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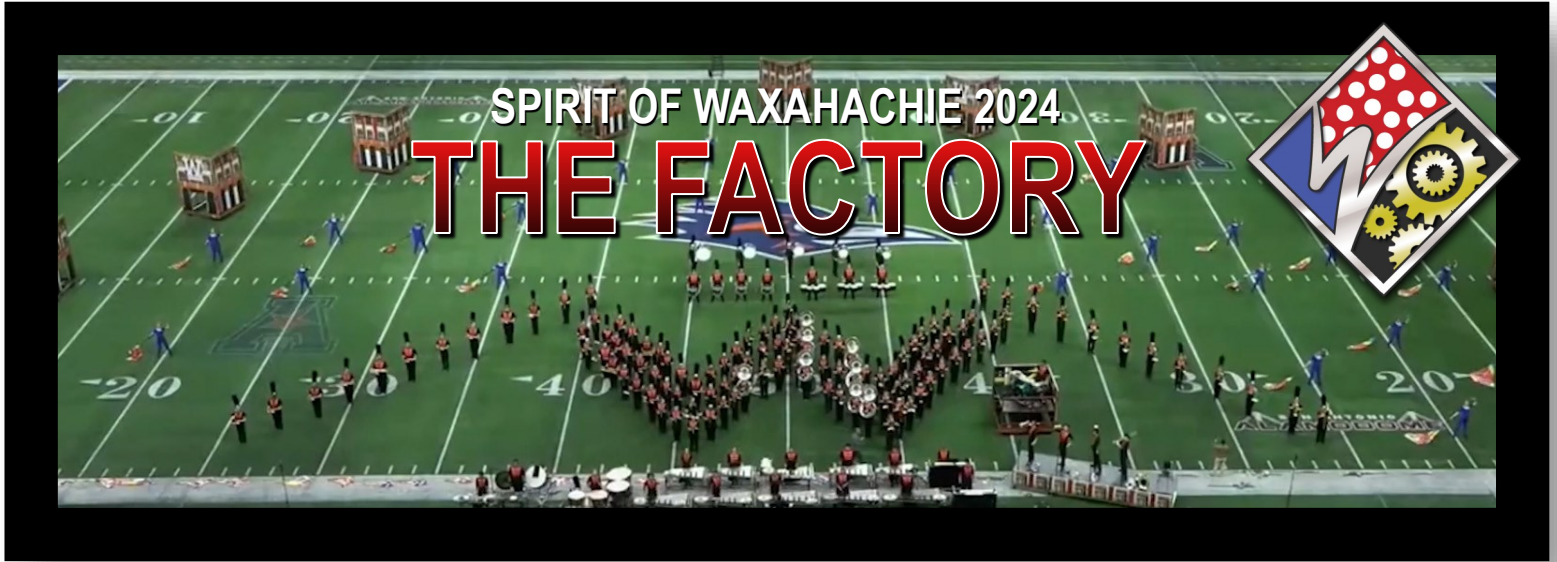


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Fall 2025 Marching Event Schedule

2025 Marching Info For All <i>(Tentative & Subject to change)</i>		
February		
25	7:00-8:30 pm	8th Grade Parent Mtg.
April		
10	7:30-9:00 pm	Full Marching Band Mtg.
May		
27-30	8-4 pm	Marching Practice
31	8-12 pm	Pics and Registration
31	10-4 pm	Marching Practice
31	5:30-7:30 pm	Band Family Picnic
31	8:00 pm	Spring Showcase
July		
1-3	8-12 pm	Parade Prep Camp
4	9:00-1:00 pm	Parade & Band Picnic
17	3-12 pm	DCI Denton Show
21-25	8:00-4:00	Drum and Guard Camp
28-31	7:00-12:00 1:00-5:00	Band Camp-Visual Band Camp-Music
August		
1	7:00-12:00 noon 1:00-5:00	Band Camp-Visual Band Camp-Music
2	7:00-12:00 noon 8:00-12:00	Band Camp-Visual Make up Registration
4	7:00-12:00 noon 1:00-5:00	Band Camp-Visual Band Camp-Music
5	7:00-12:00 noon 1:00-5:00	Band Camp-Visual Band Camp-Music
6,7	5:00-9:00 pm	Band Practice
8	7:00-1:00 pm 6:00-10:00	Band Camp-Visual Band Luau
11	7:00-12:00 noon 1:00-5:00	Band Camp-Visual Band Camp-Music
12	7:00-1:00 pm	Band Camp-Visual
16	7:00-12:00 noon	Band Camp-Visual
20	6:00 pm	Meet the Indians
22	7:00-12:00 noon 8 pm	Band Camp-Visual Ice Cream Social

Fall Performance Schedule <i>(Really Tentative & Subject to change)</i>		
FB games will be added once schedule is created Feb. 1		
Date	Event	Site
Aug. 20	7 pm Meet the Indians	Lumpkins
Aug. 29	Ennis FB	Ennis
Sept. 5	Coppell FB	Coppell
Sept. 12	Forney FB	Lumpkins
Sept. 19	Duncanville FB	Lumpkins
Sept. 26	Desoto FB	Desoto
Oct. 3	Off Week	
Oct. 4	BOA Marching Contest	Pennington Field
Oct. 10	Mesquite Horn FB	Lumpkins
Oct. 15	UIL Marching Contest	Duncanville HS
Oct. 17	Cedar Hill FB	Cedar Hill
Oct. 18	DMI Contest	Duncanville HS
Oct. 24	Skyline FB	Lumpkins
Nov. 25	Area Marching	Mesquite
Nov. 31	Lancaster FB	Lancaster
Nov. 3/4	State Marching	San Antonio
Nov. 6	Mesquite FB	Lumpkins
Nov. 14	First Playoff Game	

After School Marching Practice-Fall 25

Mon/Tues 5:30-7:30 | Thurs 5:30-8:30

**A one hour all state sectional will be scheduled around the marching schedule to help students make the All State Band.

**Some Saturdays will be scheduled for Marching band to allow clinicians and designers the opportunity to work with our program.

Thursday, July 17, 2025
8:20 PM
Apogee Stadium | Denton, TX

Tickets will Go
On Sale Soon

- Bluecoats
- Boston Crusaders
- Carolina Crown
- Genesis
- Pacific Crest
- Santa Clara Vanguard
- Seattle Cascades
- Spirit of Atlanta
- Zephyrus



ATTENDANCE



IF YOU WANT TO
BE A PART...



YOU MUST
BE PRESENT

About the WHS Band

The Band Program is dedicated to creating **GREAT PEOPLE WHO DO GREAT THINGS** through performance opportunities and a commitment to:

OUR GUIDING VALUES

UNITY	A SAFE ENVIRONMENT TO BE UNIQUE AND VULNERABLE
LEADERSHIP	GOAL-SETTING, TAKING INITIATIVE, EXECUTING THE MISSION
EXCELLENCE	THE QUALITY OF BEING OUTSTANDING
DIGNITY	A SENSE OF PRIDE AND SELF-RESPECT IN ONESELF AND OTHERS
COLLABORATION	WORKING TOGETHER TO ACHIEVE
CREATIVITY	USING IMAGINATION AND ORIGINAL IDEAS



- ⇒ ONE OF THE LARGEST ORGANIZATIONS ON CAMPUS
- ⇒ OVERNIGHT TRIPS TO PLACES LIKE COLORADO AND ORLANDO
- ⇒ GET YOUR FINE ARTS AND PE CREDIT
- ⇒ SOCIAL EVENTS THROUGHOUT THE YEAR
- ⇒ STATE-, NATIONALLY-, AND INTERNATIONALLY-RECOGNIZED

ACADEMICS

- ⇒ BAND WILL FIT INTO AN AGGRESSIVE ACADEMIC SCHEDULE
- ⇒ BAND DOES NOT INTERFERE WITH YOUR CLASSWORK AS LONG AS YOU REMAIN ORGANIZED AND FOCUSED
- ⇒ MANY "TOP 10" STUDENTS HAVE GRADUATED FROM THE BAND

ATHLETICS

- ⇒ YOU CAN PLAY A SPORT AND BE IN BAND, THOUGH YOU MIGHT HAVE AN AUXILLIARY MARCHING ROLE IF PRACTICE TIMES CONFLICT

IS MARCHING HARD?

- ⇒ DON'T WORRY—WE TEACH YOU EVERYTHING YOU NEED TO KNOW

HOW MUCH TIME?

- ⇒ THE MARCHING BAND TYPICALLY REHEARSES FOR 7-8 HOURS PER WEEK PLUS PERFORMANCES. CONCERT SEASON TYPICALLY ONLY INVOLVES A SINGLE 1-HOUR SECTIONAL PER WEEK.



WHS Colorguard		
<u>Date</u>	<u>Time</u>	<u>What/Who</u>
4/28	4:30-7:00 pm	Workshop Clinic
4/29	4:30-7:00 pm	↓
4/30	4:30-7:00 pm	
5/1	4:30-7:00 pm	
5/2	4:30-7:00 pm	
5/3	8:00-1:00 pm	Auditions

WHS Percussion—Battery and Pit		
<u>Date</u>	<u>Time</u>	<u>What/Who</u>
April 8, 15 & 22	5:00-8:00 pm	Prep Clinic
April 29	5:00-8:00 pm	Audition
Drumline and front ensemble clinics and the audition will be combined this year.		
BE PREPARED TO PLAY ALL INSTRUMENT		

WHAT'S YOUR ROLE IN THE WAXAHACHIE BAND?

WHS Band Leadership Auditions		
<u>Date</u>	<u>Time</u>	<u>What/Who</u>
4/14	4:30-6:30 pm	Leadership Intro
4/15	4:30-6:30 pm	Conducting 101
4/16	4:30-6:30 pm	Marching
4/28	5:00-8:00 pm	Section Leader Auditions
4/29	5:00-8:00 pm	Drum Major Auditions

WHS Band WW & Brass Auditions		
<u>Date</u>	<u>9th-11th Grade</u>	<u>8th Grade</u>
April 22-24	In Classes	3:15-5:00 pm April 22 @ Finley April 23 @ Coleman April 24 @ Howard
<u>Band Placements will be based on:</u>		
Audition Performance from:		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Full Range Chromatic Scale • 60 seconds of solo • 4-8 measures of counting 		

2025



2026

Marching Show 2025 Cast Positions

- All WHS Band students will participate in the marching band
- 3 levels of cast roles:
 - Wind/Percussion/Guard performer
 - Mobile set pieces integrated into the show
 - Auxiliary visual (props/flags)
- Students must remain ACADEMICALLY ELIGIBLE and are expected to attend all rehearsals and performances
- Unexcused absences are grounds for dismissal from the student's contest role and/or the band program



Winds/Percussion

Selection will be based on, but not limited, to:

- Marching and Music skill assessment
- Experience, Attendance, Attitude, and Eligibility (past and current)
- Attendance at all rehearsals, games, and contests is expected

Color Guard

- Open to all non-band WHS students and any oboe/bassoon player
- Membership by audition only
- Guard class is currently Zero-Hour each morning and is required
- Attendance at all rehearsals, games, and contests is expected

Double Reeds

May audition for the guard or play a marching instrument (like flute or sax).

Limited help will be given to assist you in learning a new instrument.

Set Pieces/Auxiliary Visual

- Will perform in the stands and during halftime at all football games
- Selection based on Attendance, Attitude, and Eligibility
- Attendance at all rehearsals, games, and contests is expected
- Can challenge for any marching position up to a certain point in the early season

Performances

All Varsity Football Games
Marching Contests
Pep Rallies
Parades

Rehearsals

Including some Saturdays

!!! Important Dates !!!

Feb 25

8th Grade Parent Meeting
7:00-8:30 pm @ WHS

Full Marching Band Meeting
7:30-9:00 pm @ WHS

Apr 10

May 27-31

Spring Camp / Family Picnic
See full calendar

July 4th Parade Prep
8 am-12 pm @ WHS

Jul 1-3

Jul 28

Full Summer Band Begins!!!
7 am-5 pm @ WHS

PLAN TO BE PRESENT FOR ALL EVENTS.

IF YOU HAVE A CONFLICT, COMMUNICATE WITH MR. ARMSTRONG AHEAD OF TIME.
IF ABSENT, TAKE STEPS TO ENSURE YOU KNOW WHAT WAS MISSED.

IF NOT, KNOW THAT YOU MIGHT LOSE PRIORITY FOR EARNING A MARCHING SPOT
SIMPLY BECAUSE YOU ARE SHOWING UP LESS PREPARED THAN OTHERS.

Through the Summer, you should...

Practice

Pass Off

Hydrate

Exercise

Participate

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

??? MARCHING BAND AUDITIONS ???

YOU DO NOT AUDITION TO BE IN THE MARCHING BAND.
CAST ROLES WILL BE DETERMINED BY YOUR ATTENDANCE, ATTITUDE AND SKILL DEMONSTRATED
AT CAMPS DURING THE SUMMER.

??? BAND PLACEMENTS ???

BAND PLACEMENTS WILL BE SHARED DURING MAY.
AUDITIONS WILL TAKE PLACE IN CLASS AT THE END OF APRIL.

??? REGISTRATION ???

MAY 31—SHOULD TAKE ABOUT 45 MINUTES TO ORDER ITEMS AND PAY BAND FEES.
ALL FORMS CAN BE COMPLETED ONLINE PRIOR TO REGISTRATION.

??? WISD INSTRUMENT RENTALS ???

AVAILABLE TO ALL, INCLUDING NEW 9TH GRADERS, AT THE END OF MAY.
THE FEE IS \$100 AND CAN BE PAID VIA CHECK OR ONLINE.
AN INITIAL PAYMENT OF \$50 MUST BE MADE TO TAKE THE INSTRUMENT.

??? IS GUARD PART OF THE WHS BAND ???

YES—WE RECRUIT NON-INSTRUMENTALISTS TO PARTICIPATE WITH THE MARCHING BAND.
ALL STUDENTS, INCLUDING INSTRUMENTALISTS, CAN PARTICIPATE IN WINTERGUARD.
ALL FALL GUARD MEMBERS MUST ENROLL IN THE ZERO HOUR GUARD CLASS.

“DOUBLE-BLOCKED” BAND

EVERY BAND MEETS EVERY DAY
CONTACT A DIRECTOR WITH CONFLICTS

A & B DAY SCHEDULES

ZERO—JAZZ BAND / GUARD

1ST—SYMPHONIC BAND

2ND—CONCERT BAND

3RD—CONFERENCE

4TH—WIND ENSEMBLE

BAND, CHOIR, AND THEATER

STUDENTS ARE ABLE TO ENROLL IN
MULTIPLE FINE ARTS COURSES

YOU MUST CHOOSE ONE OF THE
FOLLOWING ENDORSEMENTS:

**ARTS & HUMANITIES
MULTI-DISCIPLINARY**

OTHER COURSE CHOICES WILL
DETERMINE THE FINAL VIABILITY
OF TAKING MULTIPLE FINE ARTS

BAND AND ATHLETICS

STUDENTS ARE ABLE TO
PARTICIPATE IN BOTH ACTIVITIES

YOU MUST CHOOSE ONE OF THE
FOLLOWING ENDORSEMENTS:

**ARTS & HUMANITIES
MULTI-DISCIPLINARY**

BOTH ACTIVITIES MEET EVERY DAY

FOREIGN LANGUAGE REQ WILL
CREATE A CONFLICT UNTIL THAT
CREDIT IS EARNED, BUT WE WILL
WORK WITH YOU UNTIL THAT TIME.

MARCHING AND ATHLETICS

ATHLETES STILL PARTICIPATE IN
MARCHING BAND

SOME CONFLICTS ARE EASIER TO
MANAGE THAN OTHERS

WE ENCOURAGE STUDENTS TO
CONTINUE WITH BOTH INTERESTS
AND LEARN HOW TO MANAGE THEIR
SCHEDULE

ATHLETIC CONFLICTS ARE TAKEN
INTO CONSIDERATION WHEN CAST
ROLES ARE ASSIGNED.

ENDORSEMENTS

UNIVERSITIES DON'T CARE WHAT
ENDORSEMENT YOU CHOOSE

YOU ONLY NEED ONE TO GRADUATE,
BUT YOU CAN GRADUATE WITH
MORE THAN ONE

NO ENDORSEMENT WILL HELP
YOU TO OFFICIALLY “GET AHEAD”

ARTS AND HUMANITIES AND MULTI-
DISCIPLINARY GIVE FINE ARTS
STUDENTS THE MOST FLEXIBILITY
FOR SCHEDULING

TUTORING TIMES

TUTORING IS AN IMPORTANT PART
OF ACADEMIC SUCCESS

HOWEVER, PLAN AROUND ALL BAND
REHEARSAL TIMES

MON 3:55-5:15 PM

TUE 3:55-5:15 PM

THU 3:55-5:15 PM

ANY OTHER AVAILABLE TIME AS
SCHEDULE BY INDIVIDUAL TEACHERS

2025 BAND REGISTRATION

**ALL FORMS SHOULD BE COMPLETED ONLINE
PRIOR TO REGISTRATION**

CLICK HERE

AVAILABLE BY THE END OF APRIL

AT REGISTRATION, YOU WILL...

PAY BAND FEES

**LEARN ABOUT VOLUNTEER
OPPORTUNITIES**

**FINALIZE FORMS
(IF NEEDED)**

ADDITIONAL / OPTIONAL

**A PARENT / GUARDIAN SHOULD PLAN TO ATTEND
IT SHOULD TAKE NO MORE THAN 30-45 MINUTES**

UNIFORM FITTINGS & PICTURES WILL HAPPEN DURING CAMP MAY 28-31

REGISTRATION SCHEDULE

**Saturday, May 31
8:00-12:00 pm
WHS Band Hall**

**8:00-9:00...Freshmen
9:00-10:00...Sophomores
10:00-11:00...Juniors
11:00-12:00...Seniors**

INDIVIDUAL BAND PICTURES

ONE PICTURE WITH INSTRUMENT AND ONE IN FRONT OF GREEN SCREEN FOR BAND COMPOSITE.

PICTURES ARE AVAILABLE FOR PURCHASE FROM McCOYS PHOTOGRAPHY.

THESE PHOTOS WILL ALSO BE CONVERTED INTO POSTERS AND DISPLAYED AROUND TOWN AT AREA BUSINESSES.

BAND FEES EXPLAINED

INCLUDED

PERFORMANCE / TRAVEL 30%

BOA DALLAS CONTEST
* MEALS
SAN ANTONIO TRIP
* CHARTER BUS
* MEALS
* LODGING
PRE-GAME MEAL DEAL (10 GAMES)
POST GAME MEALS FOR AWAY GAMES

INSTRUCTION / CLINCIANS 40%

- * COLORGUARD DIRECTOR
- * PERCUSSION INSTRUCTION
- * MARCHING BAND DESIGN
DRILL, WIND, PERCUSSION,
CHOREOGRAPHY
- * MARCHING BAND TECHS
- * INSTRUMENTAL MASTERCLASSES

EQUIPMENT / UNIFORMS 30%

- * COLORGUARD COSTUMES
- * CONTEST SHOW APPAREL
- * PROPS AND SET PIECES FOR SHOW
- * COLORGUARD FLAGS, RIFLES, AND SABRES
- * PURCHASE/UPGRADE ELECTRONICS AND AMPLIFICATION EQUIPMENT, INCLUDING CABLES, SPEAKERS, WIRES, AND MICS.

NOT INCLUDED

MTX MARCHING SHOES | COLOR GUARD SHOES | PONCHO | BAND SPIRIT WEAR | \$25 ACCOMPANIST FEE FOR SOLO

FUNDRAISING OPPORTUNITIES

- * FOOTBALL CONCESSIONS | Varsity Games = \$40 PER GAME | JV/9TH/JH Games = \$20 PER GAME
- * CARWASH-EARN PLEDGES
- * BAND GARAGE SALE-EARN FROM THE SALE OF YOUR OWN ITEMS
- * TNT FIREWORKS (STUDENTS 16 AND OLDER COULD GET HIRED TO WORK DURING SUMMER AND WINTER SEASON)

IMPORTANT LINKS

- [Website](#)
- [Private Lessons](#)
- [Weekly Updates](#)
- [Band Boosters](#)
- [Marching Band Page](#)
- [WISD Volunteer Sign Up](#)
- [2020 UIL Physical Form](#)
- [WHS Website](#)
- [Band Google Calendar](#)

UIL-REQUIRED PHYSICALS



ALL 2025-2026 BAND STUDENTS MUST COMPLETE A MEDICAL HISTORY FORM

[CLICK HERE FOR ONLINE FORM](#)



CURRENT 8TH AND 10TH GRADERS MUST SUBMIT A COMPLETE PHYSICAL

[CLICK HERE FOR PRINTABLE FORM](#)



DEADLINE FOR ALL FORMS TO BE SUBMITTED: **Aug. 1, 2025**

ALL PHYSICALS AND FORMS MUST BE COMPLETE
BEFORE BAND STUDENTS CAN PARTICIPATE IN OUTDOOR PHYSICAL ACTIVITIES.

WISD FREE PHYSICALS

BOYS | MAY 13 | 5:30PM

GIRLS | MAY 20 | 5:30PM

LOCATION: MIKE TURNER GYMNASIUM @ WHS
DOORS CLOSE AT 7:00PM

OUTSTANDING ACCOLADES OF WISD BANDS

2023 JOHN PHILLIP SOUSA FOUNDATION SUDLER SHIELD
2023 TEXAS BANDMASTERS ASSOCIATION EXEMPLARY HIGH SCHOOL BAND PROGRAM
2019 EARL D. IRONS PROGRAM OF DISTINCTION
116 TMEA ALL-STATE MUSICIANS FROM 2005-2024

TEXAS MUSIC EDUCATORS ASSOCIATION STATE HONOR BAND

Waxahachie High School
2024 AAAAAA Finalist—6th
2018 AAAAA Honor Band
2016 AAAAA Finalist—3rd
2012 AAAA Honor Band
2010 AAAA Finalist—3rd

Junior Highs
2023 CC Finalist—9th, Coleman JH
2020 CC Finalist—14th, Coleman JH
2018 CC Finalist—6th, Howard JH

CLINIC AND CONVENTION INVITATIONS FOR JAZZ

2019 The Midwest Clinic
2019 TMEA

UIL STATE MARCHING

2024 AAAAAA—15th
2023 AAAAAA—12th, Finalist
2022 AAAAAA—14th, Finalist
2021 AAAAAA—17th
2020 AAAAAA—8th, Finalist
2018 AAAAAA—12th, Finalist
2017 AAAAA Bronze Medalist
2015 AAAAA—7th, Finalist
2013 AAAAA—8th, Finalist
2011 AAAA—6th, Finalist
2009 AAAA—9th, Finalist
2005 AAAA Participant
2001 AAAA Participant
1999 AAAA Participant

NATIONAL WIND BAND

2023 Mark of Excellence Winner—Coleman JH
2022 Mark of Excellence Winner—Coleman JH
2021 Mark of Excellence Winner—WHS
2018 Mark of Excellence Commended—WHS
2017 Mark of Excellence Winner—WHS
2016 Mark of Excellence Winner—WHS
2015 Mark of Excellence Winner—WHS
2014 Mark of Excellence Winner—WHS