usually held shortly before a scheduled competition. All Marching Band members – including athletes and CEC students – are REQUIRED to attend these rehearsals. Band students who are involved in other school activities such as sports, drama, or school clubs are required to inform their coach, director or sponsor that they MUST attend these marching rehearsals. All scheduling conflicts must be discussed with the Director at least two weeks prior to a mandatory rehearsal.

## FOOTBALL GAMES

The Marching Band performs – in uniform – at all Eldorado High School football games held in Albuquerque. If Eldorado is the home team, the show will be performed at halftime. If Eldorado is the visiting team, a portion of the show will be performed before the game begins. At home games, the band will be seated in the west stadium stands. When Eldorado is the visiting team, pep music selections as directed by the Drum Majors. Games are typically on Thursday or Friday nights at 7:00pm and occasionally on Saturday afternoons at 1:00pm.

Band and Color Guard students will report to the EHS band room 1-½ hours before game time. Report time is announced to students during Zero Hour. In the courtyard, attendance is taken, uniforms are inspected, and announcements are made. All students are expected to help load the equipment truck before each performance and unload the equipment truck upon returning from a performance.

All students are expected to ride the bus to and from each performance. No band member is allowed to leave the performance early unless excused by the Director prior to the performance. The proper APS form must be filled out and signed in advance by the Director and an Eldorado Administrator. Forms are available in the main office.

Band members will sit in sections of like instruments at all times. Only current band members are allowed in the band section of the stands when the band is seated in the stands. Students are expected to pay attention to the Director(s) and Drum Majors for instructions, and play only as a full band when in the stands; no solos or ensembles are allowed. Students and parents are expected to stand during the school song and help provide school spirit.

## **COLOR GUARD**

The EHS Color guard is a very important part of the EHS Marching Band. They offer an important ingredient to the overall “General Effect” of our show that cannot be provided by the winds and percussion. Color guard members do not need to play a band instrument to be a member of the marching band. Members will be registered in “Wind/Marching Band” first semester and “Wind Ensemble” for the 2<sup>nd</sup> semester. This class is for ½ credit per semester, attendance will be taken on a daily basis and performance tests will be given throughout each semester. Color guard is a year long class; you must be in both semesters to be eligible to participate in the marching band the following year.

## **TRANSPORTATION**

School buses or coaches with chaperones will be used to transport students to all performances and football games during Marching Season and Concert Season. While on the bus students are expected to remain seated at all times, keep instruments stored in cases, and keep everything inside the bus (hands, arms, trash, and your seat partner). When leaving the bus, use only the front door unless told otherwise. It is each student’s responsibility to keep the bus clean.

## **COMPETITIONS**

Marching Band will be entering its show in four fall competitions. This year’s competitions include:

- Pageant of Bands – APS Wilson Stadium on October 8, 2011
- ZIA Marching Band Competition - UNM Football Stadium on October 22, 2011
- NAU Competition – Northern Arizona University, Flagstaff on October 28-30, 2011
- Tournament of Bands – NMSU in Las Cruces on November 5, 2011

*Please refer to “RULES” for information regarding expectations, student conduct, report times, uniforms, transportation, grading, etc. related to Marching Season.*

## JAZZ BANDS

Eldorado jazz bands are fantastic opportunities for students to kick their musical abilities up a notch and play fun and exciting music with friends and fellow musicians. These bands are for the musical education and benefit of all Eldorado jazz band students. Jazz Band 1 & 2 are pull out programs from our concert bands. Students must be enrolled in Zero Hour or First period band in order to participate in the top 2 jazz bands. The exception will be in the rhythm section if there are no qualified band students that play guitar, bass, piano, or drums. **You may not quit your band instrument and only do jazz band after you have joined the jazz program.** Jazz band is a year long class. All band members are expected to participate and attend practices and performances. Yes, it is a commitment, but the experience is certainly worth it!

***Any jazz band student NOT enrolled in regular band will be charged a \$10 lab fee and \$125 band fee.***

### **SCREAMIN' EAGLES** (Advanced Jazz Band)

This is our top jazz band. Screamin' Eagles has won top honors at numerous competitions and has performed repeatedly in UNM's Popejoy Hall as the New Mexico Music Educator's chosen Honor Band for jazz. Enrollment is by audition only and is open to all band students in Grades 9-12. Audition music is available every April and auditions are held in May for those positions being vacated the next school year. This jazz band meets during 2nd period on a daily basis, throughout the school year.

### **GOLDEN IMAGE** (Intermediate Jazz Band)

This jazz band has distinguished itself as a major player in competitions throughout the southwest. Each year, members of Golden Image and Screamin' Eagles compete for placement in the three All-State jazz bands and fill approximately 50% of the available seats. Enrollment is by audition only and is open to all band students in Grades 9-12. Audition music is available every April and auditions are held in May for those positions being vacated the next school year. This jazz band meets during 3rd period on a daily basis, throughout the school year.

### **JAZZ III** (Beginning Jazz)

This band changes from year to year and is open to all students in Grades 9-12. This class is offered Second Semester during 8<sup>th</sup> period (after school). All students are welcome to play in this jazz band.

*Please refer to "RULES" for information regarding expectations, student conduct, report times, uniforms, transportation, grading, etc. related to the Jazz Program.*

# CONCERT BANDS

NOVEMBER - MAY

Concert Season begins at the conclusion of Marching Season. During Concert Season, band students participate and perform in the Concert Band, Symphonic Band, or Wind Ensemble. Color Guard students move into Winter Guard where they prepare for spring competitions. Musical festivals and band trips are for the musical education and benefit of all Eldorado Eagle Band students. All band members are expected to participate and attend every competition and performance. Yes, it is a commitment, but certainly worth it!

*All students enrolled in any band will be charged a \$10 lab fee and \$125 band fee.*

All band students audition for chair placement in early November following Marching Season. Each student's audition determines placement in Concert Band, Symphonic Band, or Wind Ensemble. These auditions are typically done during zero hour soon after the last marching competition of the year. Auditions for chair placement use the music selected for All-State auditions and may be obtained at Baum's Music on Eubank & Candelaria or Music Mart on Carlisle near Comanche (for audition selections refer to <http://www.nmmea.com/audition.htm>).

**FRESHMEN NOTE:** All ninth graders are in the first period "Concert Band" for the year. Some ninth graders may be placed in either "Symphonic Band" or "Wind Ensemble", both of which meet during zero hour. In other words, a 9<sup>th</sup> grader WILL BE in first period band, but based on auditions MAY BE in zero AND first period bands.

## CONCERT BAND

(Freshmen and Sophomore Band)

This band is required for all Freshmen. Sophomores are required to be in Concert Band if they don't pass the testing requirement to advance to Symphonic Band or Wind Ensemble. In addition, Freshmen students may audition to be a member of Symphonic Band or Wind Ensemble. Students in this band develop the discipline, maturity, instrument technique, and musical ability necessary to become a performer in either Symphonic Band or Wind Ensemble. This band meets during 1<sup>st</sup> period.

## SYMPHONIC BAND

(Grade 9-12, depending on audition)

This band is comprised of students who have passed an audition process OR are in their junior year. Symphonic Band is directed by the Assistant Director of Bands, Steve Snowden, and meets daily during Zero Hour after Marching Season concludes. Attitude, discipline, dedication, and attendance are a must in this group. Private lessons are strongly encouraged.

## **WIND ENSEMBLE**

(Grades 9-12, depending on audition)

The Wind Ensemble thrives on dedicated students who want to be great performers. This is an incredible group - one of the very best in the state. Wind ensemble is directed by the Director of Bands, John Sanks. These students are EXPECTED to take private lessons. Impeccable discipline, attitude, and attendance are required of Wind Ensemble members. This band meets during zero hour, Monday through Friday during concert season.

## **COLOR GUARD**

The EHS Color guard is a very important part of the EHS Marching Band. They offer an important ingredient to the overall "General Effect" of our show that cannot be provided by the winds and percussion. Color guard members do not need to play a band instrument to be a member of the marching band. Members will be registered in "Wind/Marching Band" first semester and "Wind Ensemble" for the 2<sup>nd</sup> semester. This class is for ½ credit per semester, attendance will be taken on a daily basis and performance tests will be given throughout each semester. Color guard is a year long class; you must be in both semesters to be eligible to participate in the marching band the following year.

## **WINTER GUARD**

Winter Guard is the second semester class for Color Guard students. It meets during Zero Hour and students earn one-half credit for this class. A positive attitude, commitment, teamwork, and discipline are expected. Attendance is required during class time and at all after-school practices and will be considered a major portion of each guard student's grading period. Winter Guard members perform at basketball games (schedule permitting) and participate in competitions held throughout the semester.

## **BASKETBALL GAMES**

All band students will be assigned to one of two pep bands. These pep bands will perform at girls or boys basketball games played at the school during second semester. The Director will determine the schedule and pep band assignments. Each pep band will perform at an equal number of basketball games as determined by the basketball schedule. These are graded performances for the six-week period.

*Please refer to "RULES" for information regarding expectations, student conduct, report times, uniforms, transportation, grading, etc. related to the Concert Band Program.*

## WHO ARE THE BAND BOOSTERS??

A Band Booster is any parent or guardian of a band student. **YOU** are a Band Booster. Because of the support of the Band Boosters, the Eldorado Band Program is one of the most extensive in the state of New Mexico. The Boosters supplement the limited APS budget to cover our Marching Band and Color Guard, three concert bands, and three jazz bands. Our annual budget covers trips, lodging, food, competitions, instrument purchase and repair, show design, additional instructors for sections, and an annual college scholarship.

The Boosters also support the Eldorado Band staff by assisting with tasks not directly related to the curriculum or the teaching day. Boosters work with staff to determine immediate and long-term equipment and supply needs not covered by the APS budget.

The Eldorado Band Booster Board is the official decision-making body of the Boosters. In addition to the Executive Officers (President, Vice-President, Secretary, Treasurer, Fundraising Chairperson, and Uniform Chairperson), voting members of the Board include the Flag Corps (Color Guard) Representative, Public Relations Committee Chairperson, and representatives for each grade level. The Board is responsible for an extensive annual budget. Open monthly meetings are held to continue the regular work of the Boosters. Any parent or guardian of a band member is welcome.

The most important thing you can do as a Booster is to volunteer your time, your skill, and your effort. There are so many possibilities. Whether you have just a little time, or a lot; have a skill or not; all that's required is the desire to support our kids! Check out the volunteer information in the forms section to see where you can help. The rewards are endless. Best of all, you will be involved in your student's life and the futures of almost 200 young musicians. That's an investment worth making.

Examples of Booster activities include:

- Cleaning up the marching field & storage shed every year before band camp
- Distribution and collection of marching and concert uniforms
- Fundraising for the general fund, as well as the individual student accounts
- Providing chaperones for all events that require bus transportation
- Reviewing equipment and instrument needs
- Organizing and maintaining marching band and concert uniforms
- Managing the student accounts
- Providing and serving drinks and snacks for competitions and games
- Designing and procuring any sets, props or costumes required for the Marching Band and/or Winter Guard shows
- Loading and moving all pit and drum line equipment and instruments by truck and setting it up at all competitions and games
- Hosting the Albuquerque Jazz Festival every February
- Organizing all out-of-town competition and performance trips
- Maintaining the band web page
- Publishing the band newsletter
- Publishing the band year book
- Sponsoring and organizing the awards banquet at the end of the year

## WHERE WOULD YOU LIKE TO HELP?

## BOOSTER BOARD MEMBERS & COMMITTEE CHAIRPERSONS

### EXECUTIVE BOARD OFFICERS

President	Juli Koleske	275-3442	jkoleske@msn.com
Vice President	Cheri Stromberg	299-8591	Ch_aos@msn.com
Secretary	Karen Lubertazzo	238-1159	klubertazzo@gmail.com
Treasurer	Lisa Childress	271-2548	chilidawg@Q.com
	Linda Heckes	823-1208	delsun@msn.com
Fundraising Chair	Jennifer Beck-Herrera	452-6421	jbeckherrera@yahoo.com
Uniforms	Kathy Britain	294-7690	uniformmom@comcast.net

### VOTING MEMBERS OF THE BOARD

Flag Corps Rep	Wendy Wiele	299-3578	wwiele@yahoo.com
Newsletter & PR	Kim Jarigese	266-6009	kwjarigese@yahoo.com
Freshman Rep	Marcia Polansky	292-1185	polansky@att.net
Sophomore Rep	Carla Longfellow	275-1435	widgit2810@yahoo.com
Junior Rep	Dorthe Carr	296-2701	bdsMcCarr@comcast.net
Senior Rep	Bryan and Julie Morris	293-7092	bryan_morris@yahoo.com

### COMMITTEE CHAIRPERSONS

Volunteer Coordinator	Sara Frederick	238-4699	nmsara7@aol.com
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	Peggy Counelis	298-5199	petton_counelis@msn.com
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Pageant of Bands	Sheryl Anello	821-3486	lavendercow@the-anellos.com
	Dorthe Carr	296-2701	bdsMcCarr@comcast.net
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	Sheryl Anello	821-3486	lavendercow@the-anellos.com
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	Rick Sleeter	293-0070	sleeter_r@aps.edu
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Jackson Liaison	Annette Roche	293-0231	apando326@comcast.net
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Web Master	Chris King	298-2051	christopher_sean_king@msn.com
Band Year Book	Carla Longfellow	275-1435	widgit2810@yahoo.com
	Susie Taylor	294-3139	sooz7669@msn.com
Spirit Wear	Janet Fairbrother	822-0880	bacharone@yahoo.com

# VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

This band operates on talent, energy, enthusiasm, and volunteer power. Below are some areas in which volunteers are needed. Refer to the volunteer form in your handbook packet to sign up. If your particular skill or area of interest is not listed, please feel free to contact a Booster Board member or committee chair to offer your services.

## STUDENT SUPPORT

Sometimes referred to as “adult groupies” or “band moms and dads”, these volunteers assist in moving the band, encouraging performance, and making sure each band member looks his or her best before marching onto the field. For chaperone information, refer to your table of contents.

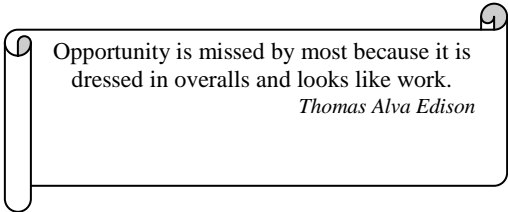
Uniform parents distribute uniforms, handle emergencies, keep track of the hundreds of uniform pieces and, along with the chaperones, perform pre-game and pre-competition inspections.

Pit Crew members load the truck with the pit instruments and assist students with instrument cases before football games and competitions. Pit Crew members move the equipment and drum major stands on and off the field before and after performances. Pit Crew members who are also APS employees drive the truck.

The drinks committee keeps our band members hydrated. Bottled water and refills are provided for each band member. At football games, band members are served bottled water and soda. On trips, coolers of bottled water and soda are available on each bus.

## COMMUNICATIONS AND MEDIA TECHNOLOGY

Our newsletter, website, concert program assembly, and band yearbook all require people with computer and writing skills. Photography and video possibilities allow us to record events for technical and classroom feedback use as well as preservation of wonderful memories.



Opportunity is missed by most because it is dressed in overalls and looks like work.

*Thomas Alva Edison*

# FEES, EXPENSES & FINES

## HOW THE STUDENT ACCOUNT WORKS

The student account is handled similarly to a credit card without the card. Students must complete a charge slip for items to be included on their account. On the following pages you will see the estimated expenses for the year. Patches/souvenirs the students purchase at competitions cannot be charged to their account. EHS band booster spirit items can be charged. This does not include EHS spirit items sold by other EHS boosters (football, baseball, ...). Approximately, every month you will receive a statement that will list the fees that your student has been charged to date. You will receive the statement via e-mail (PDF file format) unless you have requested via regular mail on the Contact Information form. Please indicate which one is most convenient on the Contact Information form. If you need a statement sent to more than one address, please note that as well.

*It is never too early to pay into your student's account!*

The student's account must be kept up-to-date. Once a student's account indicates a balance owing of **\$300** or more, no further charges can be made. All further transactions must be made by directly paying the amount due. Once the student account indicates a balance owing of less than \$200, student costs and expenses can be again charged to the account. Additionally, if the student's account is not kept current, the school will be notified and there will be a hold placed on the student's report card and transcripts.

The payments for the Spring Trip are conveniently spread out over the school year and will show up on your student's statement.

Spring Trip Payment Schedule	
Due Date	Amount
October 15	\$100.00
November 15	\$100.00
January 15	\$100.00
February 15	\$100.00
March 15	\$100.00
April 15	Balance

Each student's account must be paid in full before the spring trip April 1, 2012. Senior students whose accounts are not paid in full by May 1, 2012 will be unable to receive their caps and gowns. A payment schedule can be worked out with the Booster Board Treasurer or school administration. Any funds remaining in a student's account are carried over to the next year. If the student is a senior, funds obtained through fund raising will be placed in the general fund. Funds not obtained through fundraising may be returned to the parent, EXCLUDING fees boosters have prepaid for Spring Trip. Fees are not refundable if the student becomes ineligible. If there are any questions or concerns, please contact the Treasurer or any Executive Officer listed on the board members page.

**You must participate in the District VII Large Group Band Festival in order to go on the Spring Trip**

## HOW DO I PAY THESE EXPENSES?

Encourage your student to participate in fundraising. Funds from these activities will be credited to your student's account and will show up on your statement. Check out the fundraising list for opportunities.

In addition to student fundraising, there are two payment delivery options:

1. Mail a check (personal or cashier's) to:
2. Lock Box

EHS Band  
 P.O. Box 14424  
 Albuquerque, NM 87191-4424  
**\*\*NO CASH\*\***

Place your personal or cashier's check in an envelope labeled with student's name and deposit in the lock box that is located outside of Mr. Sanks' office. **\*\*NO CASH\*\***

Include detailed information about what you are paying for (band fees, Pageant of Band tickets, emergency socks, banquet tickets, etc.). Consider adding your band payment to the bills you pay regularly.

## ESTIMATED EXPENSES

These costs are estimates provided for your convenience; fees and costs may change.

*All students enrolled in any band will be charged a \$10 lab fee and \$125 band fee.*

Fee/Cost	Band	Color Guard	Jazz only
APS Lab Fee	\$ 10.00	\$ 10.00	\$ 10.00
Band/Marching Fee	125.00	125.00	125.00
Black Pep Band Flip Folder	20.00		
Drink and Refreshment Cost	20.00	20.00	
Uniform Gloves	6.00	11.00	
Marching Shoes	35.00		
White Gauntlet	5.00		
Dance Shoes		30.00	
Band T-Shirt	12.00	12.00	
Uniform Costs (approximate)		85.00	25.00
Warm-up Uniform		45.00	
Final Marching Uniform Cleaning	10.00		
<b>FIRST SEMESTER</b>	<b>\$243.00</b>	<b>\$338.00</b>	<b>\$160.00</b>
Tuxedo Shirt (first year)	22.00		
All-State Tryouts	10.00		10.00
Solo & Ensemble Fee (\$3/entry x 2)	6.00		
Durango Competition			100.00
Manzano Competition		10.00	
Winter Guard Uniform (approximate)		85.00	
Final Concert Uniform Cleaning	10.00		
<b>SECOND SEMESTER</b>	<b>\$ 48.00</b>	<b>\$95.00</b>	<b>\$ 110.00</b>
<b>FIRST &amp; SECOND SEMESTER TOTAL</b>	<b>\$ 291.00</b>	<b>\$ 433.00</b>	<b>\$ 270.00</b>
<b>NOTE: The costs listed above DO NOT include trip expenses.</b>			

Check for updates on our website – <http://www.NMEldoradoEaglesBand.com>

**NOTE:** In addition to the expenses listed, students are responsible for having their uniforms cleaned approximately five times during Marching Season and two times during Concert Season. These cleaning costs are the responsibility of each student and are not charged to the student's accounts. Each cleaning should cost approximately \$10 for a total of approximately \$70.

- \* The purchase of a gloves, white gauntlet, pep band folder and band t-shirt are mandatory the first year the student is a band member. A replacement band t-shirt should be purchased when the old one is worn out or stained, or dingy. An extra band shirt is helpful.
- \*\* The purchase of marching shoes is mandatory the first year the student is a band member. Replacement marching shoes should be purchased when the old ones are worn out or no longer fit. Color Guard shoes are purchased individually.

## TRIP EXPENSES

The Marching Band will go to Las Cruces for the Tournament (TOB) competition in Las Cruces at the end of October. The projected cost of the TOB competition to Las Cruces is \$75 per student.

During second semester, Color/Winter Guard usually participates in two out-of-town competitions. Each trip is approximately \$150 to \$175 per student.

In October 2011, the band will travel to Flagstaff, AZ for Northern Arizona University competition. The cost is projected to be approximately \$200 per band/color guard student.

In March 2012, the Jazz bands will travel to Durango, CO for the Ft. Lewis Jazz Festival. The cost is projected to be approximately \$100.00 per student. Any student wanting to go on the trip to Durango may do so with full payment in advance of the trip.

In April 2012, the band will travel to San Antonio, TX for the spring trip. The cost is projected to be approximately \$600 per student. Color/Winter Guard students may participate in the spring trip following the same Spring Trip Payment Schedule.

**It is expected that all eligible band students will participate in the spring trip. You must participate in the District VII Large Group Band Festival in order to go on the Spring Trip.**

*There are numerous fundraising opportunities throughout the year to help cover both student and band expenses. We **strongly recommend** that your student participate in the **fundraising opportunities early on**, and that you **make regular payments** to your student's account so you won't be faced with a large bill at the time of the trips. It is much better to plan ahead than be caught unprepared.*

The Eldorado Band Program has no hidden fees or expenses. When your student boards the bus for a football game or a trip out of town, all expenses such as meals, lodging and transportation are covered. Occasionally you may be asked to provide a sack lunch for your student. Students must provide personal spending money for snacks or souvenirs.



## OPTIONAL EXPENSES

The following items are available and may be charged to the student account. None of these items are required for band participation.

ITEM	COST (\$)
Replacement or Extra Band T-shirt	12.00
Replacement Shoes	35.00
Hem Uniform Pants (NO CUTTING)	20.00
Contributing Gold Level Band Booster	100.00
Contributing Silver Level Band Booster	50.00
Contributing Bronze Level Band Booster	25.00
Booster Shirts (polo)	30.00
Uniform Show Shirt	15.00
Band Yearbook	30.00
Replacement or Extra Tuxedo Shirt	22.00
Albuquerque Jazz Festival T-shirts*	17.00
Albuquerque Jazz Festival Patches*	7.00
Banquet Guests (each)	25.00

\* Patches and t-shirts for other events such as Tournament of Bands will be available for purchase; however, these **cannot** be charged to the student account. Patches are great for a letter jacket.

## POTENTIAL FINES

We all hate to assess fines – please avoid these!

ITEM	COST (\$)
Black Socks	4.00
No Cleaning Receipt	10.00
UNIFORM PART NOT RETURNED:	
Marching Jacket	360.00
Gauntlets #1	40.00
Gauntlets #2	40.00
Breastplate	175.00
Baldric	60.00
Collar Liner	20.00
Hat	80.00
Hat Box	25.00
Plume	30.00
Black/Yellow Garment Bag	40.00
Marching/Concert Coat Hanger	5.00
Concert Jacket	250.00
Pants	170.00
Bow Tie	10.00
Cummerbund	20.00
Missing Buttons (each)	2.00
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$1,327.00</b>

**All uniform pieces issued to band students are the property of Albuquerque Public Schools and may be worn only for band performances.**

**YOU ARE RESPONSIBLE FOR ANY LOST OR DAMAGED PARTS.**

**PLEASE NOTE:**

The Uniform Committee may adjust fines as necessary for unusual or excessive damage to uniforms. Students are responsible for returning the numbered parts assigned to them.

# FUNDRAISING

Band fundraisers serve to both defray student costs and provide the band with the tools it needs to keep the program running. Some fundraisers provide income to student accounts, while others support the general fund. Your help is greatly appreciated!

Approximate Start Date	Event
June 1	Pageant Ads
August-October	UNM Volleyball Games
August 1	American Publishers Magazines Sales (NEW PARTNER)
August 1	Entertainment Books
September 1	Dodge Hometown Drive Ticket Sales
September 1	Jiffy Lube Discount Card Sales
October 1	Poinsettia Sales
November 1	Pure Profit Bed Sheet Sales
November 1	Enviro Vogue Ecofriendly ReusableTotes
December 1	Pampered Chef
December 1	Premier Jewelry Sales
January 1	Cookie Dough
February 1	Fudgie Wudgie Fudge Covered Candy and Nuts
March 1	Yankee Candle
March 1	Pampered Chef

## INDIVIDUAL STUDENT ACCOUNT FUNDRAISERS

Each fundraiser offers a different percentage of earning opportunity, our goal is 30%-40%. The amounts will be clearly communicated prior to each fundraiser. Please see the band website or speak to the Fundraising Chair for added details.

- Pageant of Bands Program Ads
- Magazine Sales (fall and available online all year)
- Entertainment Books
- Dodge Hometown Ticket Sales
- Jiffy Lube Discount Card Sales
- Poinsettia Sales
- Pure Profit Bed Sheet Sales
- EnviroVogue Ecofriendly Reusable Totes
- Pampered Chef
- Premier Jewelry Sales
- Cookie Dough Sales
- Fudgie Wudgie Candy and Nut Sales
- Yankee Candle
- Pampered Chef

## GENERAL FUND FUNDRAISERS

- **Fall Flea Market** (August 20, 2011) - Clean out your garage and help the band offset general expenses.
- **United Way** - Designate "Eldorado Band Boosters" as the 501(c)(3) recipient of your United Way donation. Designations must be renewed every year. Renewal typically occurs in October.
- **Smith's, Albertson's, & Target** (all-year) - Use your grocery store card to trigger a store donation of a portion of your purchase to the band. Albertson's and Smith's require a separate card. If you already have a Smith's card, please sign up to benefit the band. Smith's requires that you renew your designation every year.
- **"Eldorado Band Night" at local restaurants** - Announced throughout the year, local restaurants partner with the band for "Eldorado Band Night". A portion of the proceeds for a designated date and time are given to the band, AND it is fun! Have a great meal, join your friends and help support the band!

# EXPECTATIONS OF STUDENTS

## DISCIPLINE

Band discipline must, of necessity, be strict. We are very proud of the fact that even as our band numbers over 150, we are complimented on the behavior of our students and asked by restaurants and hotels to return “at any time”. Parents and students must continue to exhibit good sportsmanship and considerate behavior at all times.

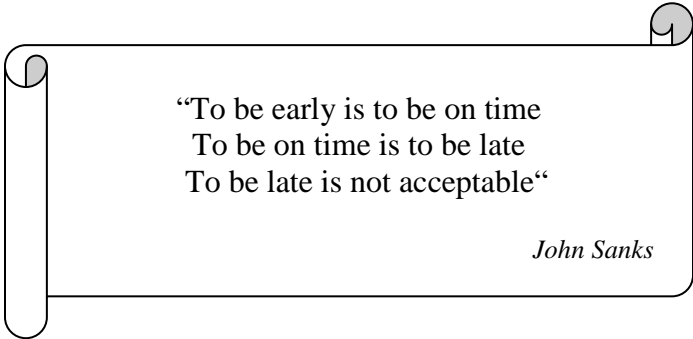
Band students are subject to APS policy regarding the behavior of students who participate in extra-curricular activities (see EHS Student Handbook). Be aware that guilt by association is the rule in use of prohibited substances. If a student finds that alcohol is available at a party, for example, the only choice is to leave immediately. Just being present is grounds for punishment under APS rules.

## ATTITUDE

The greatest single factor that determines the success of our band program is attitude which is a powerful tool in dealing with others. Attitude is critical to the successful transformation of a group of musicians into a band. Make the most of every rehearsal and performance. Work to solve any problems you encounter; merely complaining won't change anything. Share positive suggestions with someone in charge. We each have the power to make the band better; that should be our primary goal.

## APPROPRIATE DRESS

All band students will wear their band t-shirts when participating in an organized fundraiser to ensure the public's understanding that this is legitimate non-profit fundraising. Unacceptable behavior, as determined by the Director's standards, may result in the student being barred from participating in certain future fundraising events. APS dress code rules always apply. Uniform standards of dress and care are explained on the following pages.



“To be early is to be on time  
To be on time is to be late  
To be late is not acceptable“

*John Sanks*

## FOOTBALL GAMES

All students will report to the EHS band room 1-½ hours before game time. Listen for your report time in Zero Hour. Attendance, uniform inspection, and announcements are handled in the courtyard before loading the bus. All students are expected to help load the equipment truck before each performance and unload the equipment truck upon returning from a performance.

All students MUST ride the bus to and from each performance. No band member is allowed to leave the performance early unless excused by the Principal and the Director prior to the performance. The proper APS form MUST be filled out and signed in advance by the Principal and the Director. Forms are available in the main office.

Band members will sit in sections of like instruments at all times. Only current band members are allowed in the band section of the stands. Pay attention to the Director(s) and Drum Majors for instructions. Play only as a full band when in the stands; no solos or ensembles are allowed.

### While on the Bus:

- Remain seated at all times
- Do not play any instrument while on the bus
- Nothing goes out the windows (hands, arms, trash, your seat partner)
- Keep the bus clean

## ABSENCES

### SCHEDULED ABSENCE

The student and his/her parents must **notify the Director of any conflicts 2 WEEKS prior to any band engagement in order for the Director to decide whether or not the absence will be considered excused.** An excused Absence form follows on page 24, or they can be obtained from the Director. If the absence is considered excused, the Director will ask the student to complete a report on an assigned topic. The report will need to be typed, double-spaced, 3 pages in length with 1 inch margins and 12pt font size. The report will be due one week after the paper is assigned.

An excused absence may impact the student's chances to letter in band for the year; however, it will not affect the student's 6-week grade. If the student does not notify the Director 2 weeks prior to the engagement, he/she may lose the opportunity to complete the make-up report and will receive a failing grade for the engagement.

### EMERGENCY AND ILLNESS ABSENCES

The Director will consider emergencies and special circumstances. If you are sick and cannot attend a performance, you MUST notify the Director by placing a call to his office (296-4871 Ext. 1266) before the performance. **Students who miss a performance are responsible for requesting make-up assignments from the Director.**

# Request for an Excused Absence

This form must be completed and turned in two weeks in advance of any anticipated absence by a band student (excluding emergencies).

**Student's Name** \_\_\_\_\_ **Today's Date:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Date of anticipated absence or tardy:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Reason for absence or tardy:** \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

\*Please be specific! Enough information must be given in order to determine if the absence may or may not be excused.

*We understand that the absence is not guaranteed as being excused just by filling out this form. We also understand that it is our responsibility to receive information about possible make-up assignments.*

\_\_\_\_\_  
*Parent's Signature*

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

To be filled out by director:

\_\_\_ EXCUSED

\_\_\_ UNEXCUSED

\_\_\_\_\_  
Director's Signature

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

## BAND ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS

Every student who participates in the EHS Band or EHS Color Guard program must keep his or her GPA above 2.0. Each member is essential to achieving the best possible performance. Any student who must miss a band performance because of ineligibility will not receive a band letter.

In order for students to be eligible to participate in competitions, trips and other extra-curricular activities, the New Mexico Activities Association requires:

- No more than 1 “F” on a 6-week report card
- A student must have a 2.0 GPA or better to be eligible
- APS is going off of the Grade Book Wizard Cumulative GPA
- A Student **MUST** participate in the District VII Large Group Band Festival in order to be eligible for the Spring Trip

Students wishing to hold an Eldorado High School Band office, including Drum Major, must have and maintain a 2.5 GPA.

### GRADING GUIDELINES

The EHS Band Program is high energy, sometimes requiring many hours of time outside of the school day. Much of the grading is based on attendance, especially during Marching Season. It is very important that every student attend all performances. It is virtually impossible to adequately make up a performance; any student’s absence puts added pressure on other students.

All grading is done on the same scale. Performances and testing may be weighted at a higher level than homework, rehearsals and pencil checks. District Festival will be worth **at least 2** grades. Band and Color/Winter Guard are graded on the same scale.

A+ = 100	A = 95	A- = 90
B+ = 89	B = 85	B- = 80
C+ = 79	C = 75	C- = 70
D+ = 69	D = 65	D- = 60
F = 59	0 = 0	

- Football games will be worth two grades per game: one for attendance and one for having their pep band folder.
- Eagle absences and grade checks will be worth one grade.
- Extra rehearsals will be worth one grade each. Attendance at rehearsals is mandatory; only the Director can excuse absences. Extra rehearsals may be called by the Director or Section Leaders with the Director’s approval.
- Homework will be worth one grade. Practice records will be in place as weekly homework for second semester.
- Each playing test will be worth one grade.
- Written tests and written homework will be worth the percentage earned.
- Concerts will be worth two grades – one for performance and one for tear down.
- District Festival will be worth two grades – one for performance and one for sight-reading. ***All students are expected to listen to other bands and support all EHS concert bands as part of their performance grade.***

- Spring Trip will be worth two grades – one for warm up and one for performance.
- Basketball games will be worth one grade per game.
- All members of Symphonic Band and Wind Ensemble (who are not graduating) will be required to play for graduation.

## LETTERING REQUIREMENTS

The Eldorado Band Letter encourages and acknowledges the “above and beyond” accomplishments of band students. It is for the students to take the EHS Band seriously and try to make it the best band it can be. This would include taking private lessons, being selected to honor groups, being an officer or section leader, getting “A”'s and “B”'s on all playing tests, earning an “A” for 5 of the six weeks grading period, or performing a solo or ensemble at the District Solo and Ensemble Festival. Although we get very busy, making all of the performances, competitions and rehearsals are the basic expectations of the program and **are not** considered going beyond. Sometime in April, the Director will announce the date for lettering forms to be turned in. **ALL** students must submit a lettering form. This form follows on page 27. In order to be considered for a band letter, students must complete the required form and submit it to the Director. Letters are awarded at the annual Band Banquet.

A student will letter in band when you meet the following requirements:

- Be a member of the Golden Eagle Marching Band and **attend** the EHS Marching Band Camp. If you moved to Eldorado after marching season, the experience from your former school may be counted toward a letter.
- Maintain a 3.0 average in Zero or 1<sup>st</sup> Period bands
- Remain eligible every 6 weeks for entire year.
- Earn at least 475 performance points (Wind Ensemble students must earn 575 performance points)
- Accumulate at least 125 activity points

**NOTE: Any absence (excused or unexcused) from any festival, competition or concert performance cannot be made up and will effect lettering.**

A Color Guard letter may be earned by being a member of the EHS Marching Band and Winter Guard. Members must maintain a 3.0 average over 5 six week grading periods, have a great rehearsal attendance record, and attend all marching band and winter guard competitions.

A jazz band letter may be earned by maintaining a 3.0 grade average in jazz band class, attending all performances and **trying out for All-State Jazz Band.**

# Sample

## EHS BAND LETTERING FORM

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**PART I: Please circle "yes" or "no" for the following questions.**

- |   |     |    |
|---|-----|----|
| 1. Have you been eligible all year?                                 | YES | NO |
| 2. Have you maintained a "3.0" in 0 hour or 1 <sup>st</sup> period? | YES | NO |
| 3. Were you a member of the marching band?                          | YES | NO |
| 4. Attend the EHS Summer Band Camp?                                 | YES | NO |
| 5. Did you participate in all of our competitions?                  | YES | NO |
| 6. Have you performed in all of our concerts?                       | YES | NO |

**IF YOU ANSWERED YES TO ALL THE ABOVE, PLEASE GO ON TO PART II.**

**PART II: Your performance points. You need at least 475 pts (wind needs at least 575)**

- |   |       |
|---|-------|
| 1. 3 Marching Competitions @ 100 pts each             | _____ |
| 2. 3 Concerts @ 25 pts each, includes the May concert | _____ |
| 3. Pre Festival Band Concert @ 50 pts                 | _____ |
| 4. District VII Band Festival @ 75 pts                | _____ |
| 5. NMAA State Band Contest 100 points (wind only)     | _____ |
| <b>TOTAL PERFORMANCE POINTS</b>                       | _____ |

**PART III: Please enter and total your activity points. You need at least 125 pts**

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| 1. An "A" average in band for the year, 5 pts                                   | _____ |
| 2. Member of the student Executive Board or marching band section leader, 5 pts | _____ |
| 3. Performed in the District VII Honor Band, 5 pts                              | _____ |
| 4. Be selected to and performed at All-State, 10 pts                            | _____ |
| 5. Be selected to and performed at Southwest Honor Band, 10 pts                 | _____ |
| 6. Member of NM Youth Band, 10 pts  | _____ |
| 7. Member of AYS or AYO, 10 pts   | _____ |
| 8. Take lessons for the 1 <sup>st</sup> five 6 weeks, 5 pts per 6 wks           | _____ |
| 9. Participated in Solo & Ensemble, 10 pts a solo, & 5 pts per ensemble         | _____ |
| 10. Attended the Spring Trip, 50 pts  | _____ |
| 11. Service points (see director) possible 15 pts                               | _____ |
| <b>TOTAL ACTIVITY POINTS</b>  | _____ |

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**You need at least 475 points in Part II and 125 points in Part III in order to letter.**

**Do you qualify for a band letter? YES NO**

**What year of letter do you qualify for? 1 2 3 4**

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

**Please print**

**Band Room - 296-4871 Ext 1266 \* Mr. Sanks e-mail: [Trbnman1@aol.com](mailto:Trbnman1@aol.com)**

# ANNUAL BAND BOOSTER SCHOLARSHIP

## WHO MAY APPLY

The Eldorado Band Board offers an annual \$500 scholarship toward the continuation of a student's musical performance education. The award is offered each year to graduating seniors and is based upon availability of funding. Students wishing to apply must have been accepted to a college or university and must be committed to furthering their musical performance education. The student must write a one page essay that answers the questions below under the APPLICATION section.

## DEADLINE FOR SUBMISSION

Submission may be presented electronically or by hard copy to the Booster Board President (see page 15 of this handbook for contact information). The deadline for submission is **April 25, 2012.** Please put your name on a cover page and NOT on the essay pages. When forwarded electronically, the page with your name will be removed and retained by the President for identification purposes

## APPLICATION

The student must provide the following:

- Contact information
- College/university student will be attending
- A one-page essay (below are example questions):
  1. Describe your plans to keep music an active part of your future, whether as a hobby or a career.
  2. Write a concise narrative statement expressing your educational and career goals.
  3. How has your experience in Eldorado's band program influenced your high school career AND how do you feel it will affect your future? (What instrument did you play; who mentored you as a musician; what life lessons have you learned that you take with you as you move forward in your career plans?)

Scholarship funds will be released to the student upon successful completion of the first music performance course in the student's college education. Student should present the Board with proof of completion such as a transcript or grade report on the college/university letterhead. A music appreciation course does not qualify the awarded student for a release of funds.

# UNIFORM INFORMATION

## MARCHING UNIFORMS

**CHECKOUT:** You must come on your assigned day (check the calendar) or make other arrangements with the Uniform Chairperson **PRIOR** to your assigned day.

The **MARCHING BAND UNIFORM** is worn for all performances unless students are instructed otherwise. The full marching band uniform includes the following:

- marching jacket with collar liner
- pants
- gauntlets
- hat
- **\*\*BLACK** mid-calf length socks
- **\*\*gloves**
- **\*\*band t-shirt**
- **\*\*marching shoes**
  
- **\*\*White gauntlet**
- **\*\*Black Pep Flip Folder**

*\*\*Items to be charged to student's account*

### Helpful Info

A garment bag and hat box are issued with your uniform.

All new band members must purchase marching shoes. These shoes are fitted and ordered during band camp (date and time to be announced). Marching shoes cost \$35.00. Returning members, check your shoes to be certain they still fit and do not show excessive wear.

**Buy black socks** (HINT: acrylic holds the color longer than cotton) Forgot your socks? See a band parent in the uniform cage. Socks cost \$4.00 and can be charged to your student account.

Uniform parents and chaperones are in the band room to help before every performance.

**ADDITIONAL UNIFORM PARTS:** There are other parts to the marching uniform, such as the hat plume, breastplate and baldric (sash). They are issued and collected at each performance. They **NEVER** go home with the student; however, the student is responsible for them. If they are lost, soiled or damaged the student will be charged accordingly.

The **COLOR GUARD UNIFORM** is worn for all performances unless students are instructed otherwise. Marching Band performance preparations apply.

## PREPARING FOR MARCHING PERFORMANCE

- Arrive at school **IN UNIFORM** for inspections and performances.
- Zip, snap, and button your jacket and always wear your collar liner.
- Bring your **HATBOX** with you.
- Wear your band t-shirt under your marching jacket; it is part of your uniform.
- No pants or shorts may be worn under your uniform.
- Wear your gauntlets over your gloves.
- Wear mid-calf length black socks.
- No jewelry (including body piercings), excessive make-up, perfume, or nail polish may be worn. A small wristwatch is acceptable and can be worn.
- Plumes are issued before a performance and collected following a performance.
- If the Director gives the okay, you may remove your jacket **ONLY** if you are wearing a band t-shirt. Your suspenders must be worn in place at all times.

### PANT LENGTH

Have someone help you check your pant length (bottom of the pant leg touches the top of the shoe, front crease is straight) adjust your suspenders if necessary. **DO NOT CUT YOUR PANTS TO SHORTEN!** Pants may be hemmed by hand sewing **ONLY**. Need help? The uniform committee will have your pants professionally hemmed for \$20.00. Pants must be hemmed by the first football game.

## MARCHING UNIFORM RETURN

Marching uniforms are returned in December following marching season. Dates will be announced and posted in the band room.

- Turn in all pieces except pants; dry clean uniform pants before the first concert.
- Jackets, gauntlets and collar liners will be professionally cleaned. Each student returning a marching jacket will be charged a “final” cleaning fee.
- Students are responsible for returning the numbered parts assigned to them.

The **PEP BAND UNIFORM** is worn when the band performs at March-a-Thon, UNM volleyball games and Eldorado basketball games. The pep band uniform consists of the official white band t-shirt, blue jeans (without holes) and sneakers. The shirt must be clean, in good condition and tucked into the blue jeans at all times.

## CONCERT UNIFORMS

Checkout will be announced in November at the end of marching season. Students will **keep the pants** they were issued for marching season unless a different size is needed. The full concert band uniform includes the following:

- Tuxedo jacket
- Pants
- Banded bow tie
- \*Tuxedo shirt
- Cummerbund
- Black mid-calf socks
- Black shoes

### Helpful Info

A garment bag is issued with your uniform.

Shine your shoes.

Bow tie and cummerbund are DRY CLEAN ONLY!

*\*Items to be charged to student's account*

## PREPARING FOR A CONCERT PERFORMANCE

- The tux shirt is worn buttoned to the top.
- Thread the band of the bow tie through the loop on the back of the shirt collar. Adjust the band if necessary.
- Wear the white shirt points over the band of the tie but behind the bow.
- Wear the cummerbund with the folds pointing down.
- Wear mid-calf length black socks.
- Wear your black marching shoes
- No jewelry (including body piercings), excessive make-up, perfume, or nail polish may be worn. A small wristwatch is acceptable and can be worn.

**WINTER GUARD UNIFORMS** are determined by the Director and Color Guard staff and members for winter competition. Basic band uniform rules apply.

## CONCERT UNIFORM RETURN

The concert uniforms will be returned at the last concert in May. Dates will be announced and posted in the band room. Uniforms will be collected by the uniform committee and professionally cleaned. Each student will be charged a “final” cleaning fee.

*Check for updates on our website – <http://www.NMEldoradoEaglesBand.com>*

# UNIFORM CARE & CLEANING INSTRUCTIONS

## COLOR GUARD/WINTER GUARD

Cleaning instructions are determined by the costume care tags and will be given by the instructor.

## MARCHING UNIFORM CARE

- Always hang up your uniform when not wearing. Keep gauntlets flat.
- Always remove the collar liner before cleaning.
- Always point out spots or stains to the dry cleaners.
- Always check your uniform to be sure that you have all the pieces.
- Clean shoes for each performance.
- Clean hat using a soft cloth and rubbing alcohol. Keep hat and hatbox clean.
- Hand-wash and air-dry collar liners and gloves at home after every performance.

### Cleaning Hints:

- Use Shampoo or Oxyclean & warm water to remove heavy soil from collar liners
- Inspect your uniform after cleaning; if it is still soiled, the cleaner should re-clean it at no additional cost.

## CONCERT UNIFORM CARE

- Wash and iron the tuxedo shirt after each performance.
- Hang up the uniform when not wearing
- Hang your bow tie on the hanger and lay your cummerbund flat
- Clean your shoes before every performance

## MARCHING/CONCERT UNIFORM DRY CLEANING

To keep your uniform in top condition you must have your jacket and pants professionally dry-cleaned according to the schedule on the calendar. Marching Band uniforms will be cleaned after every other performance and before each competition. Gauntlets should be cleaned only if soiled.

### 2010-2011 UNIFORM CLEANING SCHEDULE

#### CLEANING RECEIPT DUE:

September 8, 2011

October 8, 2011

October 22, 2011

November 5, 2011

**April 11, 2012 (Wind Ensemble Only)**

April 26, 2012

#### MUST BE *DATED* AFTER:

August 27, 2011

September 16, 2011

October 15, 2011

October 31, 2011

March 9, 2012

April 11, 2012

Concert uniforms should be cleaned as needed. The tie and cummerbund should be dry cleaned if soiled. A mandatory cleaning will be required before the spring trip. Same-day dry cleaning is not recommended. Dry cleaning due dates are listed on the calendar

Student must turn in dry-cleaning receipts on, or before, the due date. Uniform committee parents will be available in the band room to collect receipts, or the receipts may be deposited in the in the labeled receipt box on the uniform cage. Write student's full name on the receipt. A cleaning fine of \$10.00 will be charged to the accounts of those students who do not turn in a receipt.

All damages to the uniforms will result in fines. This policy will be strictly enforced. When the uniform is turned in at the end of the season, each uniform will be inspected for damage. See fees schedule for uniform replacement costs.

## PARENT CHAPERONE RESPONSIBILITIES

Chaperones provide adult supervision in addition to that of the Directors and APS staff. Chaperones are expected to observe all the rules of behavior required of the students, and to lead by example, in support of the Directors' policies and APS' expectations.

Duties may include staying with a sick child, running errands, helping with instruments and uniforms, staying up nights on hall duty, serving dinner or any other necessary task that keeps the band focused on its primary musical work.

ALL chaperones must have a background check through APS. You will need to pick up a background check request form in the EHS main office. It will need to be signed by Mr. Sandoval, EHS Principal. You then take the form to the APS city center on Indian School and Louisiana. Once your background check has been recorded, a copy of the approved form should be sent to Mr. Sandoval's secretary within one week. You will need to pick up a copy in the EHS office and give it to the Band Booster VP in charge of chaperones. It is suggested that you keep a copy for yourself as well. The background check is valid as long as your student remains at EHS. APS charges approximately \$18 for this service.

As a chaperone, you need to be proactive, love kids, enjoy all-night bus rides, exhibit a balance of patience and authority, and demonstrate support and enthusiasm! Chaperones are needed for football games, competitions, fall and spring trips, and graduation.

The Band Booster Vice President serves as the Chaperone Chairperson. Chaperone rosters for football games are organized from volunteer lists in early fall. Chaperones for competitions and the fall and spring trips are chosen by the Director with input from the Booster President and Vice President based upon experience, availability, and activity. The Director will make the final decision on the chaperone roster. It's important that chaperones for these events know the band students and understand the work required. Only experienced chaperones will be allowed for any out-of-town trip. If you would like to chaperone for out-of-town trips, please get involved in chaperoning early in the year.

### COMMON SENSE

While chaperoning, parents need to be aware that they are volunteering as representatives of the Eldorado Band Program and APS.

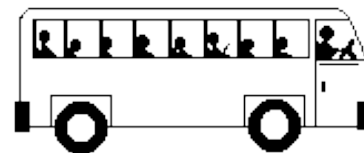
Parents are expected to use discretion and sensitivity with respect to students' personal safety as well as their own. Disciplinary conversation should be conducted with respect and all discipline matters should be brought to the attention of the Band Director or Assistant Director. The laws and rules of APS regarding discipline as well as the rules of this handbook will be strictly enforced.

## FOOTBALL GAME CHAPERONES

- Report time same as the band
- Check in with the Chaperone Chairperson for bus assignment
- Assume responsibility for bus bag
- Assist with uniform check
- Ride the bus to and from the game; maintain order on the bus
- Stand and clap during the school song
- Maintain order in the stands
- Assist with refilling water bottles
- Stay with instruments during breaks
- Serve band students as needed
- Clap and cheer during performances
- Check the buses for lost items or trash at the end of the evening
- Inform Vice President if bus bag supplies need replenishing



**When  
in town,  
SIT DOWN!**



## COMPETITION AND TRIP CHAPERONES

- Introduce yourself to the bus driver
- Load the buses with the large instruments, uniforms, sodas, and coolers
- Remind everyone to sit in their assigned seat until the buses are out of town
- Alert students to their bus number, check to see that Eldorado bus number placards are in place
- Keep bus bag handy
- Check couples on a regular basis
- Coordinate with Student Bus Captains
- Remind students to refrain from leaning over the backs of the seats, sitting on arm rest, or sitting backwards in the seats
- Monitor personal electronic devices used - only headphones are allowed; no music through speakers
- Show chaperone and APS approved movies (PG-13 or lower rating). Only chaperones may run the VCR or DVD

### **Bus Captain Duties**

Take roll (chaperones should check their accuracy.)

Collect \$1 tip from each student for the drivers.

Pass out money packets to the students.

Take trash bags down the aisle before all major stops.

### **In a Restaurant:**

- Remind students, if necessary, to be respectful of other restaurant patrons
- Prompt students to clean up after themselves
- Assist students in proper tipping procedures

## In a Hotel:

- Complete room checks in two-person chaperone teams, assigned by the chaperon chairperson. Make sure you physically see every person in the room.
- Check rooms for damage when we arrive and before we depart; report anything that we could be charged for to the front desk
- Complete room checks making sure you physically see everyone in the room
- Walk hallways and/or hotel perimeter for a determined amount of time every night. On multiple night stays, alternate night duty with your roommate
- Manage by walking – during free time, remain available and visible to students. If you have concerns about questionable behavior, follow your instincts and keep the Directors in the loop.
- Follow-up wake up calls for your assigned rooms by knocking on the door and waiting for a response.

### I'm Hungry!

Students may order pizza and get drinks after room check. **They must clear this with the chaperones.** Stay by the room until the students return with their drinks. Pizza often gets delivered directly to the room

## Prior to Competition:

- Check to see that all students are in complete band uniform
- Carry your assigned bus bag with you at all times
- Shine all students' shoes immediately before they compete
- Pin hair and spray loose hair, adjust pants, check for surface dirt on uniforms
- Maintain silence in line
- Provide small amounts of water if needed; remind students to stay hydrated
- Quietly assure students of their ability to compete well
- When observing other bands, stay seated together, clap when appropriate, remain quiet during other performances, and keep roaming to a minimum



## GLOSSARY

**Accounts:** An account is established for each student. Fees and other items, such as T-shirts, are charged to the account. Parents are responsible for paying the account off monthly. Many of the fundraisers apply directly to the student's account.

**All-State and Southwest Honor Bands:** Bands representing the best musicians in the state. Participants are chosen by individual try-outs, which are typically held during (All-State) or after (Southwest) school hours at the end of November usually at La Cueva High School. Students are responsible for their own transportation to the tryouts. The music is usually available in the summer from Baum's or Music Mart. Audition music is also distributed at band camp. All-state music is usually also the basis for the concert season chair placement auditions, which are held after marching season. Students need to listen for details from the Directors for these auditions. For audition information and selections refer to [www.nmmea.com/audition.htm](http://www.nmmea.com/audition.htm).

**Band Banquet:** An afternoon dinner near the end of the school year to recognize the accomplishments of the band and individual students. Typically includes a nice dinner, a media presentation summarizing the year, serious awards and humorous awards among the students.

**Band Boosters:** Parent organization that supports the band by volunteering and supplementing the limited APS funding. The quality of the band and the amount of activities the students can be involved with are dependent on strong booster support.

**Baldric:** Part of the marching uniform that is a removable, decorative sash that runs diagonally across the chest and is attached by buttons.

**Band Camp:** All-day rehearsals providing intensive learning and practicing of the competition show for POB, TOB, Zia, and football game entertainment. It begins roughly two weeks before school starts. Practices are typically at the EHS Practice field in the mornings and musical rehearsals inside in the afternoons. Social activities for the entire band or for sections are typically held most evenings after band camp.

**Band Manual:** The EHS band handbook is typically a spiral bound book. It includes "everything" you need to know about EHS band including an extensive calendar, student information, parent information, rules and guidelines. Section leaders deliver the notebooks to each student in the late summer.

**Band Picnic:** Casual kick-off and year-end events for the band year. Usually includes a potluck at a local park for all band members, parents and siblings.

**Band Staff:** Musicians from around the city who participate on a part-time basis with the band all year long. There are instrumentalists who run sectionals, and assistants who work with specific marching groups. There are 5 to 10 different additional professionals who help the EHS band achieve the highest levels of quality in marching and performance.

**Band T-Shirts:** Simple white T-shirt with the marching eagle logo on the back. This is the "casual uniform" or "pep band uniform" for the band.

**Booster Board Meeting:** The monthly meeting of the Band Boosters. They are typically held the first Tuesday of the month in the band or orchestra room and are open to all parents.

**Breast Plate:** Part of the marching uniform that is decorative and square in shape and attaches to the chest of the uniform by buttons.

**Cleaning Receipt:** The cash register receipt from the cleaners showing that the student's uniform has been cleaned. Students and parents are responsible to have the uniforms cleaned according to the schedule in the band calendar. These receipts are turned in at regular intervals and before major competitions. Those who do not turn in receipts at publicized intervals may be fined.

**Color Guard:** The group of students who use flags, rifles and other elements on the field to supplement and add color and drama to the marching show. These students do not play instruments, but are a critical part of the overall quality of the show.

**Competitions:** Events where the band competes against other bands. There are typically three marching competitions: Pageant of Bands at Wilson Stadium, Zia Marching Festival at UNM's University Stadium, and Tournament of Bands in Las Cruces. *HOMEWORK NOTE: October is a heavy competition month and puts the single highest time demand on band students. It is a good idea to put extra effort in other classes prior to October to accommodate the time-crunch associated with competition month.*

**Concert Band:** First-period band requirement for all 9th Graders and select other students during Marching Season to work on competition/show music. After Marching Season, students who do not advance to another band stay in this first-period class and work on concert music. Performs during concert season and attends Spring Trip.

**Concert Season:** Typically November - May. Several concerts are performed during concert season, including district festival and Spring Trip.

**Drum Majors:** Students who conduct the band during the marching shows and when the band plays from the stands.

**Drum Line:** Drum section that marches on the field as a group during marching shows and use the following instruments; snares, tenors, bass drums, and sometimes cymbals.

**Eagle Absences:** Excused absences for school related activities. Eagle absences are used any time that a band function takes students out of class. Eagle Absences must be approved by the teachers, who may choose to not sign them if the student has missed 8 or more non-Eagle absences.

**Eligibility:** In order to be eligible to participate in any extra-curricular activity, a student must have no more than one "F" and better than a 2.0 GPA.

**Fees:** A general term for the expenses that are accrued over the course of the year for band students. Things that cost the student money include things like t-shirts, trip expenses (meals are included) and other activities. The fees are highest during marching season and at spring trip. Accounts are set up in each student's name, and many fund raising activities credit directly to the participating student's account. Many parents cover all of the costs for their students from fundraising activities.

**Flea Market:** Fund raiser for the General Fund that occurs on August 20, 2011. Band families and the community donate items to be sold at the Flea Market. Band parents organize and run this event which is held in the North West parking lot at Eldorado.

**Football Games:** The band attends all local football games. The games are on either Thursday or Friday night, or Saturday afternoon. The kids report in uniform to EHS and ride the band buses with chaperones to and from the game. The band marches during halftime if EHS is the home team and before the game begins if we are the visitors. The band also plays pep band music in the stands during the game. Band parents usually congregate in the stands next to the band. If the football team makes state playoffs, then the band will typically be there for the football games

to support them. These games work just like regular season games, with the band meeting at EHS and taking buses to the game.

**Fundraising:** There are many opportunities to raise funds for the band general fund, and for each student's account. Some students are able to completely pay the year's fees with fundraising.

**Gauntlet:** Part of the marching uniform that is a flat, flared cuff that Velcro's around each wrist on top of any gloves or sleeves.

**Golden Image:** The intermediate jazz band. Selection is by audition in May. Additional auditions may be held at the beginning of the year for 9<sup>th</sup> graders. This is a class that meets during a regular school period.

**Hat Box:** The box full of candy that the students take to every game. Somewhere in there is a band hat, too! ☺

**Jazz III:** "After School Jazz" open to all students. Meets second semester during 8th period (after school) and is offered for credit.

**Letter:** Band students may earn a letter if they meet the minimum requirements based on participation in performances, activities and academics. Band students can earn a letter during their freshman year.

**Mandatory Rehearsals:** Additional mandatory rehearsals are held throughout Marching Season. Typically these are shortly before competitions, and usually held at Wilson Stadium. All marching band members, including those typically excused for other school activities, must attend to ensure the best performance at these critical events.

**March-A-Thon:** Coincides with the Flea Market on August 20, 2011. The band marches through the neighborhood surrounding Eldorado, with police escort, and collects donations from the community. This fund raiser benefits the General Fund.

**Marching Season:** Typically late July through early November. It also includes additional rehearsals and at least three marching competitions.

**Pageant of Bands (POB):** "New Mexico Pageant of Bands" (AKA "Pageant") is a marching competition planned, organized and presented by volunteers representing the Albuquerque area band booster organizations. Selling advertisements for the program is a fundraising opportunity. EHS has been ranked first place among the 5A bands for 4 consecutive years, and 5 of the last 6 years (the pressure is on!).

**Parent Performance:** This is the culmination of band camp, usually on a Saturday afternoon. Students march in full uniform on the practice field. First parent meeting of the year typically occurs immediately before the parent performance.

**Pep Band:** The general term for bands that play in support of school functions. Most often pep bands play for home basketball games and UNM volleyball games. The band is divided into two "bands" that alternate playing at games.

**Pit:** The pit is incredibly important as they enhance the music performance by playing auxiliary percussion parts like cymbals, mallets, timpani, gong, bass drum, chimes, etc. They are stationary and play from the sideline. The pit members are students that are percussionist but are not on the drum line. This group may include uniformed students with ongoing medical circumstances that prevent them from marching. (By prior arrangement with band director.)

**Pit Crew:** The group of parents who load and unload instruments (not just the pit) and props on the truck and help set up the Pit and Drum Major stands.

**Practice Field:** A paved and lined lot behind the baseball stadium on the eastern most edge of the Eldorado complex.

**Screamin' Eagles:** The top jazz band at EHS. Selection is by audition in May. Additional auditions may be held at the beginning of the year for 9<sup>th</sup> graders. This is a class that meets during a regular school period.

**Section Leaders:** The student leadership for each section. Selection is typically based on leadership qualities and musical ability. Most sections have 2 or 3 section leaders. Section leaders are selected by the student officers.

**Sectionals:** Music rehearsal among sections of students who play the same instrument (all flutes, all trumpets, etc...). Sectionals may be led by a student section leader, or a staff instrumentalist.

**Shadows:** Marching band members who alternate with other students for the show. Marching shows are designed for a specific instrumentation and number of students. Some students in a section that have more instruments than the show design will be "shadows" for one another and take turns marching. Shadows are determined during band camp.

**Show:** The complex interaction of music and marching around a central theme. The show consists of an Opener (Movement I), Ballad (Movement II) and Closer (Movement III). EHS performs one show per year. Typically, a show will be tweaked and fine-tuned throughout marching season, with additional moves and/or props.

**Show Shirts:** A T-shirt representing the show from each year. The design is selected by the students from student submissions early in marching season. Students wear these, but parents can order their own show shirts, too!

**Solo and Ensemble:** Judged performances by soloists or ensembles at a festival in the spring, usually in March. This is a chance for the kids to be evaluated by judges on solo or ensemble pieces of the student's choosing. Often, students will be assigned to an ensemble piece by Mr. Sanks. The EHS band also does a solo and ensemble recital shortly before the solo and ensemble festival. The recital is held at EHS.

**Southwest Honor Band:** see All-State

**Student Officers:** The student leadership organization within the band that provides input to the Booster Board and Directors about student activities.

**Symphonic Band:** The concert season ensemble selected by audition. Symphonic Band meets at Zero Hour during concert season.

**Tournament of Bands (TOB):** "New Mexico Tournament of Bands" is a marching competition sponsored by New Mexico State University and held at the university (NMSU) in Las Cruces. All bands march in the preliminary competition, and the top 10 bands march again at finals for final placement.

**Tryouts:** Individual performances to determine band and chair placement. Held after marching season. Typically all-state music and scales are the basis of the tryouts

**Uniforms:** Marching uniforms were new in 2005. Students are fitted during band camp for their marching uniform. The concert uniforms use the same pants, but with a tuxedo jacket. Students purchase their own tuxedo shirt. Students are responsible for cleaning their uniforms at prescribed intervals, and providing cleaning receipts as proof.

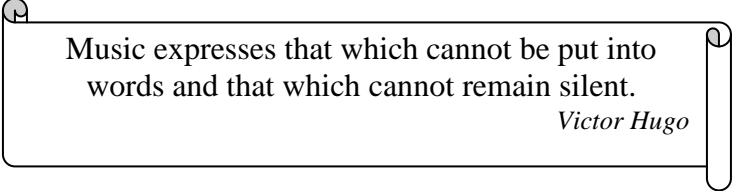
**Wilson Stadium:** Eldorado High School's "home" stadium, on Lomas east of Manzano HS. This is also the site for many football games, Pageant and several after-school rehearsals during marching season. Transportation to and from Wilson for after-school rehearsals is **not** provided.

**Wind Ensemble:** The concert season ensemble selected by audition. Wind Ensemble defines a specific selection of instruments. The most select group of musicians at Eldorado. Wind Ensemble meets at Zero Hour during concert season.

**Winter Guard:** The activities of the Color Guard after marching season ends. They perform to pre-recorded music and participate in winter guard competitions

**Zero Hour:** The period before school starts. Zero hour begins at 6:30 AM. Be there, set up, in your spot. To be early is to be on time, to be on time is to be late, to be late is not acceptable.

**Zia Marching Band Fiesta:** "Zia" is a marching competition sponsored by the University of New Mexico and held at University Stadium in Albuquerque. All bands march in the preliminary competition, and the top 10 bands march again at finals for final placement.  
<http://www.unm.edu/~bands/Zia.html>



Music expresses that which cannot be put into  
words and that which cannot remain silent.

*Victor Hugo*