

Coahoma



Big Red Band Handbook

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BAND BOOSTERS

The Coahoma Band Boosters are the support organization for the Coahoma ISD Band Program. All parents of band students are automatically Coahoma Band Boosters. The Coahoma Band Boosters are involved in raising money for Band Uniform maintenance, Special Trips, Summer Band Camps, and other financial needs of the band. It is impossible for this organization to function as intended without the support from all of the band parents. Each parent that has a child in band (6-12) is asked to help the organization in any way that he/she can throughout the year. The Coahoma Band Boosters meet at 6:30 on the first Tuesday of the month unless otherwise called by the booster president.

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DISCLAIMER

The rules set forth by Federal Law, Texas State Law, Texas Education Agency (TEA), and University Interscholastic League (UIL) supersede that of any policies in this handbook that are found to be in conflict. This handbook adopts policies that are more stringent than those adopted by Coahoma ISD.

PURPOSE

This handbook was written to serve as a guide to help students and parents understand policies that will be followed on a daily basis in the Coahoma Band. Understand that it covers some policies already set forth in the CISD Handbooks and additional policies that are unique to the Coahoma Band. Students are **required** to follow all guidelines within. Students are also expected to follow ALL rules and regulations set forth by the organizations listed in the “Disclaimer” section. If an issue arises that is not covered in this document, the Band Director will decide, at his own discretion, the appropriate action.

ORGANIZATIONAL PHILOSOPHY

Coahoma Band Students will learn the importance of dependability, teamwork, and music. Coahoma Band students will also learn that hard work is the only path that leads to success. By doing this, students will be prepared to become good citizens and future leaders in our society. Excellence is the expectation.

ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS

In order to be admitted into the Coahoma Band the student must:

1. Be recommended for enrollment by the Band Director.
2. Have been enrolled in band and in good standing at the time of transfer to CISD.
(transfer students)
3. Be able to read, write, count, and perform simple mathematical equations.
4. Be able to conform into a strict classroom structure where he/she will remain quiet and still for the given rehearsal time.
5. Be able to learn and co-operate in a group atmosphere.
6. Understand that band is an academic class according to the State of Texas and be willing to spend time daily outside of class practicing his/her instrument just as he/she would do homework in any other class.
7. Be able to play a standard band instrument and read typical Grade 2 Sheet Music.

In order to continue enrollment in the Coahoma Band after admittance the student must:

1. Show improvement on his/her instrument.
2. Practice his/her instrument on a regular basis.
3. Be free of constant discipline problems.
4. Maintain passing grades in all classes.
5. Attend all scheduled practices and performances.
6. Maintain a clean criminal record.

NOTE: Admittance and continued enrollment in the Coahoma Band is the decision of the Band Director and Principal. Students that do not meet the above qualifications will not be allowed to participate in the Coahoma Band. Students that change his/her schedule out of band must have the approval of the Band Director and the High School Principal. Any student that quits will not be allowed to get back into band unless there is an extenuating circumstance as decided by the Band Director.

STUDENT/PARENT COMPLAINTS

Students and parents are asked to follow CISD policy when dealing with complaints. Basically, complaints should be presented to the following people in order:

1. Assistant Band Director and/or Head Band Director
2. High School Principal
3. Superintendent
4. School Board

From time to time it is necessary to hire outside help (clinicians and sponsors) from outside the school district. Those clinicians and sponsors are hired on a contract basis and are not to be approached with complaints. In the event that a student or parent has a complaint about a clinician or sponsor, he/she is asked to file the complaint with the Band Director.

LEVELS OF MEMBERSHIP

As a student progresses through the 3 levels of band membership, there comes more responsibility. Students that are at level 2 and 3 memberships are expected to adhere to guidelines in this handbook in a more strict fashion than that of a student with level 1 membership. Any student at level 2 or 3 that is in conflict with this policy will be moved to level 1 membership.

LEVEL 1 – Band Member

All students enrolled in the Coahoma Band are at least a Level 1 Member.

Students in levels 2 and 3 are expected to follow the rules of a level 1 member as well as adhere to the higher standards of the level of his/her membership.

LEVEL 2 – Auxiliary Membership

Students that are in the color guard and Drum Line are considered to be Level 2.

Students that have level 2 membership are required to follow the guidelines within this handbook as well as the guidelines set forth that are specific to his/her auxiliary unit. At the time of publication of this handbook, the only students that have level 2 memberships are Color Guard and Drum Line. Therefore, any student that has level 2 membership must adhere to guidelines set forth in this handbook and the additional guidelines specific to his/her organization set forth in Appendix 1. (See end of Handbook)

LEVEL 3 – Student Leadership

Students that have titles of leadership are considered to be Level 3.

All students wishing to be a student leader must submit an application to the Band Director for that position. Students that are selected for student leadership positions are required to adhere to the guidelines set forth in this handbook as well as those specific to them in Appendix 2. (See end of Handbook) All Seniors are considered leaders in the band.

GENERAL REGULATIONS

Students involved with the Coahoma Band are looked at as “band students” even at times when he/she is not formally participating in a band activity. Because of this, these students are expected to be good examples to all other students in his/her classes and in the community. Students that are in conflict with this philosophy will be removed from band at the discretion of the Band Director and Principal.

Band members are expected to follow all CISD policies regarding appropriate student behavior. Violation of the following policies will be handled by existing school policy in addition to the “CISD Band Consequences” listed below: destruction of school property, drugs, alcohol, tobacco, smoking, fighting, knives or weapons, profanity, sexual harassment, stealing, tardiness, and insubordination.

All negative student behavior (while in band, other classes, or in public) will be evaluated by the Band Director and appropriate disciplinary action will be determined based on the severity of the incident and its impact on the band.

CISD Band Consequences are as follows:

- Verbal Warning
- Written assignment to make up any lost instructional time
- Lunch detention/ Parent or Guardian Contact
- Office write-up
- Exclusion from a special band trip or festival
- Expulsion from band at the end of the semester
- Immediate expulsion from band with loss of credit
- Sent home at the parent's expense (If away from school)
- Turned over to the local police

Three things can result in immediate expulsion from the Band Program:

- Theft of any kind
- Open defiance towards a band director (or other teaching staff)
- Any activity that could lead to the arrest and conviction of a student

In the unfortunate event that a student must be expelled from the band program, parents are asked to consider that his/her child has usually received ample warnings and "chances" to correct his/her behavior. Band is an elective in which the student must truly want to participate. Actions speak louder than words and if a student doesn't "act" like he/she wants to be in band, they should work on making their actions match their decision to join the band program.

The following additional rules will be in effect when the band is at band practice or away from school:

- While traveling on a bus, students are expected to behave in a manner that is not distracting to the driver.
- While students are on the bus he/she is to: stay seated, keep feet off of the seat, and maintain a low volume level.
- Students are to ride on the bus that he/she is assigned.
- Absolutely no public display of affection is allowed.
- When arriving at the destination, the students are to sit quietly and wait on the bus for further instruction from the band directors.
- Students are expected to follow the itinerary as set forth by the Band Director.
- Students are not allowed to go anywhere that he/she does not have prior permission to go.

DISMISSAL TO A PARENT/GUARDIAN

Students are expected to travel with the band to and from all activities. In the event a parent finds it necessary to drive a student from a band activity, the following policy will apply:

- Students may meet the band at their destination only with prior approval given by the principal 24 hours in advance.
- Parents must sign out the student with the Band Director in the form of a written letter that has been approved by the principal 24 hours in advance. Early dismissal will not be permitted unless there is a special circumstance pre-approved by the Band Director and Principal.
- Students are not permitted to ride home from an event with anyone other than their parent/legal guardian (with prior permission) or the band bus.

SOCIAL MEDIA POLICY FOR BAND

As you begin participation in another season, we want to make sure you are aware of the revised social networking guidelines. The Coahoma High School Band Program support the student-athletes' rights to freedom of speech, expression, and association, including the use of social networks. In this context, however, each student-athlete must remember that playing and competing for the Coahoma Independent School District is a privilege. As a student-athlete, you represent the school district and you are expected to portray yourself, your team, your school and the school district in a positive manner at all times.

Below are the social networking guidelines, which provide the following direction for social networking site usage:

1. Everything you post is public information.

- Any text or photo placed online is completely out of your control the moment it is placed online, even if you limit access to your site.
- Information (including pictures, videos, and comments) may be accessible even after you remove it. Once you post a photo or comment on a social networking site, that photo or comment becomes the property of the site and may be searchable even after you remove it.

2. What you post may affect your future!

- Many employers, college admissions officers, and athletic recruiters review social networking sites as part of their overall evaluation of an applicant. Carefully consider how you want people to perceive you before you give them a chance to misinterpret your information (including pictures, videos, comments and posters).

3. Similar to comments made in person, the Coahoma Band program will not tolerate disrespectful comments and behavior online, such as:

- Derogatory language or remarks that may harm bandmates or directors; other Coahoma band students, teachers or coaches; and band students, directors or representatives of other schools, including comments that may be disrespectful to opposing bands/teams.
- Incriminating photos or statements depicting violence, hazing; sexual harassment; full or partial nudity; inappropriate gestures; vandalism; stalking; underage drinking, selling, possessing, or using controlled substances; or any other inappropriate behavior (including the use of profanity).
- Creating a serious danger to the safety of another person or making a credible threat of serious physical or emotional injury to another person.

- Indicating knowledge of an unreported school or team violation – regardless if the violation was unintentional or intentional.

4. Social media outlets will be used as communication device. They will also be used to encourage involvement with family, friends, fans, colleges and recruiting outlets.

In short, understand that freedom of speech is not unlimited. The online social network sites are NOT a place where you can say and do whatever you want without consequence. The information you post on a social networking site is considered public information. Think about whom you represent: yourself, your family, your teammates and coaches, and your school. Like it or not, people are going to associate everything you post with you and what you represent. Protect yourself by maintaining a self-image of which you can be proud for years to come.

Social Media infraction consequences:

Marching Season:

1st time - Removal of post and warning

2nd time - Removal of post and 1 game suspension.

3rd time- Repeated infractions will result in removal of the student from the band program.

Concert Season:

1st time - Removal of post and warning

2nd time - Removal of post and office referral.

3rd time- Repeated infractions will result in removal of the student from the band program.

ATTENDANCE AND SCHEDULE

The band competes and performs as a unit. If individuals are not present at rehearsals or performances, the entire group is affected. Students are aware of the band schedule well in advance. Students are expected to make arrangements to attend ALL performances and rehearsals. (This includes pre-school rehearsals.)

A tentative schedule for the next school year will be given to the students before the completion of June. A permanent schedule will be given to the students during the first few weeks of school. In the event a change is made in a scheduled performance or rehearsal, students are expected to make every effort to adapt to that change. If ample notice of the change is not possible, the policy on absence will be adjusted accordingly.

An excused absence can only be granted with prior notification in writing. Emergency situations require a phone call as soon as possible. In the event of an emergency

absence, the student should bring written documentation upon his/her return to school in order for the absence to be excused.

Students that are (or going to be) absent from school must call BEFORE the scheduled practice or performance in order to be excused. Acceptable excused absences are as follows: severe personal illness, death in the family, school related performances, or a "once in a lifetime event." Absences that a student wishes to be considered as a "once in a lifetime event" must be submitted at least 2 weeks in advance of the projected absence. Absences from a contest must be requested at least 30 days in advance. The Band Director will make the decision whether or not to excuse the absence in a case-by-case manner. Work, dentist appointments (non-serious nature), orthodontist appointments, outside-of-school organizational activities, club meetings (school or otherwise), and non-serious family member illnesses will not be excused and will result in the proper grade reduction. Dental emergencies (ie. severe tooth ache, tooth knocked out, abscess, etc.) will be covered by the "severe personal illness" excuse. If a student is found to have an attendance problem, regardless of the nature, the student may be excluded from special activities or removed from band.

**Note that we are blessed to have a highly successful football team. Students are expected to be at play-off games at the end of the regular season. If a student misses a play-off game, his/her grade will be adversely affected if the absence was unexcused.

ELIGIBILITY

TEA and UIL have very strict policies when it comes to eligibility issues and events that are deemed "extracurricular." Some activities the band participates in are curricular or academic, and others are extracurricular. Either way, in order for a band student to participate fully in the band program, he/she must make a 70% or higher in all of his/her classes. The exception to this rule may apply to certain advanced courses. In the event that a student remains UIL eligible within the guidelines of the course they are taking, that student may participate in UIL events.

It takes many hours of preparation for the band to become a quality unit. If individuals become ineligible, the band has to be re-taught and valuable time is lost. Students that have excessive eligibility problems will be excluded from the marching show and concert band until a time comes in which he/she can prove he/she can consistently remain eligible. Students that are ineligible for more than three consecutive grading periods will be asked to choose an elective other than band. Students that miss competitions because he/she is ineligible will not be able to attend the Spring Band Trip.

In the event that a student becomes ineligible he/she will not be allowed to practice with

the contest band. Instead, he/she will be given alternate assignments in order to make up for his/her lost time. TEA and UIL does not allow students that are ineligible to participate in football games, pep-rallies, parades, or any competitions. THIS IS TEXAS STATE LAW. However, ineligible students are allowed (and required) to participate in school concerts in order to satisfy requirements in the Texas Essential Knowledge and Skills.

GRADING

Grades will be earned based on the student's ability to: demonstrate professionalism in practices and performances, attend all scheduled practices and performances, and show musical ability and marked progress. Grades will be divided into two categories. These categories are: Rehearsals (minor) and Performance/ Musicianship (Major).

The following is a representation on how grades will be figured:

Rehearsals (Minor) – 40%

Each student is expected to participate in daily rehearsals and will receive one grade at the end of the week for participation.

- Missed rehearsal minus 10 pts. (unexcused)
- 10 – 29 minutes late to rehearsal minus 5 pts.
- 30 or more minutes late to rehearsal minus 10 pts.
- Not participating minus 10 pts.
- Missing required supplies for rehearsal minus 5 pts.

Performances/ Musicianship (Major) – 60%

Each student is required to attend all performances that the Coahoma band participates in. A grade will be given for each performance including football games, concerts, and chair tests.

- Missed performance minus 50 Pts.
- 1 – 10 minutes late to a performance minus 10 pts.
- 11 – 25 minutes late to a performance minus 20 pts.
- More than 25 minutes late to a performance minus 30 pts.
- Missing required supplies for performance minus 10 pts.
- Not participating minus 50pts.
- Chair test will be graded using a rubric which will be posted prior to test.

REHEARSALS (PRACTICES)

The following procedures and policies are in effect for rehearsals:

- Students are expected to be in the designated area with all of his/her materials at the designated time.
- No talking is allowed while the director is addressing the band.

- When the director is working with an individual section or student, the rest of the band is to remain as quiet as possible.
- Students are not allowed to leave until the band director has dismissed them.
- Students should take care of restroom issues before or after rehearsal.
- Band rehearsal **MUST** start on time. Students that are not set up with materials will be treated as if they were late for class.
- Students found to be talking excessively in rehearsal will be asked to complete written assignments in order to receive credit for missed class time.
- Students are reminded that they are to adhere to the school dress code at all times.

MARCHING BAND

- Students will be given a break(s) during rehearsal to get water. Students that return late will complete written assignments or run a lap to make up for time lost.
- Students are required to wear athletic shoes to practice. Students that do not have the proper foot attire will be required to wear band shoes. Do not wear sandals.

PERFORMANCES

These procedures and policies will be in effect for band performances:

- Students must be at the band hall at the designated time (call-time).
- Students will be given instructions as to where he/she will change into uniform.
- Students are to wear the uniform in the appropriate manner unless otherwise noted by the director. Either way, all band students will be “uniform” at all times.
- If the band stops to eat, students must go only to the restaurant(s) designated by the Band Director. Students are not allowed to go in other places of business unless the Band Director has given prior permission.
- There is to be absolutely no playing on the instruments unless instructed to do so.
- Students must sit in his/her designated area at ALL times.
- Students are expected to adhere to a high level of professionalism at all times.
- Students must follow the itinerary given to them by the directors.

Students may be asked to sit out of a performance with loss of partial credit for any of the following reasons:

- He/she does not have all proper uniform items.
- His/her uniform looks unkempt, stained, or wrinkled due to poor care.
- His/her shoes are not properly cleaned.
- He/she does not know his/her music, drill, or routine.
- He/she fails to complete and return medical/permission forms.
- He/she has certain behavior infractions.
- He/she does not have all of the items he/she needs to perform.
- He/she is unprepared.

FOOTBALL GAMES

- No “outsiders” are allowed in the band set-up.
- Students are expected to remain seated in his/her spot.
- Students will be given a 3rd Quarter break unless otherwise decided by a director.

He/She will be dismissed by the Band Director after halftime. Students may not eat or drink (with the exception of water) with the uniform jacket on.

- At the conclusion of the game, the band will play the Fight Song and the School Song.

3RD QUARTER BREAK

Students will typically get a 3rd Quarter Break at each football game. This is a time to rest and get food if needed. This is a privilege for hard work and good behavior. This break time may be "taken away" for disciplinary reasons for as few as one student all the way up to the entire band. The director has full discretion of this and 3rd Quarter Break is never guaranteed.

- At the 3rd Quarter break, students must be wearing the appropriate band shirt and have his/her suspenders up. Students that do not adhere to this policy will be required to stay in full uniform.
- Students are expected to be in his/her proper seat when the buzzer sounds at the end of the 3rd Quarter. Students that are late may lose his/her entire break for the next game.

CONTEST

- Students are expected to be quiet and concentrate on the business of putting on a good performance.
- While not performing (or preparing to perform), students must sit together in the designated area.
- Students are allowed to go to the concession stand and the restroom between the performances of the other bands.

LETTER JACKET

The following policies will be in effect for awarding of band letter jackets:

- Students that are awarded and receive a letter jacket are required to continue his/her enrollment in band until his/her graduation. If a student quits band before he/she graduates, and has not earned their letter in any other activity, he/she will be required to refund \$100 back to the band/district.
- Letter jackets will be ordered only for those students that are actively participating in band that have met the requirements.
- Students that make the All-Region Band two (2) times and attend the All-Region Clinic/Concert on or after his/her 9th grade year will be awarded a letter jacket during the first semester of next year.
- Students who advance to Area in any Coahoma Band Activity will be awarded a letter jacket during the first semester of next year.
- Students that have been in the Coahoma High School Band for at least three consecutive years and have participated in all band contests during those three years will be awarded a letter jacket of his/her senior year in high school.
- Seniors that have not received a letter jacket and have been in band since August of his/her junior year will be awarded a letter jacket during the first semester.
- The Band Director reserves the right to deny a letter jacket to a student that has discipline, attendance, or eligibility problems.

APPENDIX 1

COLOR GUARD

Level 2 Membership

ORGANIZATION

The color guard is an auxiliary unit of the band. The purpose of the color guard is to add a visual depiction of the music being played by the band in the marching environment. There is no mention of color guard in the Texas Essential Knowledge and Skills (TEKS) for band set forth by the Texas Education Agency (TEA). The University Interscholastic League (UIL) also does not require color guard to compete in marching band activities. Therefore, it is the sole decision of the administrative team whether or not to have the organization and how the organization is run. In the event that dealing with color guard organization becomes a disruption in the teaching or the preparation to teach the TEKS, the organization will simply be disbanded.

AUDITIONS

To be eligible to audition for the color guard, students must follow all of the guidelines set forth in this document, the Coahoma High School Band Handbook, and laws of our city, state, and federal governments. If the student or his/her parents have any reservations about any of the rules listed in this document, the student is asked not to audition for color guard.

To Audition the Student Must:

- Have returned the color guard contract signed by them and a parent.
- Not have discipline problems, in any class. An evaluation form will be completed by teachers of the students auditioning. The director reserves the right to refuse to let a student audition because of past discipline issues. no matter the severity.
- Not have eligibility problems. Students that have become ineligible at any time during the current school year will not be allowed to audition. Students that have become ineligible at any time while a member of the color guard may not be allowed to audition.

Audition Guidelines

- The Director will select the color guard and his/her decision will be final and not subject to appeal.
- The Band Director and Guard Director will decide how many will be on the line based on talent and uniformity.

NOTE ABOUT COLOR GUARD

The Director reserves the right to wave auditions in situations that he/she deems necessary or would require money, which is not otherwise available. If either situation

should arise, it should be noted that the intent of the Director is to field the largest guard possible that will be uniform and will not otherwise detract from the musicianship of the band.

PRACTICE

There will be extra rehearsals called in addition to marching band practice at the color guard sponsor's discretion. All Band attendance policies are in effect. Students that miss practice for ANY reason not excused are subject to dismissal from the color guard or any other consequence deemed appropriate by the Band Director. If a student will miss a rehearsal the Director must be notified in advance.

The following policies and procedures will be in effect for color guard practices:

- The color guard sponsor runs the practice. The sponsor is hired by the Band Director and is required to produce a high quality unit.
- Insubordination when dealing with a director or color guard sponsor will NOT be tolerated. A student in violation of this will be immediately removed from the color guard, and possibly from the band if the offense is severe in nature, at the Band Director's discretion.

Guidelines for Rehearsal

In order to ensure that each rehearsal is productive and worth the time sacrificed by all involved, color guard members will abide by the following guidelines during rehearsals:

- Each member is responsible for ensuring timely rides to and from scheduled rehearsals, sectionals, and other events. Students should ensure that their ride picks them up within 15 minutes of dismissal.
- Tennis shoes or hard-soled jazz shoes must be available at each rehearsal.
- Appropriate attire must be worn and includes:
 - T-shirt/tank top
 - Athletic shorts or pants (no jeans)
 - tennis shoes/jazz shoes
- Water and/or sports drinks may (and should) be brought to rehearsal. Food is not permitted.
- Any equipment needed for rehearsal should be prepared and ready to go by the time rehearsal starts. If you need to fix bolts, stoppers, tape, silks, etc... it should be done on your own time.
- Instructions given by directors and officers are to be followed without question during the rehearsal. Any concerns may be brought up during breaks.
- Questions not directly regarding the instruction being given should be asked after rehearsal.
- If problems or concerns arise, you should discuss it with the Director.

GENERAL REGULATIONS

The Coahoma High School Color Guard members will be held to the highest standard whether it is during a performance, practice, or any other time. Color guard members are expected to be on-time, work hard on routines and music and have a positive attitude. The following policies are in effect to ensure that the Coahoma High School Color Guard is able to achieve a high level of performance.

- Students that become ineligible during the course of the school year will be placed on a probationary status for the remainder of the semester. If the student should become ineligible again while on probation the student will be removed from color guard. In addition, the student will not be allowed to audition for color guard in the future.
- Students are reminded that this is a performance based organization and members who are unable to perform given routines may not be allowed to participate.
- Because color guard is an auxiliary of the band the members will be held to a higher standard than that of a normal band student. His/her actions must represent model band students both in band and outside of band. If a color guard member is found to be in conflict of this policy, he/she will be placed on a probationary status and will risk removal from the color guard.
- Each color guard member must be attired correctly for performances. Being attired correctly deals with hairstyle, uniform, jewelry, makeup, etc. Students will be informed of the specifics well in advance of the performance so that he/she will know what is expected of him/her. Students that are not attired correctly at “call time” will not receive Third Quarter off that week. If this occurs with the same student twice, he/she will be placed on a probationary status and risks removal from the color guard.
- Color guard members are expected to be at attention when the rest of the band is at attention. Sitting down while the rest of the band is marching, even when the color guard does not move, will not be tolerated.

EQUIPMENT

Color guard equipment is expensive. When equipment is purchased, it is purchased with the intent of using it more than one marching season. Because of this, color guard members are expected to maintain the equipment properly in order to keep it in the best possible condition. The following policies are in effect when dealing with school color guard equipment.

- Any guard equipment currently in the band hall and future equipment purchased by CISD or Coahoma Band Boosters is property of the Coahoma High School Band. Any equipment not returned after use or “borrowed” without permission will be considered theft and will be handled in that manner. No equipment will be released as a souvenir.
- No person other than color guard personnel is to touch the equipment.

- Flags are not to be used as “seat covers.” In other words, don’t sit or allow someone else to sit on a flag.
- Each color guard member is expected to inspect his/her equipment daily to make sure nothing is damaged. Special care should be taken when looking at the tips to make sure they are taped properly so that the weight don’t fly off.
- We request that any guard equipment (including items paid for by the student) remain unmodified unless permission is given by the Director.

APPENDIX 2

DRUMLINE **Level 2 Membership**

The Coahoma High School Drumline is a unit within the Coahoma High School Marching Band. Students should understand that there are limited positions available on the drumline and the line will be set with certain instrumentation to best fit the band and that year's marching show. Expectations are higher for Drumline members because of the extra work involved and greater problems when even one member is not present.

The following are guidelines specific to the Drumline portion of the band:

- Current Coahoma Band Percussion Members will be assigned by the directors.
- Other band members may be used only when necessary.
- Coahoma ISD is blessed to have great equipment that is of great quality and expensive, great care should be taken with all equipment.
- Drums are provided by the district, approved sticks and mallets are to be provided by each student. (Ex: Bass Drum players will need to purchase Bass Drum Mallets) Sticks/Mallets need replacing from time to time but last as long as the player takes care of them.
- Drumline members are required to attend all rehearsals and should expect to have extra rehearsals outside regular band rehearsals.
- Students should understand they are responsible for their equipment, only drumline members should handle or play any drumline equipment.

APPENDIX 3

STUDENT LEADERS

Level 3 Membership

Student leadership within the band program is extremely important and will affect the degree of success we achieve. Student leaders in the band are expected to assume a large amount of responsibility, (**Responsibility should not be confused with authority**). Authority is a legal entity that must remain in the hands of the professionals. These student leaders are expected to carry out his/her duties in a meticulous and positive manner. A student leader will be held to the highest standards, as he/she is a role model for the rest of the band. If a problem arises with the way a student leader is conducting his/her office, it should be reported to one of the band directors at the first available opportunity. Just as there will be no tolerance for lack of respect for students in leadership positions, there will be no tolerance for the abuse of a student leadership position.

Students at Level 3 are expected to follow the Band Director's instructions at all times without hesitation or question. These students are expected to be self-starters and are able to make the right decision when it comes to following "the crowd" or doing what is right. Students that are deemed as being level 3 will be moved to level 1 if he/she can not abide by the Band Director's rules at all times, become ineligible at ANY time, or he/she does not lead students to do what is right. Student leaders will be held to the highest standards and are expected to be model band students. Student leaders that are in conflict with this policy will be removed from his/her position. (This applies to elected leaders and leaders that were placed by try-out.)

Student leaders may be either appointed by the Band Director or selected by audition at the Band Director's discretion. The Band Director reserves the right to select any student for a leadership position without an audition, including Drum Major and Color Guard Captain. Although student leaders are very important, no student leadership position, including Drum Major and Color Guard Captain, is deemed as "necessary" to the success of the band program. A position will only be filled by a student that has been deemed as an "acceptable leader" by the Band Director.

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PARENT HANDBOOK CONFIRMATION

Coahoma High School Big Red Band

I have read, understand, and agree to all of the contents of the Coahoma Band Handbook (found online at www.coahomaband.weebly.com). I understand all of the rules and regulations that are all required to be a member of the Coahoma Band. I have also read the "Disclaimer" and understand that a member of the Coahoma Band is held to higher expectations than a "regular" student.

- I would like a hard copy of the band handbook
- I will view the handbook online at www.coahomaband.weebly.com

Parent/Legal Guardian Signature

Date

Student Signature

Date