Greetings, Frisco High School Band Parents and Students,

We hope your family has been enjoying a safe and relaxing summer! The Frisco Band Staff would like to welcome you to the 2026-27 school year, which is shaping up to be another great one for the Frisco High School Band program. Our members worked hard at their music camp at the end of May, in preparation for the fall marching band season and our **2026 production, "**The Sound of Color**."** Many students are taking summer private lessons, and working with their squad and section leaders one-on-one, making great strides. Several sections have been meeting in preparation for the season; our prop construction is underway; and our incredible Band Booster Organization has been busy planning some truly great things for the students.

This Summer Newsletter contains a great deal of information we hope you will find very helpful. Documents include **Summer Band Camp Information, Health Guidelines and Required Supplies List,** and an **Important Dates Guide,** among others. In addition, the **Frisco Band 13-Month Comprehensive Band Calendar** has been released on the band website! Family members are encouraged to familiarize themselves with this information for planning purposes over the next few weeks.

New member families, please mark your calendars for our **new-member parent brunch meeting** on band registration day, July 25! We request that all new-member families have at least one parent present to receive important information, and then compete band registration. Brunch will be provided free of charge, courtesy of the Band Boosters! Registration forms and paperwork will be distributed and explained at this meeting; please do everything you can to attend. New member families will follow up brunch immediately with our walk-through registration process; **returning-member families** have assigned times later in the morning- please see the band calendar for those details. (Registration packets for returning members will be available for pickup on registration day). Contact Mr. Simon with any questions.

Finally, as we look forward to a fun and rewarding experience that the Band Staff will strive to provide for each member this year, we urge *all parents* to become involved in whatever ways they can. Consider volunteering for a committee, an event, as a chaperone, or whatever else you are able to do to support your students' endeavors in this incredible organization. Parents who have been around will tell you that THEY also enjoy making life-long friends and having great experiences as active members our Booster Organization. There are already several opportunities to volunteer during the summer, and there will be many more presented at Band Registration- We hope you'll join us!

Please don't hesitate to contact us if you have any questions. We look forward to seeing our student leaders on July 13th, percussionists on July 20th, all then all of the students back on July 22nd!

Sincerely,

The Frisco Band Staff

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FRISCO HIGH SCHOOL BAND

SUMMER BAND CAMP INFORMATION

Camp Schedule

Please refer to the comprehensive, 13-month **Frisco Band Calendar** on the band website for all Summer Band Camp dates, times, and locations. This calendar also contains the schedules of events and performances *throughout the rest of the year!* It is our hope that this will help with long-range planning; we will work to draw families' attention to any changes or updates that occur during the year due to matters out of our control. The most up-to-date calendar will always be kept on the Band Website- please refer to it often! www.friscohsband.org/calendar

UNIFORM FITTINGS: Please note your student(s) specifically assigned uniform fitting session, listed on the band calendar. They take place on either July 23, 27, 28, or 30. Students MAY remain on campus after afternoon rehearsals, or leave and return for their session. They should wear a **T-shirt and thin athletic shorts** for their fittings.

Locations

All of our summer band rehearsals take place at Frisco High School. Students should be dropped off at the band hall entrance in the back of the school, Door B14.

Attendance

Attendance at all Summer Band rehearsals and events is required for all members of the Band and Color Guard. Putting together a production of this magnitude in time for our first football half-time performance on August 27th is a MASSIVE challenge, which will take all of us working together. Mr. Simon will be handling all attendance-related matters during the marching season- please email him with any questions or concerns regarding attendance: SimonD@friscoisd.org

Transportation

We appreciate all families taking a proactive approach to transportation challenges, especially during meal breaks in the middle of the day. We have a wonderful group of Student Leaders and other older members of the Band who drive, and would be willing to help with carpooling to and from rehearsal locations. If you have a student who does not drive, please encourage them to contact their student leaders for ride assistance when needed.

Meals During Camp

Please see the handout 'Health Guidelines and Supplies List' for information on proper nutrition for outdoor activity. It is essential that students keep well-nourished through the extended Summer Camp days. The Band will not be providing daily lunches or dinners. **We ask that families make sure to coordinate with their students** to either brining a lunch to eat, or to have a plan in place for them to leave with family members or older students in their section to grab food at a nearby restaurant. When the schedule shifts to evening rehearsals (5:00 – 8:30 pm), students should arrive having eaten an early dinner; we'd also recommend that they bring a light snack to eat during a mid-rehearsal break.

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Band Registration

Band Registration is the morning of Saturday, July 25th, in the FHS Cafeteria. Students do not need to accompany their parents to the Saturday registration, but may if they wish- ***see the Band Calendar for specific times by grade level.***

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Social Events

Summer Band Camp features exciting social events, planned and coordinated by our wonderful Band Booster Organization as well as our Student Leadership Team. These are a great chance for the students to have fun together and celebrate their hard work in a relaxed atmosphere. The first of these will be on Friday, July 24th, at **Hawaiian Waters** in The Colony! Visit our online band store *by July 23* to order tickets, and for more info about the event. On Thursday, July 30th, we'll head over to Hunt MS for a '**Cluster Kickoff' ice cream social**! And finally, to celebrate the end of Summer Band Camp on Monday, August 10th, the students will enjoy the **End of Summer Band Camp Party** from 9:15 – 11:00 pm on the JV Field, hosted by our Student Leaders. This will follow our annual Family Cookout and Parent Preview performance- see below!

Family Cookout and Preview Show

On Monday, August 10th, we will hold our annual **Frisco Band Family Cookout** and **Family Preview Performance.** Parents and siblings are encouraged to come out and enjoy a meal with us! The cookout will begin at 7:00 pm; we'll begin our parent meeting at approx. 8:00, followed by our special family performance. More information will be presented at the July 25th registration. Please join us for a first glimpse of the amazing work your students have been doing with our 2026 Marching Production, **'The Sound of Color'.**

Band Communications

We hope all family members will take advantage of the several ways with which the Frisco Band will communicate about upcoming events, adjustments in schedules, or general updates:

- *Students- Join the full-band Remind101 messaging service: Text* "**@friscoband"** *to the number* **81010**
- *Parents- Join the special PARENT messaging service: Text* "**@fhsbandpar"** *to the number* **81010**
- *Follow us on Facebook*: **@friscohighband , @FriscoHighBandBoosters**
- *Follow us on Instagram*: **@friscohighband**
- *Keep your information on CutTime up to date*:
    - *Students, fill out this form if cell phone number changes: https://forms.gle/Dp8UXchKsyZDnNgS9*
    - *Parents, fill out this form if cell phone or email changes: https://forms.gle/Vx374eNmuQeguWJF9*
- *Visit our website often:* **www.friscohsband.org**

Please feel free at any time to contact us with any questions.
We are SO EXCITED to get started this season with the incredible Frisco Band!

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Frisco High School Band Summer Camp 2026

Health Guidelines and Supplies List

Please note that our Summer Band Camp will include morning or evening rehearsals OUTDOORS. Students all over the country have been practicing for marching band outside for many years, some in locations even warmer than Texas! Members will remain safe and healthy if they adhere to the following guidelines and requirements for attire.



Students MUST follow the guidelines below in order to participate in outdoor Band rehearsals. Any student who is missing a required item or is wearing improper attire may not be allowed to rehearse with the Band. These guidelines are in place in the interest of student safety.



Required *Attire and Supplies for ALL Outdoor Rehearsals:*

- **Blue Frisco Band 1-gallon water jug (provided to new members as part of Band Fee) with fresh water**
  - *Refills are required for EVERY outdoor rehearsal*
  - *Students MUST NOT share water jugs for sanitary and health reasons*
- **Light-colored, light-weight, and loose-fitting shirts**
  - NO SHIRTS EXPOSING THE MIDRIFT, OR BLACK/ VERY DARK SHIRTS
- **Loose athletic shorts allowing free movement**
  - NO DENIM OR LONG PANTS
- **Athletic tennis shoes with arch support, athletic socks, and tied shoe laces**
  - NO FLAT-SOLED CONVERSE-STYLE TENNIS SHOES, HIGH TOPS, OR SLIP-ONS
- **Wide-brimmed hats and sunglasses**
  - *Hats and sunglasses are essential to combatting the sun. Students must also maintain the ability to SEE during outdoor rehearsal. Hats and sunglasses are required of all members*
- **Sunscreen, spf 30 or higher**
  - *Applied before rehearsal and during breaks*
- **Bandana, hand towel, or Chilly Pad®**
  - *Students will drench these in cold 'spirit water' and wear around the neck to keep cool and productive!*

Other Health-Related Guidelines:

It is important to practice proper nutrition and hydration when participating in any outdoor activity.

- **Eat a good breakfast** before practice, and continue to eat well at other meals. *AVOID HEAVY DAIRY and EXCESS SUGARS.* Fruit, whole-grains, and non-greasy proteins are best.
- **Drink WATER** with every meal and throughout the day during band camp. Stay away from soft drinks and other drinks loaded with sugar at all times. These inevitably result in dehydration/ queasiness when outdoors.
- All members should begin **hydrating with water** throughout the day **Several days before** they report for Summer Band Camp. Dehydration will occur without proper preparation BEFORE the first day of activity.

Students do receive a P.E. credit for participation in marching band. There will be physical activities that include elements of strength training, cardiovascular exercise, balance and endurance training, yoga, and dance elements. Student participation is required for enrollment to be maintained. ***If a member feels sudden dizziness or is otherwise unable to continue a certain activity, he or she will be excused to take a break****. Students who are frequently unable to participate in rehearsal activities due to improper hydration, diet, or attire may risk their role in the show and/or their P.E. Credit.*

General Supplies for Frisco Band Musicians:

(Color Guard, please refer to Mr. Leikness for your needed supplies)

- Required: **Band Bag** to carry music, supplies, and accessories to all rehearsals.
  - The official *Frisco Band Drawstring Bag* sold by the Booster Organization is a perfect option! These will be available for purchase at band registration. Any other backpack (dedicated for band) will work well also.
  - We do ask that the student's bag of choice carry only band supplies.
  - **Required Items** to be kept in the Band Bag include:
    - Band folders and binders containing sheet music *(Provided for all through Band Fee)*
    - Flip folder containing stands tunes *(Provided for new members through Band Fee)*
    - Marching production drill book *(Provided for all through Band Fee)*
    - Hat/ Sunglasses/ Sunscreen for outdoor rehearsals
    - Pencils and other writing utensils
    - Instrument accessories as needed (see below)





- *Highly Recommended item:* **Fanny Pack!** In addition to the larger Band Bag, a fanny pack is a great way to carry smaller supplies needed throughout rehearsals while on the marching field.

- **Required Music** Supplies *(Bring to all rehearsals, store in your Band Bag):*
  Supplies can be purchased at Music and Arts or Brook Mays Music

  - **Pocket Digital Tuner** *(OR Tonal Energy® App on Smartphone)*
  - **Pocket Metronome** *(OR App equivalent on Smartphone)*
  - **Flip Folder** *(New Members will receive this from their Band Fee)*
  - **Instrument-Specific Music Lyre** *(Required for ALL INSRTUMENTS except Percussion; New Members will receive this from their Band Fee)*
  - **Additional Instrument-Specific Supplies:**

WOODWINDS

-Instrument in pristine playing condition
-1-2 boxes of new, excellent quality reeds
(At least 4 excellent reeds for double reeds)
-Swab
-Cork grease
-Reed guard
-Clarinets and Saxes: Neck straps

BRASS

-Instrument in pristine playing condition
-Appropriate mouthpiece- dent free
-Valve oil & Slide grease
-Polishing Cloth
-Silver instruments- Silver polish and lint free rags
-EUPHONIUMS- Black bath towel in tight roll

Percussion- Please refer to Mr. Dillard for your specific supplies.

Please contact Mr. Courtney with any questions or concerns regarding Band supplies!

CourtneyJ@friscoisd.org

Important Dates Guide 2026-27

This guide is provided as a convenience to our band families to help plan their household calendars. Note that the comprehensive, full-year band calendar on the band website should always be consulted when planning trips or other events, as it includes rehearsals and other activities are that may not be highlighted below. Finally, SAT/ACT test-takers should consult the next page for important guidance.

www.friscohsband.org/calendar

Required performance events:

- All marching band performances-

Varsity Football Games:

Aug 27	**Oct 2**	**Oct 22**	*-Additional games for*
Sept 3	**Oct 9**	**Oct 29**	*playoffs possible pending*
Sept 11	**Oct 16**	**Nov 6**	*football team advancing*
Sept 24			

Contests and Exhibitions:

Sept 12	**Oct 10**	**Nov 2-3***	**Pending band*
Sept 22	**Oct 17**	**Nov 14**	*advancing*
Oct 3	**Oct 24***		

- Saturday, Dec. 12: 'Christmas in the park' Community Performance
- Thursday, Dec. 17: Holiday Concert
- Monday, Feb. 8: Winter Concert
- Saturday, Feb. 20: Solo and Ensemble Contest
- Thursday, April 1: Pre-UIL Concert
- April 14-15 (Exact dates and times TBD): UIL Concert Band Evaluations
- Monday, May 10: Spring Concert

-Color Guard, Percussion, Jazz Band, and Leadership Students will have additional required performances and events- consult the band calendar/see info forthcoming from directors.

-Color Guard is required at all *marching band* events listed above, but not concerts

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9th – 11th grade families, "Save the dates" for summer 2027:

May 17-18, 2027: Music Camp

July 12 and 14, 2027: Leadership Camp

July 19-20, 2027: Percussion Camp

July 21, 2027 through first day of school: BAND CAMP BEGINS FOR ALL!



ATTENTION TEST TAKERS



2026 – 2027 Possible Standardized Test Dates

The following dates work in conjunction with the Frisco Band Calendar.

Dates not listed below will conflict with band events and must be avoided.

SAT Testing Opportunities

August 22, 2026

November 7, 2026

(This date will not work for percussionists- Drumline Contest)

March 6, 2027

June 5, 2027

Oct 3 will not work as we have a marching band competition that day.

Dec 5 is possible, but will require a quick turnaround for those going to All-Region auditions.

May 1 falls within our Spring Trip.

ACT Testing Opportunities

July 11, 2026

September 19, 2026

February 27, 2027

April 10, 2027

June 12, 2027

July 10, 2027

Oct 17 is possible but not preferred, as we have UIL region marching contest that day (That day does start a bit later than other contests)

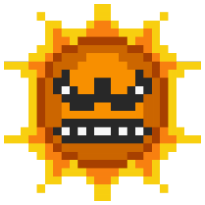
Dec 12 should be avoided, as we perform at the 'Christmas in the Park' community event.

Band Camp Readiness:

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Make sure you've had your PHYSICAL EXAM and have the required form ready to turn in on July 22!



Heat acclimation- Spend time outside for a little bit more each day until camp, even if just to walk around the block



Hydration- get in the habit of drinking MORE WATER than you're used to, and consider hydration supplements such as electrolytes as first day of camp approaches (and beyond)



Supplies Check- make sure you've gone through needed supplies from the 'Health Guidelines and Supplies List' from the summer newsletter



Communicate with your Squad Leader- they can help answer questions and make sure you are prepared!