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FINALS SCHEDULE

LIVE SCHEDULE AVAILABLE AT [TINYURL.COM/VRMF25FINALS](https://tinyurl.com/vrmf25finals)

- 6:45 pm** 3A Exhibition: Florence High School
- 7:00 pm** 4A Exhibition: Legacy Ranch High School
- 7:15 pm** Host Exhibition: Vista Ridge High School
- 7:30 pm** Weiss High School
- 7:45 pm** College Station High School
- 8:00 pm** John Paul Stevens High School
- 8:15 pm** Sandra Day O'Connor High School
- 8:30 pm** BREAK
- 8:45 pm** Anderson High School
- 9:00 pm** A&M Consolidated High School
- 9:15 pm** Lake Belton High School
- 9:30 pm** William H. Taft High School
- 9:45 pm** Hutto High School
- 10:00 pm** Winston Churchill High School
- 10:15 pm** Finalist Awards Presentation

PRELIMS SCHEDULE

DOORS OPEN AT 8:00 AM

LIVE SCHEDULE AVAILABLE AT [TINYURL.COM/VRMF2025PRELIMS](https://tinyurl.com/vrmf2025prelims)

8:30 am	Round Rock High School JV	4A
8:45 am	Legacy Ranch High School	4A
9:00 am	Jack C. Hays High School	5A
9:15 am	San Marcos High School	6A
9:30 am	Wagner High School	5A
9:45 am	Gatesville High School	4A
10:00 am	JUDGE BREAK	
10:15 am	Florence High School	3A
10:30 am	John B. Connally High School	5A
10:45 am	College Station High School	5A
11:00 am	New Braunfels High School	5A
11:15 am	John Paul Stevens High School	6A
11:30 am	Hutto High School	6A
11:45 am	JUDGE BREAK	
12:45 pm	Sandra Day O'Connor High School	6A
1:00 pm	Medina Valley High School	6A
1:15 pm	Anderson High School	5A
1:30 pm	William H. Taft High School	6A
1:45 pm	Shoemaker High School	6A
2:00 pm	Brenham High School	5A
2:15 pm	JUDGE BREAK	
2:30 pm	A&M Consolidated High School	5A
2:45 pm	Weiss High School	5A
3:00 pm	Lake Belton High School	5A
3:15 pm	Belton High School	5A
3:30 pm	Liberty Hill High School	5A
3:45 pm	Winston Churchill High School	6A
4:00 pm	Prelims Competition Concludes	
4:15 pm	Prelim Awards & Finalist Announcement	
6:45 pm	Exhibition: Class Champion	
7:15 pm	Exhibition: Vista Ridge Ranger Band	
7:30 pm	Finals Competition Begins	
10:00 pm	Finals Concludes	
10:15 pm	Finalist Awards Presentation	



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WELCOME FROM OUR DIRECTOR OF BANDS

Greetings!

Welcome to Gupton Stadium for the 14th Annual Vista Ridge Marching Festival! On behalf of Vista Ridge High School, I extend my heartfelt gratitude for your band's participation and your unwavering support of your students today. We hope you enjoy this celebration of excellence in marching band performance.

You are all part of a remarkable activity that merges athleticism with artistic interpretation, expression, and an incredible work ethic. The collaboration of diverse ideas and personalities necessary for success in this art form fuels creativity and excellence.

While the hours of hard work and practice may go unnoticed, they are deeply appreciated by administrators, teachers, parents, and fellow students alike. Although public recognition is not your primary motivation, your efforts elevate all our schools, regardless of competition outcomes. Thank you for demonstrating the courage to "lay it on the line." You embody the dedication that transforms individuals, programs, schools, and communities.

Thank you for being here today. Best of luck to each of you as you strive for excellence this season!

Musically Yours,

Robert Herrings

Director of Bands

Vista Ridge High School



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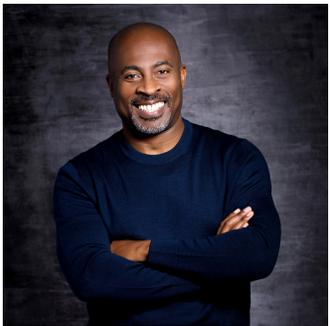
2025 JUDGING PANEL



David Bertman

David Bertman, Associate Professor of Music and Director of Bands, Cheer and Dance plays a huge and very public role at the University of Houston. Overseeing more than 450 students makes him a roving ambassador on campus and in the Houston community. He is the conductor of the Moores School of Music Wind Ensemble and Symphonic Band, and he teaches graduate and undergraduate conducting and assists in the coordination of the wind studies program. Bertman is co-author with Eddie Green and John Benzer of the Ensemble Musicianship Series published by Hal Leonard. Prior to his tenure at UH, Bertman was Associate Director of Bands at Haltom

High School in the Birdville ISD for thirteen years. Working with Greg Hull, Cindy Lansford, Tony Smith and Ben Maughmer, the band received numerous awards, including the 1993 Texas 5A Honor Band and an invitation to perform at the 1993 Midwest Band and Orchestra Clinic. Bertman earned his BM in instrumental music education from the University of Oklahoma, under the tutelage of Gene Thraikill, William Wakefield and Roland Barrett, and his MM in conducting from the University of Houston, where he studied with the legendary Eddie Green. As a faculty member of the University of Houston, he received the Bill Yeoman Award in 2003, the UH College of Liberal Arts and Social Science's Alumni Faculty Award in 2004, the Moores Society Faculty of the Year Award in 2005 and the Houston Alumni Association Faculty Impact Award in 2010. Bertman was also the brass caption head for the Cavaliers Drum & Bugle Corps from 2001-2009, leading them to two Jim Ott brass trophies and four World Championships. He is a member of the Texas Music Educators Association, Phi Mu Alpha Sinfonia, Kappa Kappa Psi, Tau Beta Sigma, the College Band Directors National Association and the Texas Bandmasters Association.



Dr. T. André Feagin

Dr. T. André Feagin serves as Director of Bands and Associate Professor of Music at Central Washington University, where he leads the university's comprehensive band program, conducts the Wind Ensemble, and heads the graduate wind band conducting program. Under his leadership, the CWU Wind Ensemble has gained national and international recognition, including performances at the 2022 CBDNA Western/Northwestern Division Conference and the 2024 WASBE International Conference in Gwangju, South Korea. He has been recognized for his excellence in teaching at CWU. In 2024, he received the Outstanding Tenured/Tenure Track

Faculty Teaching Award from the College of Arts and Humanities. In 2023, he was honored with two President's Diversity Awards for his efforts in fostering equity and belonging. As Dean Fellow of Student Success in the College of Arts and Humanities, he focuses on student mentorship, academic achievement, and community engagement. Dr. Feagin has appeared as a guest conductor with numerous All-state, honor bands, and professional bands and orchestras throughout the United States, Canada, Central and Southwest Europe, and Southeast Asia. As a clinician/presenter, he has been invited to speak on conducting, diversity and inclusivity in music education, and leadership at numerous music educators' conferences across the United States and around the globe. In 2022 he presented at the 19th WASBE International conference in Prague, Czech Republic. He holds a Doctor of Musical Arts degree in wind conducting from the University of Arizona School of Music. Dr. Feagin's experience in Drum Corps International and the marching arts spans over two decades. His previous appointments include serving as brass caption head for the Santa Clara Vanguard and The Academy Drum and Bugle Corps. He has served as a member of the brass staff for the Boston Crusaders and Carolina Crown, and is the former executive director of the Memphis Sound Drum and Bugle Corps. He served four years as conductor of the Phantom Regiment Drum and Bugle Corps. From 2009-2015 and in 2018, Dr. Feagin served on the educational staff of the U.S. Army All-American Marching Band, leading the organization as head director in 2013, 2014, and 2018. As an adjudicator in the marching arts, Dr. Feagin works with some of the nation's top pageantry associations including Bands of America and Winter Guard International.

2025 JUDGING PANEL



Albert Lo

Albert Lo is the Director of Instrumental Music Ensembles at the Austin Community College District and the resident Conductor/Artistic Director for the Valley Wind Symphony. Dr. Lo completed his Doctor of Musical Arts Degree at The University of North Texas in Denton, Texas where he was under the tutelage of Professor Eugene Migliaro Corporon, Professor Dennis Fisher, and Dr. Nicholas Enrico Williams. A native of Chicago, Illinois, he received his Bachelorette of Music Degree from Northern Illinois University and his Master of Art Degree from Western Illinois University. Previous to his appointment as the Director of Instrumental Music Ensembles at Austin

Community College, Dr. Lo served four years as the Director of Bands for the University of Texas Rio Grande Valley - Brownsville and one year as the Director of Orchestra. Dr. Lo also served as the Director of Bands at Winston Churchill High School in San Antonio, Texas from 2001-2008. Under his direction, Churchill High School continued their tradition of excellence, placing in the finals at consecutive Texas 5A State Marching Contests, Bands of America Regionals, and The Bands of America Grand Nationals in Indianapolis, IN. The Churchill winter percussion line is the 2003 Winter Guard International World Class Indoor Percussion Champions and the color guard was a consistent Winter Guard International World Class finalist at the Nationals in Dayton, Ohio. Both Churchill Jazz Ensembles have been awarded Outstanding Jazz Ensembles at the Northern Colorado Jazz Festival in Greeley, CO, the North Texas Jazz Festival in Addison, TX as well as the Harlingen and Fiesta Jazz Festivals. The Charger Band was selected to participate in the Tournament of Roses Parade in Pasadena, CA. in 2006 and performed in the 50th anniversary celebration of Hawaii's Statehood in 2008. The Wind Symphony has placed consecutively at the TMEA Honor Band Area competitions, and all four concert bands have received sweepstakes at the University Interscholastic League Concert and Sight-Reading Contest. All bands have been awarded "Best in Class" at various national concert festivals throughout the country. In addition to his career as a music educator in the public schools, Dr. Lo was a brass instructor and Caption Head for the nationally renowned Phantom Regiment Drum and Bugle Corps. He is currently an adjudicator for Drum Corps International, Music for All, Texas University Interscholastic League, as well as other Judges' Associations throughout the United States and Asia. Mr. Lo is an active clinician and guest conductor who has taught, conducted and performed in concert and jazz ensembles throughout Europe and Asia. Dr. Lo is a two-time Teacher of the Year recipient and was awarded Certificate of Recognition by the Texas Academy of Math and Sciences at the University of North Texas in Denton, TX. He is a member of College Band Directors National Association, Pi Kappa Lambda Music Honor Society, Phi Mu Alpha Fraternity, Texas Music Educator Association and Texas Bandmasters Association.



Christopher Alexander

Chris Alexander began his career in pageantry with The Cavaliers Drum & Bugle Corps, where he performed as a member of the brass section from 2002 through 2005. He served on the brass instructional team at The Cavaliers for an additional 4 years, 2006 thru 2009, before accepting an offer to lead the visual team at Santa Clara Vanguard. From 2010 through 2016, Chris served as Visual Caption Manager at Santa Clara Vanguard, leading both visual instruction and full-ensemble coordination. At the conclusion of the 2016 season, Chris stepped aside to start a family and take a larger role in his businesses outside of pageantry, but he has continued to engage with the marching arts as a clinician and adjudicator for ensembles throughout the United States. Today, Chris serves as Managing Partner of Artha Capital, through which he leads business ventures in energy and agriculture. He resides in Edmond, OK with his wife Cassandra, and their two young children, Henry and Eleanor.

2025 JUDGING PANEL



Taylor Smith

Taylor Smith is currently a freelance educator (private lessons, masterclasses, clinics) in Houston, TX. In 2009, he graduated from the University of Oklahoma with a Bachelor of Music Education degree. Taylor has been active in Drum Corps International as a previous performer with Carolina Crown and as a brass staff member of Troopers, Cavaliers, and Carolina Crown helping them achieve 4 Jim Ott High Brass Awards and the 2013 DCI World Championship. Since 2020, he has been a part of the Brass Staff of the Santa Clara Vanguard and currently is the Brass Caption Manager. Prior to being a freelance educator, Taylor taught in Sapulpa, OK; Austin, TX; Sugar Land, TX; Richmond, TX; and most recently taught at Pearland Junior High West in Pearland, TX during their performance at the Music For All National Concert Band Festival. His bands have previously earned first division ratings at the Texas University Interscholastic League Marching Band Evaluation and Concert and Sightreading Evaluation.

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FESTIVAL FORMAT

PERFORMANCE

15 minutes total time (field warm-up, performance, off the field)

45 minute warm-up

20 minute transition time

JUDGING FORMAT

Music: 40%- 2 judges

Visual: 40%- 2 judges

General Effect/ Design: 20%- 1 judge

PRELIMS AWARDS

Best in class, 2nd & 3rd place will be awarded to 6A, 5A, 4A, 1A-3A (combined)

Music, Visual, and General Effect

FINALS FORMAT

Top ten scores regardless of class

Best in Class groups not in top ten will have the option to perform in exhibition at the beginning of finals. Finals performances order will be determined by a draw.

FINAL AWARDS

All participating bands in finals will receive a trophy for 1st-10th place.



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CONCESSIONS & PRICES

VISTA RIDGE MARCHING FESTIVAL CONCESSIONS

Entrees

Breakfast Tacos (Bacon & Egg)	\$4.00
Domino's Pizza Slices	2 for \$4.00
Double Dave's Pepperoni Roll	\$3.00
Bush's Chicken Tender Rolls (2 pk)	\$5.00
Chopped Beef Sandwich	\$5.00
Frito Pie	\$4.00
Sausage Wrap	\$4.00
Hot Dog	\$3.00
w/ chili and/or cheese +	\$1.00
Nachos	\$4.00
w/ chili +	\$1.00

Sides

Candy & Chocolate	\$2.00
Cookies	\$2.00
Cotton Candy	\$3.00
Jeremiah's Italian Ice	\$3.00
Chips	\$2.00
SkinnyPop Popcorn	\$2.00
Pickle	\$2.00
Fresh Fruit	\$1.00
Apple, Orange, or Banana	

Drinks

Soda (16 oz)	\$3.00
Coke, Diet Coke, Sprite, Dr. Pepper, Diet Dr. Pepper	
Gatorade Bottle (20 oz)	\$3.00
Bush's Tea (32 oz)	\$3.00
Sweet or Unsweet	
Cup of ice	\$3.00
Bottled Water (16.9 oz)	\$3.00
Coffee (10 oz)	\$2.00
Hot Chocolate (10 oz)	\$2.00





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3A

FLORENCE HIGH SCHOOL “AMPLIFY”

The band is led on the field by Drum Majors:

Braeden Seaboch & Lilli Lacina-Brown

Music Features Include:

- Sweet Child O' Mine by Guns N' Roses
- Finlandia by composer Jean (John) Sibelius
- Highway to Hell by AC/DC
- Don't Stop Believin' by JOURNEY
- Canon in D by Johann Pachelbel
- Carry on Wayward Son by Kansas

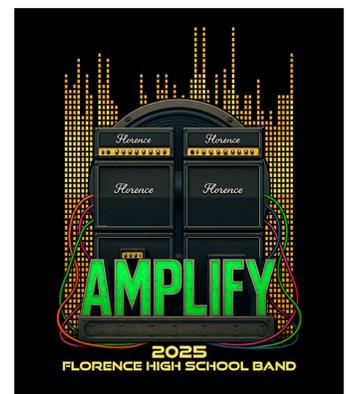


The Florence High School Band is under the direction of:

Dr. Peter Acosta & Ms. Alexis Davis

The Florence HS band has become a consistent UIL Sweepstakes award winner earning this prestigious honor for the last four years. The first time in school history.

The Florence band would like to thank the Florence ISD and high school administration, band booster parents, volunteers and the community for their unwavering support.



4A

GATESVILLE HIGH SCHOOL “THE HOME WE’VE BUILT”

The band is led on the field by Drum Majors:

Joshua Appelman & Madilyn Manear

Music Features Include:

- Mishima- Philip Glass
- Dance Movement 1- Oliver Davis
- There's No Place Like Home- Michael Giacchino
- Building a Family- Mark Isham



Music Arranged by Evan VanDoren. Percussion arranged by Zachary Taylor Mosher Davis, & Lindsay Vas

The Gatesville High School Band is under the direction of:

Jose Sanchez, James Corbin Myers, Johanna Reynolds, Alexa Sanchez, Wyatt Reed, Jeanette Collins, & Emery Wood.

The Gatesville Fightin' Hornet Band is a five time UIL State Marching Contest participant, a 2024 State Marching Finalist, and is a 2026 TMEA Spotlighted Program.

The Gatesville Fightin' Hornet Band would like to thank the Gatesville ISD Administration, School Board and Band Boosters for their continued support of the arts.

4A

LEGACY RANCH HIGH SCHOOL “FROZEN IN TIME”

The band is led on the field by Drum Majors:

Haven Huckabee & Aleah Conn

Music Features Include:

- Carol of the Bells by Leontovych
- Troika from Lt. Kije by Prokofiev
- Journey through the Snow by Tchaikovsky
- Finale from Symphony No. 1 by Tchaikovsky



The Legacy Ranch High School Band is under the direction of:

Kyle Ruschhaupt & Tyler Dempsey

Legacy Ranch High School opened in the fall of 2024. This band started with freshmen and have added sophomores in 2025. The Legacy Ranch Band finished 1st in 4A last year at the Vista Ridge Marching Festival and was the state alternate at the 4A Area Marching Contest in their inaugural year.

The Legacy Ranch Band would like to thank the Liberty Hill ISD School Board, its Superintendent Travis Motal, Fine Arts Director Chico Portillo, Principal Mark Koller, and all of the supportive parents and dedicated students.

4A

ROUND ROCK HIGH SCHOOL JV “RHYTHM WORKS”

The band is led on the field by Junior Conductors:

Avery Chong & Rishi Poruri

Music Features Include:

- "Brace for Impact" by Christina Huss
- "Beyond the Blue Planet" by David Eastmond



The Round Rock High School JV Band is under the direction of:

David Mobley, Cathy Benford, Isabelle Bouhadana, & Kyle Hammack

The Round Rock High School Dragon Band consists of 350+ students and continues to grow with each passing year. The band has received countless awards over the years and continues to take their brand of high- energy, vivid, entertaining and exciting marching programs to new venues and earn top recognition during each performance along the way.

The Round Rock JV Band would like to thank the Round Rock Dragon Band Boosters & Dragon Band Varsity Members for their support of our JV program!



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5A

A&M CONSOLIDATED HIGH SCHOOL “PATTERNS IN MY MIND”

The band is led on the field by Drum Majors:

Sam Rhoades, Taylor Rutledge, JuJu Day, & Raleigh Brinkman

Music Features Include:

- Original Music by Reid Atkinson & Scott Taylor
- Toccata & Fugue
- I Can't Make you Love Me
- Danzon #2.



The A&M Consolidated High School Band is under the direction of:

Steve Fry, James Benton, Cole Crofton, Ava Ahmadi, & Alex DeWald

The A&M Consolidated High School Band Program has a proud tradition of excellence, helping students grow individually through their instruments and performances. The Tiger Marching Band consistently earns Superior Ratings at UIL Region and Area contests. In 2021, the band advanced to the UIL State Marching Contest for the first time in school history. In 2023, the Tiger Band was named Grand Champion at the UIL Area I Contest, earning its second State appearance in three years. In 2024, the band placed in the Top 4 at the UIL Area E Contest, securing a third trip to the UIL State Marching Contest in four years.

For the past four years, the Tiger Band has also competed in the Bands of America circuit, placing among the Top 50 at the prestigious San Antonio Super Regional. The concert bands have earned Superior Ratings consistently for more than forty years. In 2024, the Wind Ensemble placed first at the TMEA Area D Listening, advancing to the TMEA State Finals. Both the Winter Guard and Indoor Percussion programs perform at a highly competitive level. In 2022, the Indoor Percussion group finished fourth at the TCGC State Competition, and in 2023 and 2024, the Winter Guard advanced to the TCGC State Championships. The program also emphasizes individual growth. Students regularly audition for TMEA Region, Area, and All-State Bands, and the Tiger Band has a long history of All-State placements. In addition, winds, percussion, and color guard members perform solos and participate in ensemble activities to further develop their skills. The A&M Consolidated Band is more than a music program—it is a tradition of achievement, dedication, and Tiger Pride.



5A

ANDERSON HIGH SCHOOL “THROWN TO THE WOLVES”

The band is led on the field by Drum Majors:

Caroline Biggs, Ziv Sidel, Ethan Coffman, & Marley Origer

Music Features Include:

- Illumielle by Jo Blankenburg
- Night on Bald Mountain by Modest Mussorgsky
- Love Dance by René Dupéré
- Marimba Spiritual by Minoru Miki
- Running with the Wolves by Aurora



The Anderson High School Band is under the direction of:

Frank Nedley, Calvin Householder, Hunter Smith, Chad Wood,
& Sophie Thomason

The Anderson Trojan Band would like thank the Anderson Band Booster Association, as well as our amazing parent volunteers who go above and beyond to support the Trojan Band.



5A

BELTON HIGH SCHOOL “BETWEEN THE STORMS”

The band is led on the field by Drum Majors:
Jamie Martins, Abigail Chapman, & Lucie McRae

Music Features Include:

- Here Comes the Sun by George Harrison
- Rain by Ben Platt
- The Water Goblin by Antonin Dvorak
- 715 CREEKS by Justin Vernon
- Harrison’s Dream by Peter Graham



The Belton High School Band is under the direction of:
Kevin Kwaku, Chris Kreger, Ian Smith, & Briana Merritt

Field Assistants are Benny Guerrero, Abby Henderson, Kaylenn Henderson, Gabe Parks and Malik Ross. Percussion assistant is Jackson Holt, and Guard assistants are Leigha Carlisle and Abbi Corder.



5A

BRENHAM HIGH SCHOOL “GUARDIANS OF THE ENCHANTED LAMP”

The band is led on the field by Drum Majors:

Trey Gates, Hunter Hagler, Thomas Loesch, & Hannah Shahzad

Music Features Include:

- The Drink from God by Christopher Tin
- Spices from Spices, Perfumes, Toxins! by Avner Dorman
- Genie in a Bottle by Christina Aguilera
- Diwan Dances by Alexander Borodin



The Brenham High School Band is under the direction of:

Eric Rettig, Michael Hanson, Justin Baker, & Joshua Turnipseed

The Cub Band is a consistent UIL Sweepstakes Award winner. Advancing to Area finals and has competed at the UIL State Marching contest and in the TMEA State Honor Band competition. However the Cub Band prides itself on developing outstanding human beings through the development of their 3 pillars of Character, Consistency and Commitment.

The Cub Band would like to thank our band parents, families and friends for their consistent support-B.T.C.B.



5A

COLLEGE STATION HIGH SCHOOL “PEACE BY PIECE”

The band is led on the field by Drum Majors: Izabella Vizquerra, Adrianna Vargas, Addison Pustejovsky, & Katerina Humphreys

Music Features Include:

- "Shattered" by Will Wells
- “Prayers of Kierkegaard” by Samuel Barber
- “Organ Concerto” by Poulenc
- “Like a Prayer” by Madonna
- “Stained Glass” by David Gillingham,
- “Fix You” by Coldplay



The College Station High School Band is under the direction of:
Jon Seale, Michael Dixon, Joseph Cohn, & Dominick Oliver

The Cougar Band is a consistent UIL Region Sweepstakes Award Winner, UIL Area Finalist and a 2021, '23, and '24 UIL State Marching Band Contest Participant!

We would also like to thank, Director of Fine Arts- Mr. Eric Eaks, the Fine Arts Administrative Assistant- Adrienne Watson, and all of our Cougar Band and Guard Families and Supporters.



5A

JACK C. HAYS HIGH SCHOOL “THE LIGHTHOUSE”

The band is led on the field by Drum Majors:

Anthony Turnini, Andy Harlan, Vicky Escoto & Lauren McCormick

Music Features Include:

- The Moldau - Smetana
- Enigma Variations "Nimrod" - Elgar
- Niagara Falls - Daugherty
- Ocean Bloom - Radio Head / H. Zimmer
- Beacon of Hope - Ben Hylton



The Jack C. Hays Band is under the direction of:

John Rauschuber (Director), Aaron Collins (Assistant Director), Alex Gonzales (Assistant Director), Tim Briones (Assistant Director), & Ali Martinez (Assistant Director)

The Jack C. Hays High School Marching Band is the largest and most active spirit and competition group on the campus of Hays High School. The Marching Band attends football games and pep rallies in addition to the annual slate of Texas UIL, Bands of America, US Bands and independent marching competitions across the state of Texas.

Since its inception, the Hays Band has been a contender for the State title at the 4A level achieving many great years of UIL success. In the fall of 2018, the Hays Band made program history by making area finals at the 6A level, serving as the state alternate. Additionally in 2020, the Hays Band continued its historical trek as they competed in the 6A State Marching Contest for the first time in school history. Most recently, the Hays Band and Guard program advanced to the 2024 5A UIL State Marching Contest, finishing 18th in the State. The Hays Color Guard program is a consistent TCGC, NTCA and WGI finalist and medalist. Most recently, the Hays Color Guard program has won back-to-back TCGC championships as well as advancing to the semi-finals round of the 2024 WGI World Championships.

The Hays Band would like to thank Patty Moreno, the Hays CISD Director of Fine Arts, the Hays Band & Guard Boosters and the Hays Flight Crew for all of their support.



5A

JOHN B CONNALLY HIGH SCHOOL “SEASONS OF CHANGE”

The band is led on the field by Drum Majors:

Ruben Robledo, Lupita Vega Castillo, & Melany Jaimes Rodriguez

Music Features Include:

- The Seasons by Vivaldi
- Smells Like Teen Spirit by Nirvana



The Connally High School Band is under the direction of:

Chris Thomsen, Kristen Hutchins, Stephen Bouma, Lauren Gonzalez,
& Alejandro Garcia

The Connally High School Marching Band is an 8-time Area Finalist and a 4-time State Finalist at the Texas University Interscholastic League (UIL) marching band contests. These distinctions reflect their strong performances at UIL area contests, where top bands compete for advancement to the state level. In addition, the program has earned 21 Sweepstakes Awards, recognizing superior ratings across marching, concert, and sight-reading contests.

The Cougar Band continues to foster school pride and community spirit while upholding a tradition of hard work, creativity, and success.

The Cougar Band would like to acknowledge our hard-working parents for their continued sacrifice and support of our program. Thank you, Cougar family for all you do.



5A

LAKE BELTON HIGH SCHOOL “THE CROWN”

The band is led on the field by Drum Majors:

Olivia Cromwell, Sienna Trehern, William Graham, & Andy Thomas

Music Features Include:

- The music of Wagner and Tchaikovsky



The Lake Belton High School Band is under the direction of:

Bobby Yerigan, Craig George, Jacob Guerrero, Grant Shane,
Jessie Arbolay, & Jacob Masters

Established in the fall of 2020, the Lake Belton Stampede is consistent UIL sweepstakes award winners. The Stampede has made an appearance at the UIL State marching band contest in every year eligible. 2020 and 2021(State Finalist) in class 4A, 2023 and 2024 in class 5A. The Stampede has grown in membership each year starting with 85 in 2020, up to 265 in 2025



5A

LIBERTY HILL HIGH SCHOOL “FULL TILT”

The band is led on the field by Drum Majors:

Rita Gerten, Michael Kolagani, & Dalton Svatek

Music Features Include:

- Lost It To Trying - Son Lux
- Wild Nights! - Frank Ticheli
- Après Moi - as performed by Peter Gabriel
- Get Lucky - Daft Punk, Pharrell Williams



**LIBERTY HILL
PANTHER BAND**

The Liberty Hill High School Band is under the direction of:

Joshua Muñoz, Justin Zimmerman, Ashlynn Turner, & Evan Turner

The Liberty Hill Panther Band is a consistent finalist, UIL Sweepstakes recipient, and State Marching Contest participant. In 2023 and 2025, the Liberty Hill Percussion Ensemble was invited to perform at the Music for All Sandy Feldstein Percussion Festival and in 2025, the Liberty Hill Wind Ensemble was also invited to perform at the Music for All National Concert Band Festival.

The Liberty Hill Panther Band would love to thank all of our supporters - our incredible community, Band Boosters and Band Parents, and our Director of Fine Arts, Chico Portillo. We wouldn't be able to Build Champions without you!



5A

NEW BRAUNFELS HIGH SCHOOL “A WORLD DISTORTED”

The band is led on the field by Drum Majors:

Luke Dolch, Maliya Kilbride, Jeb Oertli, & Bradley Ward

Music Features Include:

- Mister Sandman - SYML
- As Midnight on a Moonless Night - Michael Markowski
- The Night Window - Thomas Newman



The New Braunfels High School Band is under the direction of:

Felicia Garza, Aaron Venegas, Angel Hernandez, & Kate Day

The New Braunfels High School Mighty Unicorn Band is in its 93rd year of existence. The band program holds a tradition of excellence in performance and competition, maintaining consistent Superior UIL ratings that span decades.

Our band staff is dedicated to providing a positive educational experience for all of our students. We strive to set and maintain the standard of excellence for all NBISD students. With the help of our parent organization, The Unicorn Band and Guard Boosters, we work to provide a fulfilling and creative musical education to all Unicorn Band and Colorguard students.

The Unicorn Band would like to thank New Braunfels ISD, NBHS Administration, and our community for their continued support of our program!



5A

WAGNER HIGH SCHOOL “THE GATES OF ELYSIUM”

The band is led on the field by Drum Majors:

Gloria Alonso, Aracely Quiroz, & Natalie Chavez

Music Features Include:

- Gladiator
- Pines of Rome
- Great Gate of Kiev



WAGNER BAND

The Wagner High School Band is under the direction of:

J. Raul Perez, Raul Cisneros, Joseph Trevino, & Ruben Alejandro

The Wagner High School Band Program in Judson ISD, is recognized for its traditional of excellence, creativity, and community pride. The program has earned state of national recognition in the USBands Competitive Circuit all while continuing to inspire students through discipline, teamwork, and powerful performances on and off the field.

Wagner Band Program would like to thank the Wagner Band Boosters for all this support this season.

5A

WEISS HIGH SCHOOL “ALL THINGS BRIGHT & BEAUTIFUL”

The band is led on the field by Drum Majors:

Allison De la Cruz, Sebastian Verduzco, & Robert Martinez

Music Features Include:

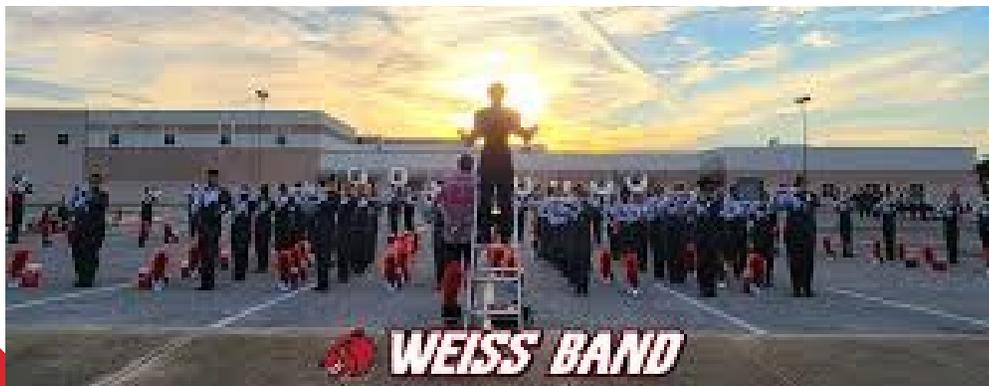
- Spring 1- Max Richtet
- Firefly- Ryan George
- Earth Song- Frank Techili
- Kingfisher's Catch Fire- John Mackey



The Weiss High School Band is under the direction of: Ian Young, Emely Chacon, Mason Clark, Hunter Langhans, & Landy Roberson

The Weiss High School Band hails from Pflugerville, Texas, and is proud to represent the students, staff, and community of Weiss High School. Since the school's opening in 2017, the Weiss Band program has quickly grown into one of the premier ensembles in the state of Texas, earning consistent superior ratings at UIL contests and recognition at invitational marching competitions across the region.

The Weiss Band would like to thank the Pfisd School Board and Fine Arts admin for all of their support.



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6A

HUTTO HIGH SCHOOL “GOGH MAD”

The band is led on the field by Drum Majors: Lyndee Brown, Jheremy Dinopol, Elliott Larsen, Caleb Smith, & Ava Zweirlein

Music Features Include:

- Claire De Lune by Claude Debussy
- Leviathan by John Psathas
- Mad World by Gary Jules
- Psychopomp by Thank You Scientist



**HUTTO HIGH SCHOOL
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& COLOR GUARD**

The Hutto High School Band is under the direction of: Allen Campoy, Cordell Foulk, Madeline Kendall, Ryan Manders, & Kevin Monterio

The Hutto Band was a VRMF finalist in 2023 and 2024. They are an annual Sweepstakes recipient, and UIL 6A Area D participant placing 11th in 2023 and 2024. They were named BOA Round Rock Regional finalist for the first time in school history in 2024. The Hutto High School JV Winter Guard is back to back TCGC JV Regional A AREA West Champions. The Varsity Winter Guard placed 2nd in the 2024 TCGC State Scholastic A Championship, is a WGI Regional Finalist, and was a WGI World Championships attendee in 2025.

The Hutto Band would like to say a HUGE thank you to the Hutto ISD & Hutto HS administration, and the Hutto Band Boosters for all their support! You are greatly appreciated, and we could not do it without you! The Hutto Band also wants to thank the Vista Ridge Band community for their hospitality today, allowing this to be such a consistent event to look forward to for our program. We wish the Vista Ridge High School Band the best of skill this marching season and school year!



6A

JOHN PAUL STEVENS HIGH SCHOOL “UP, UP, AND AWAY!”

The band is led on the field by Drum Majors:

Fall Silva & Madisen Aleman

Music Features Include:

- Mishima by Philip Glass
- Air Waltz by Oliver Davis
- Human Heart by Coldplay
- Pigeons in Flight by Adam Schoenberg



The Stevens High School Band is under the direction of: Adam Casiano, Ryan Williams, Emma Williams, John Brown, & Michael Cortes

The John Paul Stevens Falcon Band and Colorguard fields nearly 200 members that entertain audiences throughout the fall with its unique field productions. Over the years, The Falcon Band and Colorguard has earned multiple honors including 6-time UIL Area Marching Contest Finalist titles along with finalist appearances in the Vista Ridge Marching Festival, USBands contests, and Texas Marching Festival. In addition to marching, the band has a thriving jazz program with over 70 students participating in 4 competing Jazz Ensembles. The Stevens Jazz Festival has grown into one of the largest Jazz Festivals in San Antonio, TX serving nearly 30 middle school and high school programs in the Greater San Antonio and Austin Areas with critique and performances from World-Class Jazz Musicians and Educators. Stevens High School is home to the largest Texas Future Music Educators Chapter in the State of Texas with nearly 100 members strong. The students of the Falcon Band are offered a well-rounded music education with 3 performing concert ensembles, instrumental ensemble, percussion ensemble, music theory, and jazz education. The Award-Winning Falcon Colorguard brings the field production music to life with their visual texture and emotional depth. The Falcon Guard has 2 competing winterguards that perform in the Texas Color Guard Circuit. The JV Falcon Guard earned 3rd place in their respective class in the 2025 TCGC Championships. The Varsity Falcon Guard is a 5-time TCGC State Finalist. The Falcon Band and Colorguard program motto, “No Excuses, Just Results,” reflects a strongly disciplined culture that emphasizes respect, responsibility, and musical excellence.

The Falcon Band would like to thank their Parent Volunteers and Community for their continuous support. Without you, this is not possible.



6A

MEDINA VALLEY HIGH SCHOOL “WHIMSY!”

The band is led on the field by Drum Majors:

Summer Richardson, Riley Canizales, & Austin Lutz

Music Features Include:

- Pegasus Fanfare by Gibson
- Satiric Dances by Dello Joio
- Die with a Smile by Lady Gaga and Bruno Mars
- Kingfishers Catch Fire by Mackey



The Medina Valley High School Band is under the direction of:

Juan Carlos Rodriguez, Josue Solalinde, Carlos Navarro, Raymond Sifuentes, Kailey Parker, Jessica Maple, Carlos Jimenez, & Amanda Tapia. The color guard instructor is Nicole Solalinde, with Jacob Lozano assisting her.

The Band would also like to thank Marching Techs Anthony Mitcham, Andrew Sanchez, James McAfee, and Percussion Techs Valeria Hernandez, Adam Jackson, and Katlin Ramirez.



6A

SAN MARCOS HIGH SCHOOL “DREAMSCAPES”

The band is led on the field by Drum Majors: Hameed Wilson, Ashley Persyn, Rebekah Valero, & David Onstott

Music Features Include:

- Dreams - Bertrand Moren
- Sweet Dreams - Eurythmics
- Harmonium III; Wild Nights - John Adams



Arranged by Carol Britten Chambers & Percussion written by Miguel Perez

The San Marcos High School Band is under the direction of:

Benjamin Pierce, Shelbi Mago, Damon Knight, Rylee McMullen, Shelby Miranda, Collin Winters, Zachary Kleffner, & Kendall Holt

The San Marcos High School Band Program is a vibrant and award-winning ensemble of student musicians and performers committed to excellence, creativity, and community spirit. Featuring the Rattler Marching Band, Wind Ensemble, Symphonic and Concert Bands, Jazz Band, and a Winter Guard and Color Guard program, the SMHS Band offers diverse performance opportunities for students of all levels. The San Marcos High School Band Program fosters musical growth, leadership, and lifelong connections—serving as a proud symbol of school and community pride.

Would like to thank Fine Arts Director David Underwood and the Rattler Band Boosters and Parents for making every season possible!



6A

SANDRA DAY O'CONNOR HIGH SCHOOL "PINNACLE 3"

The band is led on the field by Drum Majors:

Adrian Alanis , Elizabeth Wingenter, & Isabella Girma

Music Features Include:

- Incantation by Cirque Du Soleil
- Between Two Points by David Gilmour
- Piano Concerto No. 1, Mvt. 3 by Keith Emerson



The O'Connor High School Band is under the direction of:

Bobby De Leon, Gabriel Valdez, Jose Marin, & Amanda King

This past fall, the Panther Marching Band put on a dominant season, earning the title of Grand Champion at both the 2024 Capital City Marching Festival and the 2024 South Texas Classic! They also brought home the Silver Medal from the highly competitive Thunder in the Hills Marching Contest. Their season culminated with a phenomenal performance, earning them the honor of being a 2024 UIL 6A Area H Finalist! The Inaugural O'Connor Indoor Winds were crowned the 2025 WGI Houston Regional Scholastic Open Champions and the 2025 TCGC Winds Scholastic Open State Silver Medalist! Our amazing O'Connor Colorguard became the 2025 TECA Scholastic AA State Champions and were also a WGI San Antonio Regional Scholastic A Finalist!. They are all 2025 BOA Central Texas Regional Championship Finalist, where they won Outstanding Visual and 2nd Place in Class 3A.

The O'Connor Band would also like to thank our amazing marching techs, Band Boosters, Move Crew, Food Crew, Chaperones and community for their continued support.

6A

SHOEMAKER HIGH SCHOOL “BLUE SKIES”

The band is led on the field by Drum Majors:

Matthew Birdwell, Flavio Gabriel, & Callie Harper

Music Features Include:

- Rhapsody in Blue
- Blue Skies
- Blue Shades
- Theme from Bluey
- Back to Black
- Symphony No 10 in e minor
- Paint It Black
- Mr. Blue Sky



The Shoemaker High School Band is under the direction of:

Sean Hill, Wesley Penny, Larenz Stewart, & Elizabeth Harp

The band would like to thank the Wolf Pack band boosters for their support this year. This is the Wolf Pack Bands 3rd appearance at the Vista Ridge Marching Festival.



6A

WILLIAM H. TAFT HIGH SCHOOL “BEE OUR GUEST”

The band is led on the field by Drum Majors:

Kayley Garza, Evan Guzman, & Jessica Christman

Music Features Include:

- Crown Imperial by William Walton
- Festive Overture by Dmitri Shostakovich
- Be Our Guest by Howard Ashman
- Flowers by Miley Cyrus
- Flower Duet by Leo Delibes
- Flight of the Bumblebee by Nikolai Rimsky-Korsakov
- Belshazzar's Feast by William Walton

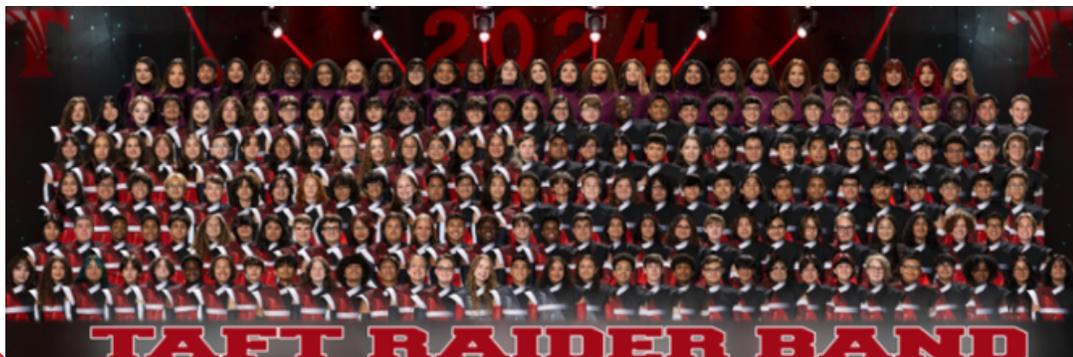


The Taft High School Band is under the direction of:

Greg Mills, Robert Soto, Jeremy Chapman, & Jacob Barrientes

Program coordinator for the Taft Band program is Geoff Sperling. Drill design by Justin Sullivan, wind arranger is Brandon Smith, and percussion arranger is Mark Hunter.

The Taft Band Program is a consistent Vista Ridge Marching Festival Finalist as well as a 6A UIL Area H marching finalist.



6A

WINSTON CHURCHILL HIGH SCHOOL “WHEN IT RAINS...”

The band is led on the field by Drum Majors:
Alyssa Calaway, Peyton Parker, & Vincent Marriott



Music Features Include:

- Blue Skies by Irving Berlin
- Rain Drops Keep Falling on My Head by Burt Bacherach
- Lightning Field by Mackey
- Here's That Rainy Day by Johnny Burke
- Umbrella by Rhianna
- Singing in the Rain by Arthur Freed
- Somewhere Over the Rainbow from The Wizard of Oz



The Churchill High School Band is under the direction of:
Amanda Stevenson, Amy Plazek, Rick Astorga, & Ray Ramirez

The Winston Churchill Band Program has a rich history of excellence. The Charger Band has been a finalist and participant in Bands of America Regional, Super Regional and Grand Nationals for many years. The program has made trips to WGI in Dayton, been a Featured Ensemble at the Music for All National Band Festival in Indianapolis and had performances at TMEA, TBA and The Midwest Clinic in Chicago. The Jazz Ensemble has been selected as the recipient of the Maestro Award and Medal of Distinction and the Wind Ensemble has been a Commended Winner from The Foundation for Music Education.

The Charger Band would like to thank Churchill community for their support as well as their Band Parents and all band parents for supporting the program, directors and their students.



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The band is led on the field by Drum Majors:

Aaron Huang, Megan De Bruyn, Penelope Zink, & Sonia Grogono

Music Features Include:

- "Swan Lake"- Tchaikovsky
- "Grohg"- Aaron Copland
- "Hurt"- Nine Inch Nails/Eric Whitacre
- "Lacrimosa"- Mozart



The Vista Ridge High School Band is under the direction of:

Robert Herrings, Taylor Trevino, Kate Allen, Brian Perez & Erin Kosman

Vista Ridge has been a frequent finalist at the Austin and Dallas Regionals, was the Grand Champion of the 2019 West Texas Regional, and has performed 13 times in the San Antonio Super Regional, performing in finals 6 times. They have had 9 appearances at the UIL State Marching Band Contest and were crowned 6A State Champions in 2018. In 2021, the band attended Grand Nationals and made Finals where they were invited to perform in the 2023 Rose Parade. They were awarded the Sudler Shield in 2017 and in 2021 they received the Sudler Flag of Honor.

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