

L.D. Bell

Blue Raider Band

2017-2018 Band/Guard Payment Schedule:

Important: We encumber many costs in advance on our students' behalf. For this reason there can be no refunds due to academic ineligibility or change of schedule, as expenses are pre-paid. Plan well in advance and please pass your classes.

Parents of any student with financial difficulty must contact the treasurer by email in advance of any due date affected for an extension request. Communication is key and TOTAL PARTICIPATION in all fundraisers is highly recommended for anyone requesting an extension.

All students choosing to participate in band/guard are expected to meet this payment schedule. Failure to meet due dates OR contact the treasurer in advance as per above can result in student's removal from participation. If financial difficulties are present, contact the Band Treasurer to make alternate arrangements. **Communication and Follow-through are key!!!!**

1. On any long trip the boosters provide some meals, but plan on taking money for lunch/dinner, souvenirs, etc.
2. Negligent damage to school owned instruments and uniform(s) will be paid by the student (the band pays for routine maintenance).
3. Trip packages are based on group pricing and cannot allow for separate arrangements (airfare, theme park pass, etc).
4. Band students participating in June Camp but deciding not to enroll in band in the fall will owe a minimum of \$200 plus direct charges for shoes/gloves that were received by the student. Guard students participating in spring or summer training but not enrolling in fall band will owe a minimum of \$300 plus direct expenses for practice wear, etc.

Payment Schedule:

Due Date	Amount	Details
Tuesday, June 20	\$160	First Payment
Tuesday, July 11	\$160	Second Payment
Tuesday, Aug 8	\$160	Third Payment
Tuesday, Sept 5	\$160	Fourth Payment
Tuesday, Oct 3	\$160	Fifth Payment
Tuesday, Oct 24	\$150	Final Payment

Total fees for 2017-2018 \$950

- 3 Ways to Pay:**
1. Bring cash or check to the band hall payable to "L.D. Bell Band"
 2. Credit card payment via PayPal on the website: www.ldbellband.org (credit card payments must add 3% service charge)
 3. Mail check to L. D. Bell Band, PO Box 255 Bedford, TX 76095

Raise \$ to pay your band/guard costs with these early fundraising opportunities:

- Summer Jobs: Put aside a certain percentage of each paycheck to go towards band fees.
- Golf Tournament: Students may elicit donations from local businesses and community members to apply a percentage towards fees.
- March-a-thon: Held in October. Students obtain pledges from friends and family for marching/playing for approx. 6 miles. 100% of money pledged and collected goes toward band payments.
- Other Fundraisers: There will be several other scheduled fundraisers throughout the year. Announcements will be made once more information is available.

Band/Guard Cost Breakdown:

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • June Camp costs-music and instruction • Uniform costs-shoes for band/guard, 2 pair gloves for wind players, and show uniform for guard, wind/percussion show uniform • Band Show T-shirt • Dry-wick T-Shirt to wear under uniform • Competition entry fees– 3 marching competitions • Individual entry fees-region, solo, and ensemble • Band and some Color Guard supplies including flag material, equipment and repairs | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Music arrangements, licensing, drill design, instruction and technical assistance for band and guard • Charter bus transportation, and meals for Union Renegade Review and BOA San Antonio • All-Region Master Classes • Concert Season Clinicians, Contests and Fees • Band Banquet in May 2018 • 2017-18 Band Yearbook |
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2017-2018 L.D. BELL HIGH SCHOOL BLUE RAIDER BAND & COLORGUARD

Statement of Intent – Return on June 2, 2017 for entrance to the rehearsal

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1. MEMBERSHIP

Each incoming student becomes a part of the Band and Color Guard (hereafter referred to as "band") by full participation in June Training Camp and the audition process in August (Drumline and Color Guard auditions are earlier). Each former member continues as a part of the band by participating in training camp and auditions and settling any outstanding payments from the prior year. Auditions are held for positions in the marching drill, Drumline and Color Guard. Band members who do not earn a marching position through audition will fully participate as full member of the LD Bell Band and will be given several opportunities throughout the marching season to earn a position. A student who has experienced academic or disciplinary issues in the past may be limited in participation or denied membership at the discretion of the band director. A student who experiences difficulty with grades or disciplinary issues during the 2017-2018 season may be limited in participation or have membership revoked at the discretion of the band director.

2. CALENDAR OF EVENTS

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4. ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS

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5. CARE OF SCHOOL ISSUED ITEMS

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STATEMENT OF INTENT

I, the undersigned, have read and understand these conditions of membership for my child.

By signing this document I agree to abide by the terms of membership, calendar of events, payment schedule totaling \$950 and eligibility requirements of the 2017-18 L.D. Bell Band.

Printed name of Band Member

Signature of Band Member

Signature of Parent/Guardian

Date

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