

AHS TROJAN BAND & GUARD

NEW STUDENT SUMMER BAND INFORMATION

SPRING 2026

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Important Summer Dates

Freshman Camp

July 24, 10am-4pm

Registration Day

July 24, 5-7pm

Band Camp (Monday-Friday)

July 27-August 5 (8am-4pm)

August 6 (5-8:30pm)

August 7 (8am-4pm)

August 10-13 (5-8:30pm)

August 14 (5-9pm)

Flamingo Fundraiser Kick-Off

July 27

Midnight Madness

August 7, 11:59pm

Welcome to Anderson Band Booster Association

All parents/guardians of students who are in band or guard are automatically members of Anderson Band Booster Association (ABBA). The booster club serves band and guard students. It pays for approximately half of the operating expenses of the program, with the district and Fair Share making up the rest.

ABBA is a 501(c)(3) non-profit, so donations and business sponsorships are tax-deductible.



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Communication

We use the BAND app for communication. All students must join the Main Group and parents are strongly encouraged to join the Main and Parent Groups. You can access BAND via the app or on the computer at band.us.

BAND App Groups

Join to get the latest info!

See how to join on page 8:

– Anderson Trojan Band (Main)

Students will be required to join the Main Group.

–Trojan Band PARENTS

Social Media

– Facebook

(www.facebook.com/ahstrojanband)

– Instagram

(www.instagram.com/ahstrojanbandboosters/)

Google Calendar

Published on the website and in the BAND app.

Website

www.andersontrojanband.com

General Parent Questions

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Before Band Camp

Get Your Physical:

- All band and guard students need a physical dated after April 15, 2026 and must be turned in at Band Registration on July 24th.

- Your student cannot participate without a physical.

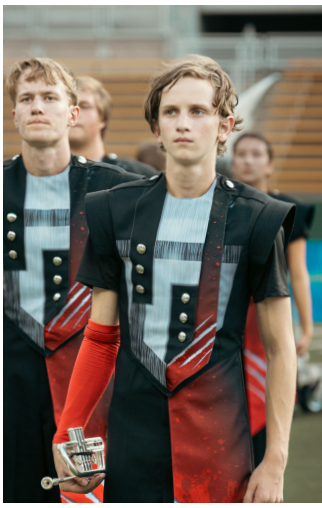
- **Stapled copies of the Austin ISD Physical Form and a flyer for AFC Urgent Care (who will donate \$5 to Anderson Band and Guard for every physical) will be available during Spring Fundamentals Camp.**

Be Active:

- Take frequent walks and runs.
- Drink at least one gallon of water daily.
- Get at least 8 hours of sleep every night.
- Eat a healthy breakfast.
- Avoid dairy and other fatty foods.

Make Friends:

- Section leaders will be scheduling activities throughout the summer – pool parties, practice times, movie nights, etc.



Marching Season at a Glance...

- Band Camp July 27th–August 14th.
- Football Games (six on Fridays; three on Thursdays this year).
- Competitions on Saturdays; UIL and Band Jamboree during the week.
- Fall Semester Rehearsals:
 - Mondays–Wednesdays after school.
 - Thursday or Friday mornings on game days.
 - Always check calendar in BAND app for changes; Color Guard varies, check the calendar.
- Other Community Events: assisted living performances, parades, fundraisers, business openings, pep rallies, etc.



Drop-Off and Pick-Up Information

During Band Camp/Rehearsals

- Drop off at either band hall (Cima Serena) or parking lot (Steck/Mesa) depending on if your child has to get their instrument out of the band hall.
- Pick up at band hall.

After Games/Competitions

- Pick up at band hall – traffic is **ONE WAY** only.
- Parking in parking spots is preferred; if you're in the line to pick up in front of the band hall, leave space on the left lane for cars to pass. Do not pick up from the left lane area in front of the band hall.



Attendance Policy:

Band Directors must be notified one (1) week prior for an absence to be considered excused.

Excused Absences:

- Illnesses (such as cold, flu, fever)
- Doctor's Visits (with a note)
- Family Emergencies
- Religious Holidays/Events
- Once in a Lifetime Events:
 - Weddings, Funerals, Graduations
- Other UIL Events

Limited Excuse:

- Club Sports Practices/Games
- Tests/Tutoring

Unexcused Absences:

- Work
- Birthdays
- Family Vacations
- Concerts/Festivals

An unexcused absence from a rehearsal will result in the student not performing at halftime of the football game that week.

An unexcused absence from a football game/competition may result in the student losing their marching spot in the band.



Typical Game Day Schedule for Austin Area Games:

4:40pm school ends; students load instruments and eat dinner/snack

5pm students change into uniform (marching band or summer band uniform depending on weather)

5:20pm inspection, announcements, and load buses

5:40pm depart Anderson

6:10pm arrive @ stadium, unload, and get into stands

7 or 7:30pm Game Time! Students play songs, cheer for the team, and generally have a lot of fun in the stands.

Halftime Perform Marching Show! Each week they will add more choreography and music to the show.

10:30pm approximate departure from stadium; head chaperone will send out a post on the BAND app with an estimated arrival time

11pm arrive back @ Anderson

11:30pm latest a student should be picked up (30 minutes after return)

Items Needed for Game Day: all uniform parts for the day, instrument/supplies, flip folder, water jug, phone, and meal if not purchasing the catered option.



Marching Band – Required Materials

For Rehearsal:

- **Half-Gallon Water Jug** (new students will be issued one)
- **Sunglasses, Hat, and Sunscreen**
- **Athletic Attire:** sweat-wicking materials, long sleeves/UV resistant fabrics, light colors; **NO JEANS**
- **Running/Tennis Shoes:** recommended brands – ASICS, Brooks, New Balance, etc.
 - please do not wear **crocs, converse, sandals, etc.** – improper footwear can lead to injuries
- **Lyre/Flip Folder:** this allows students to view their music while playing their instrument outside
 - each instrument is different; check with your local music store for the correct model
- **Fanny Pack/Drawstring Bag:** to hold phones, chapstick, sunscreen, etc. while on the field

For Game Days/Competitions:

- Black Chino-Style Shorts (length should stop at the knee)
- Black Low-Cut/Ankle Socks (for summer band uniform)
- Long Black Crew Socks (for marching band uniform)
- Compression Underwear (for underneath marching band uniform)
- Hair Spray/Gel, Bobby Pins, Hair Ties (hair must be tidy while in uniform)

Items Provided (Through Fair Share):

- Show Shirt and Summer Band Uniform Shirt
- Black Marching Shoes
- Marching Band Uniform
- Half-Gallon Water Jug

Concert Band Materials

- **Black Binder/Folder (for music)**
- **Pencil**
- **Woodwinds:** Reeds, Cork Grease, Swab
- **Brass:** Valve Oil/Slide Grease

Concert Band Uniform:

- **All Black**
- **Long-Sleeved Dress Shirt**
- **Slacks/Pants (not jeans/chinos)**
- **Long Dress or Skirt**
- **Black Dress Shoes**
- **Black Belt**
- **Long Black Socks/Leggings**



Band Camp Schedule

7/27-8/5: 8am to 4pm

8/6: 5 to 8:30pm

8/7: 8am to 4pm

8/10-8/13: 5 to 8:30pm

8/14: 5 to 9pm

Health & Safety:

The Anderson Trojan Band/Guard abides by the AISD Temperature Guidelines. We monitor the Wet Bulb Globe Temperature (WBGT) before and during all rehearsals for student safety. All Band Directors are CPR/First Aid/AED-certified.



Why is marching band so busy?

A marching band show is similar to a theatrical production in that it is creatively designed, includes props/sound effects/careful staging, and involves multiple kinds of movement and performance responsibilities. It is unlike a theatrical production in that it involves 150+ students of varying experience and takes place on a massive stage (which is different for each performance).

In addition, the production is judged based on uniformity and proficiency. It takes months to teach all the skills needed to perform the show and put it together. If students are at rehearsal, they are learning an important and specific skill. The schedule you see is the minimal amount of time we need to give the students a chance to be successful competitively.

Students who miss rehearsal force us to go back and reteach what they missed, wasting time for the group as a whole. Every minute of rehearsal time is utilized! Lastly, a marching show costs thousands of dollars and takes hundreds of hours to produce. Because of this, we try to provide plenty of opportunities to perform the show!



What happens on competition day?

Anderson Band and Guard have a history of being a competitive band. Our marching show for 2026 is called, "Echoes in Eternity". At band camp, they will learn the music, march, and perform the show. Anderson students are given the opportunity to perform in marching competitions throughout the area. Some are competitions we've been to many times, some attract bands from the area, and some are major competitions involving more than 40 bands. They also have UIL competitions every year.

Competitions have a prelims/finals format which means that all competing bands perform one time in the morning/afternoon and a panel of judges select the top 10 or 12 to perform once more in the evening to determine a rank. Competitions are usually all day. Your fair share pays for all competition day meals.

What is Fair Share?

- Being in any activity at Anderson HS costs money. Many clubs have a Fair Share to help maintain their high level of excellence. Band/Guard is no exception.
- Our Fair Share covers costs like uniform parts, bus rentals, marching show props, etc. that cannot be paid for completely by school or ABBA funds.
- ABBA fundraises to keep Fair Share costs as low as possible. Some neighboring band programs have Fair Shares that cost more than \$1,000. Our students want a top-notch band program, and we strive to give them the best opportunities for success with what we have.
- Everyone is aware that costs have risen for everything, and band is no exception. It's important that we have successful fundraisers in order to keep Fair Share amounts low.
- Not So Fun Fact: In 2021, we spent \$19,000 on bus transportation to competitions (four in the Austin area and one in Waco). The cost of transportation to the same locations in 2019 was \$9,000.



Paying for Fair Share

Fair Share is **\$550** this year. You can pay for Fair Share at Registration Day on July 24th.

- We are currently working on electronic payment options and will communicate when those options are available.
- Make checks payable to **Anderson Band Booster Association (ABBA)**.

Volunteer Opportunities

- Volunteering is a great way to learn about the band program, meet other parents, and see your child perform!
- On a typical competition day, we need as many as 50 volunteers to help make the band machine run smoothly.
- We have spots for busy and not too busy parents. Some are during band camp, many others are during marching/football season, and some are one-time commitments.
- Sign-ups start in July for band camp activities and weekly sign ups for games and competitions start in August.
- After marching season, we will need volunteers for our mulch fundraiser.
- Links to the sign-ups are available via the BAND app.

Instrument Use Fee

- Students using a school-owned instrument or participating in color guard pay a \$25 fee per instrument/guard gear. This covers rental, replacement, and repair of the instrument. Guard fees include equipment use, upkeep, and a guard bag.
- School-Owned Marching Instrument Fee = \$25
- School-Owned Concert Instrument Fee = \$25
- Students using both a school-owned marching and concert instrument pay \$50 total.
- The fee for percussion is \$50, which includes use of the percussion equipment and mallets/sticks.
- We are currently working on electronic payment options and will communicate when those options are available.
- Make checks payable to **Anderson Band Booster Association (ABBA)**.

ABBA Fundraisers

- The school district provides less than 25% of our budget. Fair Share gives us another 25%. The rest of the costs to run this massive operation come from ABBA. We get the money from sponsors and our two large fundraising events: Operation Flamingo and Mulch Madness.
- Flamingo-ing is completed during band camp and is a part virtual, part live fundraiser. It is a great team-building experience for the students. When it's all said and done, the students typically raise between \$80,000-\$100,000!
- Mulch is sold online in early spring and delivered/distributed the first Friday/Saturday of March. We raise \$15,000-\$20,000 during our mulch fundraiser.
- Parents, we need your help with these fundraisers! Help your student contact friends and family to let them know about Operation Flamingo and Mulch Madness.

Join the BAND App

We mainly use the BAND app for communication. The Main Group is for directors to send out info to students and parents. Students are required to join and parents are highly encouraged to join. The Parent Group is for parents to ask questions and send information. You can access the groups on the app or on your computer.



Main Group



Parent Group

Operation Flamingo Fundraiser

- This is ABBA's largest fundraiser, and it's done by the students during the evenings of band camp. There is also an online fundraiser that runs concurrently, to get friends/family donations.
- Each section goes into the community to request donations. They plant flamingos in yards, serenade homeowners, laugh, talk about the show, etc.
- Sections are only allowed to go on certain nights and must be back at the band hall by 9pm.
- Sections win bragging rights for getting the most donations; it gets competitive!
- Parents drive many of the kids. It's your chance to get to know who your child is hanging out with during the day.
- This unique tradition has been going strong for almost 30 years!



2026 Trojan Marching Band & Guard Calendar of Events

Date	Event	Who	Where
7/4	Fourth of July Parade	Band and Guard Volunteers	Northwest Hills Neighborhood
7/23 - 7/24	Leadership Camp	Leadership Team	AHS
7/24	Freshman Camp	9th Graders and Leadership Team	AHS
7/24	Band Registration Day	All Band and Color Guard	AHS
7/27 - 8/14	Summer Band Camp	All Band and Color Guard	AHS
7/27	Flamingo Fundraiser Kick-Off	All Band and Color Guard	AHS
8/7	Midnight Madness	All Band and Color Guard	AHS
8/14	Summer Band Preview Performance	All Band and Color Guard	AHS
8/27	AHS @ Johnson	All Band and Color Guard	Bob Shelton Stadium
9/4	AHS vs. Pflugerville	All Band and Color Guard	House Park
9/15	AISD Band Jamboree	All Band and Color Guard	Burger Stadium
9/18	AHS vs. Lockhart	All Band and Color Guard	Nelson Field
9/25	AHS @ Champion	All Band and Color Guard	Boerne Stadium
9/26	Marching Contest - TBD	All Band and Color Guard	TBD
9/28	Homecoming Parade	All Band and Color Guard	AHS
10/2	AHS vs. Seguin	All Band and Color Guard	House Park
10/3	Vista Ridge Marching Festival	All Band and Color Guard	Gupton Stadium
10/9	AHS @ Smithson Valley	All Band and Color Guard	Ranger Stadium
10/15	AHS vs. McCallum	All Band and Color Guard	House Park
10/17	Marching Contest - TBD	All Band and Color Guard	TBD
10/20	Region 18 Marching Contest	All Band and Color Guard	Burger Stadium
10/23	AHS @ Manor	All Band and Color Guard	Manor Athletic Complex
10/24	Area D Marching Contest	All Band and Color Guard	The Pfield
10/29	AHS vs. Cedar Creek	All Band and Color Guard	House Park
11/2-11/3	UIL State Marching Contest	All Band and Color Guard	Alamodome
11/6	AHS @ Lehman	All Band and Color Guard	Bob Shelton Stadium



