

SONORA BANDS HANDBOOK



Blake Zitterkopf
Director of Bands

blake.zitterkopf@sonoraisd.net

Stephanie Hernandez
Color Guard Coordinator

stephanie.hernandez@sonoraisd.net

(325) 387-6940

BOARD APPROVED AUGUST 14, 2023



Sonora Independent School District
807 S. Concho Avenue
Sonora, TX 76950

#SonoraBandPride #MBB23

TABLE OF CONTENTS

Welcome Letter	Pg. 2
Statement of Philosophy	Pg. 3
Educational Objectives	Pg. 3
Bronco Band Leadership	Pg. 4
Performing Groups	Pg. 5
Student Responsibilities	Pg. 6
Equipment	Pg. 9
Summer Band Camp	Pg. 10
Rehearsals	Pg. 10
Contest	Pg. 11
Performances	Pg. 13
Recognitions and Awards	Pg. 14
Short Trips	Pg. 15
Overnight Trips	Pg. 16
Social Activities	Pg. 17
Sonora Band Boosters	Pg. 17
Important Links	Pg. 18

Appendix

Attendance Agreement	Pg. 19
Absence Notice	Pg. 20
Instrument Check Out Form	Pg. 21
Permission Slip	Pg. 22
Medical Release Form	Pg. 23
23-24 Bronco Band Performance Schedule	Pg. 24
23-24 Bronco Band Practice Schedule	Pg. 25

WELCOME LETTER TO THE BAND

Welcome to the stables of the Sonora Bands!

Welcome to a part of your education that not all students have the opportunity to experience. Membership in this distinguished organization is an enjoyable and rewarding experience. The Sonora Bands consistently maintains a performance standard of excellence while affording each individual with an opportunity for growth.

The band program requires students that are dedicated, determined, and optimistic. Dedicated to the performance of good music to the maximum of their abilities, to their fellow band members, to Sonora Independent School District and to their represented community. Determined to work hard and long to become a part of this disciplined group, to persevere when things get rough and to make their family proud of all they have accomplished as part of this special group. Optimistic that by hard work and practice they someday can be the leaders, that someday when heads turn as the Sonora Bands gallops by, they have gained the respect of the spectators and that they will be part of one of the best bands in the country.

The marching style is corps-oriented combined with a precision influence featuring a dynamic woodwind and brass line, progressive multi-percussion section and color guard. The music, drills, and routines for every halftime show are designed for the entertainment value and to challenge each band member. In addition to football games, the Sonora Bands also performs at pep rallies, parades, concerts, contests, and special engagements. The band is committed to serve the Sonora Independent School District, the surrounding community, and the state of Texas. Members are expected to represent the Sonora Bands and Sonora Independent School District in a dignified manner at all times.

The *Sonora Bands Handbook* outlines in detail virtually all organizational and performance aspects of the Sonora Bands' program. The Sonora Bands Handbook is also intended to provide information regarding established policies and traditions for the purpose of promoting pride, spirit, and unity within the Sonora Bands.

Blake Zitterkopf

Director of Bands at Sonora ISD

SONORA BANDS STATEMENT OF PHILOSOPHY

Each music program must be judged in terms of the manner and degree to which it serves the students of its particular school and community. The staff of the music department strives to provide a program that compliments the academic program while further developing the cultural, aesthetic, and practical values of its students.

The music program, to be appropriate for the majority of Sonora Independent School District students, must:

1. Provide quality instruction.
2. Have a high level of cultural involvement in music.
3. Be complimentary to the academic program, avoiding demands on students' time that would detract from student achievement.



The staff believes that music should be available to every student who chooses to participate, regardless of ability and finances.

EDUCATIONAL OBJECTIVES

The educational objectives of the music department are:

1. To provide students with a pleasant, positive experience that increases their appreciation and enjoyment of music.
2. To increase the music students' and possibly the non-music students' enthusiasm for the school experience, thus improving attendance and motivating students toward increased academic achievement.
3. To develop in students an enhanced aesthetic sensitivity for music as an art form by disciplined study and application of its various elements, both separately and as they are combined into a coherent musical whole.
4. To prepare students for careers in music.
5. To provide students with a healthy lifelong hobby or avocation.
6. To increase student involvement in decision-making and therefore create a strong sense of ownership within the band program.

BRONCO BAND LEADERSHIP

Drum Majors assist and work closely with the directors in halftime shows, administrative work, and during rehearsals. The Drum Majors promote good band spirit and morale whenever and wherever possible. They are also responsible for the performance of the Bronco Band during football games.

Drum Major auditions are held each spring. Those who audition demonstrate their ability to conduct the band. The final choices are based upon audition scores and the directors' discretion based on leadership abilities.

Captains are in charge of all sections within their caption. They are responsible for helping out in the different sections when needed. When a section leader has questions, they are the first ones they will go to. This position is a vital part of making the band work as cohesive as possible.

Color Guard Co-Captains auditions are held each spring. Those who audition demonstrate their leadership capabilities and their ability to perform color guard routines. The Color Guard Captains posts announcements, takes attendance, organize the color guard's storage area, cleans up after all activities, coordinates color guard social functions, and checks uniforms and equipment.

Color Guard auditions are held each spring. Before auditions, mini color guard camps will be held in order to learn the basics of color guard. Captain auditions are held during the same period. Additional requirements are stated in the color guard audition packet. Final choices are based upon audition scores and the director and color guard coordinators discretion based on leadership abilities.

SONORA PERFORMING GROUPS



Sonora Bronco Symphonic Band is open to all students in 8th through 12th grade at Sonora Secondary. Students are expected to demonstrate excellent musical ability, instrument proficiency, and commitment to all rehearsals and practice times. Auditioning for All-Region band is strongly encouraged.

Sonora Colt Symphonic Band ensemble is open to all 7th grade students in Sonora Secondary. Students are expected to demonstrate excellent musical ability, instrument proficiency, and commitment to all rehearsals and practice times. Auditioning for All-Region band is strongly encouraged.

Sonora Mighty Bronco Marching Band ensemble is composed of all band students 8th through 12th grade and the Bronco Color Guard. The marching band participates in parades, pep rallies, football games and contest every fall.

Bronco Color Guard is under the direction of Mrs. Stephanie Hernandez. The members of the color guard are selected at the end of each school year after a week-long camp. During the spring semester, color guard members will play an instrument with the correctly assigned concert ensemble.

BAND APP

	Sonora High School Band BAND App QR Code Parents are encouraged to join!
	Bronco Color Guard BAND App QR Code Parents are encouraged to join!

STUDENT RESPONSIBILITIES

Grading Policy

Attendance 30%

Attendance will count as twenty-five percent (25%) of the student's final grade. The student is **required** to be at any scheduled performance, competition, rehearsal, or sectional, etc. set by the Director of Bands and/or leadership team. If failed to do so, students will need to make-up the time missed by completing an alternative assignment.

As stated in the Sonora Bands Attendance Notice, students are **required** to submit an absence form at least one (1) week, or five (5) school days prior to missing an event.

- Three (3) Tardies = One (1) Unexcused Absence
 - After three (3) unexcused absences you will lose five (5) points out of your final Attendance Grade

***** READ NOTICE OF ATTENDANCE *****

Participation 30%

Includes:

- Attendance at Football Games
- Active Engagement in Class
- Having correct materials for an efficient rehearsal (music, lyre, flip folder, pencil, etc.)
- Following directions and asking questions.

Tests/Exam 40%

October 6, 2023 Marching Show Music- 3 movements. *Must be memorized (midterm)

- Bad Love by *September 15, 2023*
- Love Story 2 by *September 22, 2023*
- Party On! by *September 29, 2023*

December 7, 2023 Christmas Concert (final)

*Chair test and playing test will be given randomly throughout the year. Students will be notified three days in advanced before it is given.

Various Dates Spring Music Videos

March 28, 2024 UIL Concert & Sight-Reading

Academic Requirements

I understand that my student must maintain a passing GPA (70% or higher) in each class/subject area that they are enrolled in. Students not maintaining an adequate GPA will be forced to be terminated from traveling and performing in any UIL sanctioned events until they have received a passing GPA in their failed class/subject area after a three (3) week probationary period.

An ineligible student may practice and rehearse. The student regains eligibility when the principal and teachers determine that he or she has earned a passing grade (seventy or above) in all academic classes, other than those that are advanced, and completed the three school weeks of ineligibility.

UIL Concert & Sight-reading (Spring)

“If a student is enrolled in a state-approved music course that participates in UIL Concert and Sight-reading Evaluation, and the student receives a grade below 70 in any course at the end of a grading period, the student may perform with the ensemble during the UIL evaluation performance, but is ineligible for other extracurricular activities for at least three weeks” (p. 53 Sonora Student Handbook)

Dues and Funding

Each band member will be required to pay a yearly band due to cover costs of supplies.

This year the **marching band** fee will be \$100.00 for each member. This fee will cover 2023 Show Shirt, Band Polo, New Marching Band Shoes and Ultimate Drill Book.

Color guard uniforms and flags change each year to complement the theme of the band marching show. Performance flags and other props are provided, but color guard members are responsible for the uniform and other accessories. Color guard dues will be \$200.00 to cover uniform, shoes and gloves.

Additional Supplies

Every reed player will be provided with two reeds at the beginning of the school year. Students will be charged \$3.00 for each additional clarinet/saxophone reed. Double reed players will be charge \$25.00 for each additional reed.

Instrument Repairs

Due to increase in repairs, the school district will cover the cost of the first repair needed for a school owned instrument. After the first repair, students are expected to cover the cost. Repairs are done through Tarpley Music. When the instrument is sent in for repairs, it will be documented and parents will be notified of all repairs done.

Behavior

Sonora Band members represent their families, school, and community. Students must always act appropriately and must follow all school rules as outlined in the *Sonora Secondary Student Handbook*. In addition to these rules, students must follow additional rules.

No Cell Phone Use during rehearsals or performances. Cell phones must be turned off and out of sight during band events from the point of roll call to dismissal (football game performances, concerts, contests etc . . .). Students found using their electronic devices and/or telecommunication devices will be subject to having their device taken away. No homework/reading notes, cell phones, cameras, lasers or other distractions will be allowed during rehearsals or performances. These items will be taken away.

Talking must be kept to a minimum. When the band is halted, students should immediately stop playing and/or marching and listen to instructions. This is the only way to efficiently use rehearsal time.

Students must wear appropriate clothing at rehearsals and on trips. Marching rehearsals require **tennis shoes**. Flip flops, Crocs, boots, high heels, sandals, and dress shoes are not appropriate to march in. If the student fails to wear the proper footwear, they will be told to wear their marching shoes.

Disruptive, vulgar, or obscene behavior or language in any form is inappropriate and will not be tolerated.

Students not complying with these rules will face disciplinary action. Disciplinary consequences for breaking a rule include push-ups, running, five-minute attention, detention, or grade reduction.

Any student that is assigned DAEP within the 23-24 school year will be subject to removal from all performance, not a Final grade performance.

Rain Policy

When it is raining, students should not assume that the rehearsal or performance is cancelled; the band will still rehearse or perform. During marching season, if dangerous weather threatens, the band will rehearse in an alternate location. The

band will meet in the band hall, and the color guard and percussion will meet at their designated areas.

EQUIPMENT

Instruments

The directors will inspect instruments periodically. If repairs are needed, students are expected to inform the band directors as soon as possible. If the instrument is not in working order, lower participation grades may be given. Clarinet, saxophone, and double reed players must have two working reeds at all times. Students should not play other students' instruments. The Instrument Agreement Form must be signed and returned when before receiving the instrument (See Appendix B).

Uniforms

Each band student is assigned a Sonora Band uniform and hat. During Summer Band Camp, the Uniform Managers fit students with uniforms and hats. Uniform Managers will make sure that necessary alterations are made. The Sonora Band uniforms are the property of Sonora Secondary. Each uniform cost \$700.00.

Uniforms must be treated with respect and kept in the best possible condition. Therefore, uniforms are kept in the uniform room and are checked out the day of the performance and checked back in after the performance. Students are responsible for knowing their hat and uniform numbers and for keeping the uniform clean. Students are responsible for lost or damaged uniforms. Band T-shirts will be worn or carried to the school. Shoes should be cleaned before each performance.

The **uniform** consists of long black socks, black band shoes, jacket, pants, and hat. Students need to wear shorts underneath the band pants for comfort and ease in changing. Long hair must be braided back. No hair should be seen between the brim and eyebrows.

Concert dress is worn during concerts. The school dress code is in effect and enforced at these concerts, therefore students should dress accordingly. Concert dress for males is slacks, button down shirt, and optional tie. Concert dress for females is slacks and blouse, a pantsuit, a dress, or skirt and blouse. Clothing must be appropriate to the Sonora Independent School District dress code.

A uniform inspection is held before each performance. Failure to pass an inspection may result in a lower grade and/or forfeiture of public performance.

Music

The Director of Bands supplies each student with one copy of each piece of assigned music. If music is lost, the Director of Bands will furnish a new copy, the request must be made outside of the band rehearsal. The band library is for staff only.

SUMMER BAND CAMP

Summer Band Camp attendance is mandatory for all members. The only exception is a family emergency. Basic marching techniques, discipline, and attitudes are established during camp. Summer Band Camp is also the time for learning the show that is performed at all football games and at several competitions. A different theme is chosen every year.

Summer Band Camp is held in the band hall at Sonora Secondary and on the practice lot at the Sonora ISD Football Field. Equipment may be left at the band hall. Lunches may be brought and students will have use of water fountains and bathroom facilities at the school. Band members should wear hats, sun block, sunglasses, bug repellent, light-colored clothing, comfortable shoes and socks.

University Band Camps

It is always encouraged that students attend band camps in the summer. This is a great learning experience for each student as well as a great growing opportunity for them. Some camp options are Angelo State University Music Camp (Drumline & Wind Players) and the Howard Payne University Band Camp (Color Guard & Drum Majors)

REHEARSALS

For the 2023-24 school year, the 8th/HS band class is 5th period, with not class on Wednesday due to float schedule. During marching season, the band, weather permitting, will meet on the Football Practice Field during class. After school rehearsals will be on the parking lot. During concert season, rehearsals will be held inside. Students must be in their seats with their instruments out and ready to rehearse.

The band rehearses every Monday night. This extra rehearsal is necessary for the success of the band. The band is called to attention promptly at 7:00 P.M. These Marching rehearsals end at 9:00 PM. During marching season, some rehearsals are held inside and some are held outside on the field. During concert season, rehearsals will be held inside and students must be in their seats prepared to rehearse when the rehearsal begins. During concert season, select Monday night

rehearsals may be called ahead of UIL Concert & Sight-Reading. These rehearsals will be from 6:00 PM to 8:00 PM.

Students must have all necessary materials at rehearsals. During marching season, students must wear tennis shoes during rehearsals. Blisters are not an excuse for lack of participation. Drum Majors and Captains must have set charts. Color guard members must have flags and other accessories.

When the rehearsal is held on the field, students must have the following materials:

- Flip folder
- All music
- Lyre
- Instrument
- Sharpened pencil

When the rehearsal is held inside the band hall, students must have the following materials:

- Flip folder or music folder
- All music
- Instrument
- Sharpened pencil

CONTEST

Marching Contest

There are several marching events in which the Bronco Band and Bronco Color Guard participates. In all cases professional judges may view the performance from above the crowd, within the crowd, or the field. For each contest, the directors are given a critique of what each judge thought about that program. The directors will use these critiques to assess the band's performance and to prepare for future contests.

At UIL Marching competition in October, each band competes for a division rating of I, Superior; II, Excellent; III, Average; IV, Good; or V, Poor. Every year the band has an opportunity to advance to the Area. Every other year, the band has an opportunity to advance to the UIL State Marching Competition. Starting in 2023 all classifications are eligible to advance to the UIL State Marching Contest held at the Alamodome in San Antonio, TX.

For the 23-24 school year the Mighty Bronco Band will participate in at least three different contests. September 30th, we will travel to Reagan County for the Santa Rita Marching Festival. October 7th, we will compete in the Concho Classic

Marching Festival in San Angelo. October 14th, will be UIL Contest in San Angelo. Area Marching Contest and State Marching Contest will be dependent on the results from Region and Area.

UIL Concert and Sight-Reading

UIL Concert and Sight-reading competition is held in the spring of every school year. These competitions use the same ratings systems as UIL Marching competition.

During UIL Concert, each band performs three pieces of music in front of three judges that they prepare during the spring semester. The Bronco Symphonic Band will participate in the UIL process.

During UIL Sight-Reading competition, each band performs a piece of music composed expressly for the competition. Bands are given a piece of music they have never played before. Each band studies the piece of music for a number of minutes and then performs the piece in front of three judges.

ATSSB All-Region, All-Area and All-State

ATSSB Region VI auditions are held the first or second Saturday of December each year. Students may sign up to audition on their instrument(s). Students will learn two etudes and several scales. The etudes change from year to year, but the scale sheet remains the same. Percussion will do a unified audition including all three areas (Keyboard Percussion, Snare and Timpani).

For the high school level there are three region bands. The Honor Band, Symphonic Band and Concert band. Students will be placed in chairs and bands based on their performance. Not all students who audition will make one of the All-Region Bands. Students who earn a chair in any three bands will attend a two-day clinic at Big Spring High School. Students will be given music to prepare for the clinic. The clinic culminates in a concert on the evening of the second day.

Students who chair high enough will qualify to compete in Area West competition held the first Saturday in January. At the Area level, students will compete by playing the same two etudes and scale sheet. Students who chair high enough at the Area level will proceed to the State level.

The All-State Clinic and Concert is held in San Antonio, Texas during the annual Texas Music Educators Association conference. Being selected to perform in this concert is a tremendous occasion. Only a handful of students are selected out of the nearly 30,000 students that begin the journey to the All-State Clinic and Concert each December. Sonora Bands has had ten students that get to call themselves “All-State Musicians.”

For the middle school level there are two region bands. The Honor Band and Symphonic Band. Students will be placed in chairs and bands based on their performance. Not all students who audition will make one of the All-Region Bands. Students who earn a chair in any three bands will attend a one-day clinic at Clyde High School. Students will be given music to prepare for the clinic. The clinic culminates in a concert on the same evening.

UIL Solo and Ensemble

Solo and Ensemble contest usually occurs in February. Students may choose to perform a solo or be a part of an ensemble. Soloists must have a live accompanist. The band director will find an accompanist for students needing this service.

Students choose a piece of music to perform from a selection of Classes- I, II, and III. A Class I solo or ensemble is the most difficult. Class I solos and ensembles are the only classification that is eligible to advance to the state competition. Class I solos are required to be memorized to advance to State Solo and Ensemble.

The same ratings scale is used in Solo and Ensemble as is used in UIL competitions. Performances are rated I, II, III, IV, or V. Medals may be won for those achieving a I, or superior rating. State Solo and Ensemble competition is held at the end of May.

PERFORMANCES

Football Games

For home games, students report to the Secondary Band Hall at the designated time (5:30 pm.) in full uniform and with all materials: instrument, all music, lyre, flip folder. Color guard members must have the uniform and all necessary flags and accessories. You must be in uniform no later than 5:45 pm.

For away games, students report to the band hall at the designated roll call time. At roll call, students must be wearing their red polo shirts, jeans and tennis shoes. Students will need to have all instruments/items that go on the trailer in line after the pep rallies. Students must have their flip folder and any other required equipment with them on the bus. Students will be notified of the time of departure in advance for each away football game. Color guard members must have their uniform and all necessary flags and accessories in their flag bags.

For all away games, the band will receive meals upon arrival at the location of the event. Students are allowed to bring snacks on the bus only if all trash is picked up prior to exiting. Students will be allowed to go to the bathroom during the games in groups of no more than two.

All band and color guard members must remain in the appropriate section in the stands at all times during football games. At home games, the band boosters will

provide meals— Nachos or Frito Pie and a drink are free during third quarter. Any student that would like a Chick-Fil-A meal will need to pay \$5.00 before the game starts to the Director of Bands.

The color guard will have choreography until it is time to warm up for the halftime show.

If the mascot or any cheerleaders are in band, they will be required to perform with the band at halftime. Varsity football players are expected to perform with the band at halftime until all contests are completed.

Drum Majors and section leaders are responsible for inspection at games, enforcing proper football game procedures, conducting, and monitoring discipline.

Pep Rallies

All Bronco Band Members will need to have their instrument, flip folder, music and a lyre at every pep rally. Band or color guard members who are also cheerleaders will be required to perform with the band during the “feature.” If the mascot is also a band member, he or she will be excused for the pep rally. They may sit with the football team and wear the football jersey, but will join the band to perform.

Parades

The Bronco Band performs at multiple parades each year. For the rodeo and homecoming parades the band members will wear their band polos and color guard members will wear a “spirit” shirt of their choosing. For the Christmas Parade, band and color guard members can wear seasonal hats and ugly Christmas sweaters, lights and decorate their instruments with festive colors.

Concerts

Several concerts are scheduled throughout the school year. This includes holiday concert and a spring concert. These concerts are free and open to the public. Student’s dress code for these concerts are outlined under **UNIFORM**.

RECOGNITION AND AWARDS

Lettering

One of the most prestigious awards a band student can earn is a lettermen jacket. To earn a lettermen jacket, Bronco Band and Bronco Color Guard members must accomplish one of the following:

1. Be in band for at least three years from 9th grade to 12th grade.
2. Qualify for state in one of the following:
 - a. UIL State Marching Band Contest

- b. UIL State Solo and Ensemble
- c. ATSSB All-State Band Member
- d. Seniors will qualify automatically

End of Year Awards

Band students are recognized throughout the year for their participation and success in ATSSB and UIL competitions. Several individual awards are given at the end of the year during the Band Banquet.

Outstanding Eighth, Freshman, Sophomore, Junior and Senior: Given to the outstanding band student in each classification.

Outstanding Marcher: Given to the student that demonstrates the best marching technique during marching season.

Outstanding Color Guard Member: Given to the student that demonstrates the best skills in Color Guard during marching season.

Most Improved: Given to the student that shows the most musical improvement during the school year. Selected by the band directors.

Patrick Gilmore Award: A national band award given to the senior who best displays the qualities of determination and desire necessary to become an outstanding band member. Selected by the band directors.

Leadership Award: Given to the student who sets the example for other band members to follow through actions. Selected by the band directors.

John Philip Sousa Award: A national band award given to the outstanding senior musician in the band. Selected by the band directors.

Short Trips

Students must obey all school rules while participating with the band on or off campus. All students must use school provided transportation to all band events. The Sonora Independent School District provides transportation home from these events and students should travel with the band home. In the event that a student would like to travel home with their legal guardian, a student **MUST** give a written notice to the band director. Under **no circumstances** will a student be allowed to travel home from an event without written notification. Students will not be allowed to travel with friends to or from an event.

Students will be informed of departure times. The band usually returns from contests and football games after 10:00 P.M. The director will give students an estimated time of arrival. Students will be allowed into the band hall to call their parents. Students should be picked up within thirty minutes of returning to school.

If the band is unexpectedly delayed, the Sonora Band Boosters will call parents to tell them the approximate time of arrival.

Meals will be provided by the band director/band boosters either before the game or during the game. Students are allowed to bring extra cash for snacks during third quarter breaks.

Students are expected to wear their band T-shirt/polo or designated uniform while on band trips. Blankets and jackets are sometimes necessary and should be brought. Students should be aware that other schools do not provide dressing rooms.

Overnight Trips

The director provides the students a complete agenda for each overnight trip. The trip agenda gives detailed information about the event and includes telephone numbers and directions to the band's destination.

Parents can be called and a band student can be sent home via public transport at the parents' expense if a student does not follow both school and band rules.

Normal school attire is appropriate to wear while traveling on the bus. Students may need to bring their uniforms or other special clothing. Because of the number of students traveling together, there is usually a limit of one suitcase per student. Students must carry their own belongings.

Students are assigned whom they will ride on the bus and get to choose whom they wish to room with. Usually four students will be assigned to a room. Each night there will be a curfew. There will be a full complement of chaperones. Each chaperone is responsible for specific students during the trip. Chaperones are not responsible for students' money or possessions.

When the Sonora Bands travels to other cities, students are not allowed to leave the band to visit friends or relatives in the area. Those friends or relatives may come to visit the student during the student's free time with prior approval from the directors.

All food and transportation expenses are the student's responsibility unless provided by the school district. Trips are planned in advance and students are informed of the approximate cost. If the costs are high, a system of installment payments are devised. Fundraising may be an option for students through our Band Booster Organization or through our bi-yearly Band Fundraisers to offset some of the costs.

Social Activities

The Bronco Band holds a party following the end of Summer Band Camp every year. Other parties are scheduled by the director or leadership to celebrate Bronco Band accomplishments. Each section of the band is assigned to bring a different kind of food. Activities may include games, board games, or swimming.

In the spring semester, the Bronco Band joins the athletic department for the Bronco Banquet. It is for showing appreciation for the year's accomplishments.

Sonora Band Boosters

Executive Board

President:	Julieann Figueroa
Vice-President:	Kim Gallegos
Treasurer:	Martha Gutierrez
Treasurer-Elect:	Barbara Torres
Secretary:	Stephanie Hernandez

The Sonora Band Boosters are a vital success to the Sonora Bands. Without the help of every band parent, we would struggle to reach the levels of success we have each year. If you, the parent, would like to help, here are some ways to become involved:

1. We will be having multiple meetings this year. The first meeting will be held on Sunday, August 12, 2023.
2. Volunteer to work the concession stand during the football season.
 - a. The money you earn goes directly to your student. It will pay for Summer Band Camps, Band Trips and future scholarship money.
 - b. Criteria to earn money: Parents work 3 Friday shifts, 2 Friday and 1 Thursday shift. Students are also encouraged to work for themselves on Thursday's. Students can work three shifts on Thursday games to earn money for themselves.
3. Volunteer as Chaperones to the different activities the band participates in.

All parents 5th grade through 12th grade is welcome and highly encouraged to attend.

Important Links

Sonora Bands Page

- https://shs.sonoraisd.net/secondary_school/band

Sonora Bands Facebook

- <https://www.facebook.com/profile.php?id=100063587082585>

Sonora Bands Instagram

- https://www.instagram.com/sonora_bronco_bands/

Association of Texas Small School Bands- *Region VI*

- <https://www.atssb.org/region-6/>

Texas Music Educators Association

- <https://www.tmea.org/band/>

MusicTheory.net

- <https://www.musictheory.net/>

Music Tech Teacher

- <https://www.musictechteacher.com/>

Bronco and Colt Band

Notice of Attendance

As a member of the Mighty Bronco Band and Colt Band you are required to be at all events in which we are performing. You are responsible for letting the Director of Bands of Sonora Independent School District know, at least one week (5 school days) in advance before missing rehearsals, sectionals, competitions, etc. If an emergency does occur, please let the Director of Bands at Sonora ISD.

(Please read, sign, and submit to Mr. Zitterkopf, Director of Bands at Sonora ISD.)

I _____ (student's name) have read the above statement and acknowledge that I am responsible for communicating any due absences at least one week (5 school days) before missing any rehearsals, sectionals, competitions, etc.

Student Signature

Date

Parent Signature

Date

BRONCO AND COLT BAND

ABSENCE FORM

This form must be completed and turned in one week (or 5 school days) in advance of any anticipated absence by a band student, excluding unexpected emergencies. In case of unexpected emergencies, contact the Director and/or the Assistant Director of Bands as soon as possible.

Student Name

Date Submitted

Date(s) of Absence

Reason for Absence:

*** You will be responsible for supplying your own copies ***

***SUBMIT TO MR. ZITTERKOPF AT LEAST ONE WEEK (OR 5 SCHOOL DAYS)
BEFORE ABSENCE***



INSTRUMENT CHECKOUT FORM



Student Name: _____

Grade: _____

Student e-mail: _____

Phone: (____) ____-____

Band Director Use only

Instrument: _____ Personal / School

Brand: _____ Serial No. _____

Condition: Fair / Good / Excellent

Comments/Accessories: _____

Dates: Checkout- ____/____/____

Returned- ____/____/____

Initial: checkout ____/ returned ____

Parent/Guardian Name: _____

Phone: (____) ____-____ e-mail: _____

Address: _____ City: _____ State: ____ Zip: _____

By signing below, I acknowledge receipt of the above instrument and accessories. At time of checkout all instruments will be in working order. I am aware that Sonora ISD, and its individual campuses or programs, do not provide insurance for individually owned or school owned equipment. **Students are financially responsible for school owned instruments that have been issued to them.** This responsibility includes providing insurance against theft or damage due to fire, abuse and/or accidents. For instruments and accessories, alike, equal value replacement is expected (example: same brand and model.) The following is a list of general rules and procedures that will take place:

- Students and parents must sign an Instrument Checkout Form before the instrument can be used by the student.
- Each instrument will be inspected, cleaned and, if necessary, repaired prior to it being issued in order to ensure the instrument is in good playing condition.
- Students are expected to maintain these instruments accordingly.
- All instruments, equipment and materials must be kept in their proper storage location while not in use.
- Never allow another student or individual to play your instrument, as you will be held responsible for any damage.
- After the first repair, students are responsible for payments if repairs are needed again.

Student Signature: _____

Date: _____

Parent/Guardian Signature: _____

Date: _____

Sonora Bands Permission Slip

Fall 2023

I _____ (parent name) hereby give consent for
_____ (student name) to travel with the band to all
performances listed below.

Friday Nights

Friday Football, (**Ballinger, Eldorado, Harper and Forsan**)
and playoff games.)

Sept. 30th

Santa Rita Marching Festival, (**Reagan County ISD**)

Oct. 1st

Concho Classic Marching Festival, (**San Angelo Stadium, San Angelo**)

Oct. 15th

UIL Region 6 Marching Contest, (**San Angelo Stadium, San Angelo**)

Oct. 29th

UIL Area A Marching Contest, (**Dick Bivins Stadium, Amarillo**)

Nov. 6th- 8th

UIL State Marching Contest, (**Alamodome, San Antonio**)

****For grade specific events, a permission slip will be sent home on those event(s).****

I understand that my student must maintain a passing GPA (70% or higher) in each class/subject area that they are enrolled in. Students not maintaining an adequate GPA will be forced to be terminated from traveling and performing in any UIL sanctioned events until they have received a passing GPA in their failed class/subject area after a three (3) week probationary period.

Student Signature

Date

Parent Signature

Date

MEDICAL EMERGENCY/ INSURANCE/ CONSENT FORM

Please complete and return- PLEASE PRINT LEGIBLY

Student Name: _____ DOB: ____/____/____

Allergies:

Family Physician: _____ Physician's Phone: _____

Note ANY special medical conditions:

Is your child allowed to take Tylenol: YES / NO

Is your child allergic to NSAID (Advil): YES / NO

Emergency Contact: _____ Phone: _____

Relationship to Student: _____

Family Ins. Company: _____ Phone: _____

Address: _____ City: _____ Zip: _____

Insurance Policy No.: _____ Group No.: _____

Name of Employer Providing Ins.: _____

Parent(s)/Guardian(s) Name(s): _____

Address: _____ City: _____ Zip: _____

Parent/Guardian 1

Work No.: _____ Cell No.: _____

Parent/Guardian 2

Work No.: _____ Cell No.: _____

MEDICAL CONSENT

If in the judgement of any representative of the Sonora ISD, the student named above should need immediate care and treatment as a result of any injury or sickness, I do hereby request, authorize, and consent to such care and treatment as may be given to the above student by any physician, athletic trainer, nurse, or school representative.

Parent Signature: _____ Date: _____

2023-2024 Sonora Bands Performance Schedule

August 2023

Aug. 12th	9:00am to 10:30am	Sutton County Day Parade	Sonora
Aug. 25th	3:00pm to 12:00pm	Sonora FB @ Ballinger	Bearcat Stadium, Ballinger

September 2023

Sept. 1st	5:00pm to 10:00pm	Sonora FB vs. Coahoma	Bronco Stadium
Sept. 8th	5:00pm to 10:00pm	Sonora FB @ Eldorado	Larry Mitchel Stadium, Eldorado
Sept. 15th	5:00pm to 10:00pm	Sonora FB vs. Alpine	Bronco Stadium
Sept. 15th	2:00pm to 3:00pm	Homecoming Parade	Downtown Sonora
Sept. 22nd	3:00pm to 10:00pm	Sonora FB @ Harper	Longhorn Stadium, Harper
Sept. 30th	All Day	Santa Rita Marching Festival	Owl Stadium, Reagan County

October 2023

Oct. 6th	5:00pm to 10:00pm	Sonora FB vs. Ozona	Bronco Stadium
Oct. 7th	All Day	Concho Classic Marching Festival	San Angelo Stadium, San Angelo
Oct. 13th	5:00pm to 10:00pm	Sonora FB vs. Reagan County	Bronco Stadium
Oct. 14th	All Day	UIL Region 6 Marching Contest	San Angelo Stadium, San Angelo
Oct. 20th & 21st	All Day	UIL Area A Marching Contest	Dick Bivins Stadium, Amarillo
Oct. 27th	5:00pm to 10:00pm	Sonora FB vs. Christoval	Bronco Stadium
Oct. 30th - Nov. 1	All Day	UIL State Marching Contest	Alamodome, San Antonio

November 2023

Nov. 3rd	3:00pm to 1:00am	Sonora FB @ Forsan	Buffalo Stadium, Forsan
Nov. 29th	5:30pm to 7:00pm	Christmas Parade	Downtown Sonora

December 2023

Dec. 2nd	All Day	ATSSB Region VI EZ Middle School All-Region Auditions	7th-8th Only	Lakeview High School, San Angelo
Dec. 7th	7:00pm to 8:00pm	Christmas Concert	All Bands	Sonora Secondary Auditorium
Dec. 9th	All Day	ATSSB Region VI High School All-Region Auditions	High School Only	Greenwood High School, Greenwood

All events are subject to change

All events are 8th-12th grade unless noted otherwise
Any Questions?

Email Mr. Zitterkopf at

blake.zitterkopf@sonoraisd.net

Director of Bands: Mr. Blake Zitterkopf

Superintendent: Mr. Michael Kissire

Principal: Ms. Christina Rodriguez

Assistant Principal: Mrs. Sandy Wellmann

2023-2024 Sonora Bands Performance Schedule

January 2024

Jan. 6th	All Day	ATSSB Area West Auditions	High School Only	Levelland HS, Levelland
Jan. 13th	All Day	ATSSB Region VI EZ Middle School All-Region Clinic/Concert	7th-8th Only	Clyde High School, Clyde
Jan. 19th - 20th	All Day	ATSSB Region VI High School Clinic/Concert	High School Only	Wagner Noel Performing Art Center, Midland

February 2024

Feb. 7th - 10th	All Day	ATSSB All-State Clinic/Concert	High School Only	Henry B. Gonzalez Convention Center
Feb. 17th	All Day	UIL HS Solo & Ensemble		Wylie High School, Abilene

March 2024

Mar. 28th	All-Day	UIL Concert & Sight-Reading		Lakeview High School, San Angelo
-----------	---------	-----------------------------	--	----------------------------------

April 2024

May 2024

May 15th	6:00 pm to 8:00 pm	Sonora Bands Spring Concert	All Bands	Sonora Secondary
May 16th	5:30 pm to 9:00 pm	Sonora Bronco Banquet		Sutton County Civic Center
May 24th	8:00 pm to 10:00 pm	Sonora HS Graduation		Bronco Stadium
May 25th - 27th	All Day	UIL State Solo & Ensemble		Pflugerville, TX

All events are subject to change

All events are 8th-12th grade unless noted otherwise

Any Questions?

Email Mr. Zitterkopf at

blake.zitterkopf@sonoraisd.net

Director of Bands: Mr. Blake Zitterkopf

Superintendent: Mr. Michael Kissire

Principal: Ms. Christina Rodriguez

Assistant Principal: Mrs. Sandy Wellmann

By signing this I agree that I have read the Band Handbook in its entirety and will follow all rules and expectations given.

Student Signature: _____ Date: _____

Parent Signature: _____ Date: _____