



L.D. Bell Blue Raider Band

2024-25 Band/Guard Fee 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.

All students choosing to participate in the Blue Raider Band are expected to participate financially. The Band Fee is broken into seven installments. Families are expected to make every effort to adhere to this payment schedule. If however, there is a need to modify the schedule to fit your family's needs, please contact our Band Treasurer, Stephanie Renfro (ldbellbandtreasurer@gmail.com) to set up an alternate plan. We are happy to work with all situations, however....**communication and follow-through are key!!!!**

1. There are certain events on the band calendar such as Solo Contest where entry fee is the responsibility of the student.
2. Negligent damage to school-owned instruments and uniform(s) will be paid by the student (the band pays for routine maintenance)

Payment Schedule:

Due Date	Amount	Details
Tuesday, June 25	\$150	First Payment
Mon-Tues, July 22-23	\$150	Second Payment
Tuesday, Aug 20	\$150	Third Payment
Tuesday, Sept 10	\$150	Fourth Payment
Tuesday, Oct 22	\$150	Fifth Payment
Tuesday, Nov. 19	\$100	Sixth Payment
Thursday, Dec. 19	\$75	Seventh Payment

Total fees for 2023-24 \$925

Three Ways to Pay:

1. Bring cash or check (payable to "L.D. Bell Band") to the band hall between 6-7 pm on designated fee payment dates
2. Credit card payment via CheddarUp on the website: <https://my.cheddarup.com/me/ldbellband>
3. Mail check to L. D. Bell Band, PO Box 255 Bedford, TX 76095 or drop payments in Band Hall lock box

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

Summer Jobs: Put aside a certain percentage of each paycheck to go towards band fees.

Sponsorship Drive: Students may secure sponsorships from local businesses and community members to apply a percentage towards fees.

Fan Pledge: Held in early August

March-a-thon: Held on August 31. Students obtain pledges from friends and family for marching/playing for approx. 4 miles. **100% of money pledged and collected goes towards students' account**

Other Fundraisers: There will be several other scheduled fundraisers throughout the year. Announcements will be made once more information is available.

Band Fee Cost Breakdown:

- Show costs including music arrangements, licensing, drill design, choreography, instruction and technical assistance for band and guard
- Transportation and meals for local marching competitions
- Charter Bus transportation, most meals & hotel for St. Louis
- Band Show T-shirt, Rookie shirt
- Competition entry fees– 5 marching competitions
- Uniform costs-2 pair gloves for wind players, and show costume for guard, wind/percussion show uniform
- Wind, Percussion, & Color Guard supplies including flags, equipment, and repairs.
- Master Classes for Color Guard, All-Region, etc...
- Concert Season Clinicians, Contests and Fees

2024-25 L.D. BELL HIGH SCHOOL BLUE RAIDER BAND

Statement of Intent – Return on May 30, 2024 for entrance to the rehearsal

Dear Parent: This letter is to inform you of the membership process, calendar of events, payment schedule and eligibility requirements for the 2024-2025 L.D. Bell Blue Raider Band.

1. MEMBERSHIP

Each incoming student becomes a part of the Band, which is made up of the Hornline, Drumline, and Color Guard, (hereafter referred to as “band”) by full participation in June Training Camp and the audition process in May. 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 2024-2025 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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Due to the nature of pre-paid operations there can be no refunds. This includes but is not limited to academic ineligibility, change in participation, or change of schedule.

4. ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS

Any student experiencing difficulty with grades may be limited in participation at any time at the discretion of the band director, even if before the official period of TEA mandated ineligibility. The band director will determine the level of participation regained if the student recovers eligibility.

5. CARE OF SCHOOL ISSUED ITEMS

Any student who is issued any school owned item (instruments, equipment, uniforms, etc.) is expected to return the loaned item(s) in the condition it was issued. This includes any instrument repairs due to negligent actions and clean uniforms. These items must stay in the school’s inventory for years to come and proper care must be taken in order for them to last.

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 \$925 and eligibility requirements of the 2024-2025 L.D. Bell Band.

Printed name of Band Member

Signature of Band Member

Signature of Parent/Guardian

Date

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