

2017-2018
Pine Tree Junior High and High School Bands
HANDBOOK

"The Pride"



The Pine Tree Independent School District will follow a general set of extra-curricular guidelines. Each organization will be governed by the District expectations and guidelines. Each student and parent will be provided a copy of the District extra-curricular guidelines. Students will follow the PTISD Student Code of Conduct and the PTHS Handbook in conjunction with each organizational handbook.

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MISSION STATEMENT

The Pine Tree band program exists to help in the development of the whole person. In addition to fostering

community goodwill through performances, the band also teaches students to succeed with excellence. Students also benefit by being exposed to high level fine arts, in which study after study has proven improves IQ and brain function.

MEMBERSHIP

1. Band is considered to be a co-curricular activity, meaning there are requirements held in conjunction with a credit-bearing class, but may also take place outside of school and outside of the school day. This means that all band students, grades 6-12, are subject to the Pine Tree ISD Student Code of Conduct, Pine Tree ISD Extracurricular/Co-curricular Code of Conduct, and the guidelines indicated in this Pine Tree ISD Band Constitution & Bylaws.
2. Students who have successfully completed the 6th grade Beginning Band program in Pine Tree ISD will be admitted to the Junior High Band on the recommendation of their beginning band director.
3. Students who have successfully completed the Junior High band program in Pine Tree ISD will be admitted to the High School Band on the recommendation of their campus band director. Recommendations will be based on performance ability, ability to follow instructions, and general attitude.
4. Students moving into Pine Tree ISD must audition with the Pine Tree band director at the appropriate campus level.
5. Band is a full-year course. No student may register for only the fall or spring semester.
6. A student who does not choose to be in band for a year may be allowed to re-enter the band program the following year at the discretion of the band director. A conference with the director to discuss and evaluate ability is required.
7. A student who quits band during the school year may be readmitted only at the discretion of the band director.
8. Band membership is a prerequisite to participate in the jazz band.

SYSTEM OF GRADING

The band grade is determined by attitude, attendance, participation, and individual performance evaluations based on state and local performance standards.

ATTENDANCE POLICY

The success of any good organization is due mainly to the commitment of its participants to attend all functions that are scheduled. **Therefore, attendance at sectionals, rehearsals, and performances is mandatory.**

Students will be notified of all events in advance. Calendars are issued to students prior to each school year to circumvent potential conflicts with employers, other organizations, and/or family functions. We make every effort to keep you informed well in advance of an event. Playoff games cannot be anticipated, but we must have all band students at these games.

Any absence should be communicated to the director prior to the absence. Absences will be excused and grades can be made up if you are absent due to an illness or a death in the immediate family. You are expected to play

your instrument if you are at school unless you have a note from your doctor or parent. If at all possible, doctor and dental appointments should be scheduled as not to conflict with band. A student that is absent has an adverse affect on the whole group. Any unexcused absence from a performance is grounds for possible dismissal from the Pirate Band.

Conflicts in Schedule: The Band Directors will try to avoid and assist to resolve scheduling conflicts that students may have with other school organizations. However, it is the **STUDENT'S RESPONSIBILITY** to learn to manage conflicts, including trying to come to a resolution with all involved. In addition, school events supersede all non-school related activities. Please do not expect to be excused from a band activity for an outside event. **Please communicate any and all conflicts to the Band Directors in a timely manner so that they may be resolved quickly.** Simply informing a director on the day of a scheduled practice or performance is not acceptable and will result in consequences outlined above.

ELIGIBILITY AND TUTORIALS

To be in compliance with state law, students who become academically ineligible are not allowed to perform with the band at any time while ineligible. However, they are still required to attend all practices and sectionals.

Students who are ineligible should attend tutorials for the class that they failed. A form requiring teacher's initials will be distributed to these students. Tutorials are before and after school. After school tutorials are most desirable so it will not conflict with before school practice. If you need to attend before school tutorials, you will need to bring a note from the teacher stating time started and ended. Attending tutorials after 8:25 am is not acceptable.

Remember, your success is our primary concern. Please take care of your education. The two keys to being successful in life are education and hard work.

CONDUCT

Because of the many contacts a Pine Tree band member makes in public, he/she must act as a goodwill ambassador for the Pine Tree Independent School District. It is expected and requested that each student act like a lady or gentleman at all times. Loud and boisterous conversations do not convey to the public that which typifies the Pine Tree Schools, and are thus discouraged. Always conduct yourself as a person with true "class".

No band member shall knowingly possess, use, transmit, or be under the influence of any controlled substance while at any band function, whether it is a performance or a rehearsal. A controlled substance includes marijuana, illegal drugs, alcohol, and inhalants. Discipline procedures will be followed as per the Pine Tree ISD Student Code of Conduct and the Pine Tree ISD Extracurricular/co-curricular Code of Conduct. A band member who violates this procedures may be dismissed from the band program.

Students who are found to be in possession of tobacco products will be disciplined according to the Pine Tree ISD Code of Conduct and the Pine Tree ISD Extracurricular Code of Conduct in addition to possible forfeiture of band leadership positions.

Refer to the Pine Tree ISD Student Code of Conduct and the Pine Tree ISD Extracurricular/Co-Curricular Code of Conduct for procedures governing both inside and outside school infractions as it pertains to extracurricular activities.

Band members are encouraged to cultivate an attitude of good discipline and attention during rehearsal. Each rehearsal should be a musical learning experience for each student. Each performance will be as good as its best rehearsal. Constant disturbance by any band member in rehearsal shows a lack of interest and respect to the band; therefore, these students will be encouraged to find another activity to hold their attention.

Disrespectful behavior will not be tolerated by any student toward any authority figure. Disrespectful conduct is identified as any verbal, physical, or visual inappropriate response.

All band members are obligated to note any act of misconduct and call it to the attention of the person involved immediately. If it becomes necessary to correct the same individual the second time, it shall be reported to a band director for immediate action.

DISMISSAL FROM THE BAND

A student may be dismissed from the band program because of lack of cooperation, refusal to conform to rules and regulations, an overall poor attitude, or unexcused absence from a performance or a rehearsal. (Excused or unexcused determined by the band director.)

As per campus procedures, a form must be signed by the student, the parents, and the band director, and presented to the counselor before a schedule will be changed. This is to insure that all issued items have been returned to the band.

In addition, any student that is scholastically ineligible for the fall semester (three consecutive six week grading periods) may be dismissed from the band at the conclusion of the semester. Any student that is scholastically ineligible for four of the six grading periods of the school year may be dismissed at the conclusion of the school year.

BAND REHEARSAL GUIDELINES

1. Be in your chair with your instrument and everything you need (music, pencil, good reeds, etc.) before the scheduled rehearsal time. Do not have extra personal things at your chair or instrument cases. Leave these in your assigned instrument slot.
2. No gum, candy, food, drinks or electronic devices allowed during rehearsal.
3. Horseplay will not be acceptable at any time.
4. Get a drink of water and go to the restroom prior to rehearsal.
5. Get all notes signed before or after rehearsal.
6. Do not get out of your chair for any reason after rehearsal begins unless it is an emergency and you have asked for and received permission from the director.
7. No cell phones or IPads are allowed during rehearsal or performances unless allowed for a specific purpose by a director. Cell phones that are out during rehearsals or performances may be confiscated by the director. Cell phones and IPads may only be used in accordance with district procedures.
8. If your instrument will not work during rehearsal, wait until after rehearsal to get it fixed. Sit and finger the part and listen to instructions. When you realize that there is an instrument problem, report it to a director as

soon as possible. If a woodwind is taken to the shop for repairs, make sure to remove the mouthpiece, ligature, and reeds. If a brass instrument is taken, remove your mouthpiece. If you have these items, you can play the temporary instrument that a director issues to you.

9. When the director stops the band, it is to give instruction for the benefit of the band; give the director your undivided attention at all times.
10. Do not distract class during rehearsal for any reason, except to ask the director about the music or instructions that have been given. Most importantly, actively listen to the director.
12. Failure to adhere to these guidelines may result in a verbal reprimand, student/teacher conference, teacher/parent conference, loss of chair placement, assignment of a written report, extra conditioning, or other behavior modification techniques at the discretion of the band director within district procedures.

PERFORMANCE POLICY

All students will be given the opportunity to perform with the band. However, there are circumstances under which a student may not be allowed to perform:

1. Failure to perform music or marching fundamentals at acceptable levels.
2. Students who miss or are tardy to rehearsals.
3. Director discretion (usually involves cases of student misconduct).
4. Academic Ineligibility (state law)

STADIUM GUIDELINES

1. You are performing as soon as you enter the stadium. People are watching you; therefore, image is important.
2. Sit in chair order in your section. You will remain in your assigned area during the game.
3. When the band plays, everyone is expected to play. Always be ready to do your job. Do not stop playing until the band finishes.
4. Take your music to the stands. Flip folders and lyres are required to help you manage your music.
5. There are to be no soft drinks in the stands. We will provide water in the stands. The band boosters will provide each band member with bottled water following each performance.
6. Do not eat in the stands. This eliminates the possibility of spills on uniforms and will keep foreign matter from being blown into your instrument.
7. Uniforms must be worn properly at all times and hung properly when not in use. You must have a current band shirt on under your jacket or you will not be permitted to remove your jacket during games. Never wear "do-rags", caps, or any footwear with uniforms except the approved white shoes.
8. Your uniform, including hat and hatbox are school property. You must keep them neat clean and free from food, hair products, liquids, sprays, etc.
9. No jewelry should be worn with the uniform. For security purposes, it would be best to leave your jewelry at home.

10. 3rd quarter break is a privilege and not a right. The directors may take this privilege away at their discretion.
11. Students must be in their seats with horns ready to play with at least 30 seconds left on the **3rd quarter clock** to be ready to play for 4th quarter.

Failure to adhere to these procedures could result in possible demotion and possible suspension from extracurricular activities for a period to be determined by the band director. Your cooperation is of the utmost importance. Please remember, if you exercise self-discipline, the directors will not have to use discipline.

PINE TREE BAND BUS BEHAVIOR

1. Follow instructions concerning what to wear for bus trips. (Full uniform, worn properly, is required at all times when off the bus unless other instructions are given by the director).
2. Use discretion when changing into your uniform for a performance. Never expose undergarments in public, including on the bus or a parking lot. Use restrooms or other approved facilities if necessary.
3. Leave the first seats on either aisle empty for chaperones.
4. Hang your uniform bag or lay it flat in a seat. The uniform bag will not protect a uniform from being wrinkled if it is not handled properly.
5. Silence is required during roll checks or when instructions are being given by: the director, band officer, chaperone, or bus driver.
6. Stay seated while the bus is moving.
7. Keep hands, arms, and heads inside the windows. On charter buses, do not open any windows without the permission of the bus driver. Curtains on charter buses are for decoration. Do not touch these.
8. Do not try to communicate with anyone outside the bus. If it is necessary, you will be allowed to get off the bus to talk to parents or other people.
9. Small mp3 players are permissible only with headphones, and the volume must be turned down so that only the user can hear it.
10. No singing, yelling or cheering is allowed on the bus. Save it for the stands and pep rallies.
11. Talking is allowed at mezzo forte levels, with the following exceptions:
 - A. While a bus is in town, volume must decrease to mezzo piano.
 - B. When the bus enters a parking area or comes to a complete stop (rail road tracks) all talking must stop so the bus driver can hear.
12. Eating and/or drinking on a bus is a privilege that we enjoy as long as we meet our responsibilities in keeping the bus clean. Dispose of all trash in a garbage can. If you drop a food item or trash on the floor, pick it up. We want the bus to be as clean or cleaner after our trip is completed. The only drinks charter bus companies allow are screw top plastic bottles.
13. Walk to enter any cafeteria or restaurant. Any specific order of loading or unloading will be announced at

the appropriate time.

14. When leaving a bus, be sure all windows are closed. After returning to school, double check to be sure you unloaded all of your personal belongings and instrument. These items should be put in the assigned areas or taken home to practice. Charter bus windows are never to be opened unless directed by the bus driver or chaperones.
15. If you are not returning home with the band, you may be released to your parents. Your parents need to come in person and sign you out with a director or chaperone. If your parents want you to leave with someone else, they must send a note stating who you are to be released with at least one day prior to the trip. This note is a deviation in school procedures and will have to be approved and signed by an administrator. The person picking you up will have to come in person and sign you out. Please do not ask the directors to vary this procedure. You must make arrangements for your instrument and any other equipment to be loaded or taken back to the school.
16. Be considerate of other people. Talk quietly.
17. Our parent chaperones are our guests, who are here to help. You should act in a positive, respectful, polite manner to them at all times.
18. As a representative of the PIRATE BAND, you are noticed by people wherever you are. Your actions reflect on the Pirate Band.
19. DVDs for the charter bus trips will be approved by a band director. All videos should meet district procedures. If you want a movie to be considered, present it to the band director one week prior to the trip.

JUNIOR HIGH - 7TH & 8TH GRADE

Items that need to be purchased:

- a. Band Book (Foundations for a Superior Performance by Jeff King)
- b. Flip Folder
- c. Lyre
- d. Half-Inch 3 Ring Binder
- e. Set of Sheet Protectors for music
- f. Pine Tree Junior High Band Shirt---\$15 Sizes for these will be taken up the first week of school
- g. Dues of \$25 for all students enrolling in the program. This will help pay for food, drinks, and activities throughout the year.

Junior High Football Game Procedures

The dates for all football games will be placed on the band calendar. All football games on calendar are mandatory performances and are for a grade.

Tentative schedule for all Pine Tree Junior High Football Games:

6:30 p.m. Parents will drop off their child at the stadium. Small instruments (Flute, Clarinet, Alto Sax, and Trumpet) will need to be brought by the student while the band truck will bring the large instruments (French Horn, Trombone, Baritone, Tuba, Percussion.)

6:45 p.m. All band members will be responsible for checking in with a band director for role purposes

8:00 p.m. At approximately 8:00 PM, the band will be dismissed to pack up instruments.
Parents---it is important that you there to pick up your child at the stadium at this time.

BLT (Band Leadership Team) Schedule

Leadership team members will abide by the schedule below as their responsibilities differ from that of an ordinary band student.

4:00 p.m. Begin loading the band truck with supplies, water coolers, and large instruments at the JH Band Hall. These students will not have enough time to go home before the game.

5:00 p.m. Dinner will be provided to the students for helping

5:30 p.m. Leave for the Stadium by bus

6:00 p.m. Arrive at the stadium and begin unloading for the rest of the band students to arrive by car

6:30 p.m. Assist band directors in taking role of students as they arrive at the stadium

8:00 p.m. Begin loading instruments back on the truck

8:15 p.m. Arrive at Pine Tree Junior High and unload the truck
Parents---please be available at this time to pick up your child at the JH Band Hall.

What to Wear? Band Polo, Blue Jeans, Belt (Shirt tucked in), Tennis Shoes

HIGH SCHOOL BAND GRADES 9-12

SUMMER REHEARSALS

Summer band rehearsals begin with a band camp retreat at the end of July and are followed by morning rehearsals that take place until school starts. These rehearsals are of extreme importance to our program and attendance is mandatory (refer to the attendance procedures for clarification). We learn the majority of our contest, twirling, drill team, and pop music at this time and also work on marching fundamentals. This time is of vital importance in creating a strong cohesiveness within our program. This is especially important to the incoming freshmen who have not been together with the high school band. Absence from this function can result in assignment to an alternate status or loss of membership. A band camp information packet will be available in mid-May or mailed out to students.

EXTRA REHEARSALS

In the fall semester, the band will have several activities that require extra practice. The band will rehearse from 7:30-9:20 a.m. Monday through Friday. Night rehearsal is Monday evening from 6:30-8:30 p.m. Additional rehearsal time and sectionals will be scheduled by the directors as needed. Students planning to attend All-Region tryouts will be expected to work individually before and after school and are responsible for scheduling a time for a band director to listen to them.

During the spring semester, the band participates in UIL. Solo and Ensemble contest and UIL Concert and Sight-reading Contest. Students wishing to attend Solo and Ensemble contest will be expected to work individually after school and are responsible for scheduling a rehearsal with the band director. Six to eight weeks prior to the date of Concert and Sight-reading Contest, students will be required to be available for before/after school sectionals and band rehearsals. This rehearsal will be scheduled for a minimum of two one hour sessions during the week.

Failure to participate in optional individual activities after you made a voluntary commitment can result in loss of privilege of participating in these activities, demotion in chair assignment, or other suitable consequences. Students will be expected to reimburse the band for entry fees if the student fails to follow through with their commitment. Excused absences for these activities will follow the same guidelines as those observed during the school day.

CHAIR PLACEMENT

Chair placement will be determined by audition at the end of the current year for next fall. Chair order will not be changed during marching season due to music memory considerations. Chair placement in the spring semester will be by audition after marching season. This audition will place the student into one of up to three concert bands. Students who make Wind Ensemble should have tried out for All-Region and are expected to perform a solo and an ensemble at UIL solo and ensemble contest. Students securing a chair in the High School All-Region and Area band auditions will be placed at the top of the section based on their All-Region chair order placement. A challenge procedure will be available for students to change chairs after the audition process. This process will continue as long as needed based on the director's discretion. The director of each band will assign seats according to auditions, attitude and cooperation with directors and student leaders. Decisions made by the directors along these lines are made to maximize the proficiency of the band.

MARCHING BAND ALTERNATES

It is the desire of the band department to include all students in every marching performance and every effort will be made to do so. However, since the adoption of the "No Pass, No Play" rule, it has been necessary to chart marching drills for fewer players than are on the roster, thus, not all students march at every performance. Students may be chosen as alternates if they have difficulty in academics, have difficulty marching or playing or if they have absences or tardies. Alternates can earn a spot in the marching drill as positions become available by demonstrating playing/marching improvement, maintaining a passing status, maintaining good attendance habits and maintaining a good attitude. Alternates are valuable band members and are expected to participate in all rehearsals and performances.

TRAVEL DEPARTURE & ARRIVALS

Notification of trip departures and estimated time of return to Pine Tree will be sent out via email and published on the PTHS Website and/or Band Facebook page. Please make arrangements to pick up your child in a timely manner. Please pick up your child in the front parking lot.

SENIORITY

In order to organize some student activities and to also show respect to the senior members of our band, there will be an order to follow for loading buses, lining up for meals and signing up for rooms. Loading Crew will be first followed by Seniors. Juniors, sophomores, and freshmen will follow in successive order.

HIGH SCHOOL BAND UNIFORMS

Uniforms are furnished by the school, without cost to the student. The uniform consists of a coat, trousers, cords, hat, and plume. Students pay a uniform cleaning fee at the beginning of the school year for maintenance of the school band uniform. Uniform storage will be at the high school band hall and all uniforms will be left at school after performances. Students must also purchase a band T-shirt to be worn under the coat. White socks and white shoes must be provided by the student. White shoes must conform to the style dictated by the director. The uniform must be clean and neatly pressed when worn. The trousers should be adjusted to fit properly, and must extend to the top of the shoe. Students out of uniform in any fashion will not be permitted to make a public appearance. Any band member in public view is required to wear the uniform as per instructions by the director.

INSPECTION

Before every performance requiring uniforms, inspection will be conducted by the directors and section leaders. They will check for correct hems, cleaned uniforms, and pressed creases. White shoes and socks will be checked for cleanliness. The inspection will also include an instrument inspection. Cleanliness of instrument and working condition will be checked. Woodwinds should be prepared to present two good reeds. Have all slides and slides working on brass instruments.

FINANCIAL OBLIGATIONS

Students are responsible for returning all school issued equipment and uniforms. Replacement values will be assigned for abused or lost items. School issued horns that show any irresponsible damage or abuse will be repaired at the student's expense.

The Pine Tree Band Boosters organize fundraisers to pay for many band activities. Participation in these activities reflects acceptance of the financial responsibility. Accounts should be kept current. All debts must be cleared within seven days of the end of the fund-raiser. Students will not be allowed to participate in a fundraiser if previous fundraisers are not paid in full.

OVERNIGHT TRIPS

Some band activities require overnight stays. The following guidelines, in addition to the Pine Tree ISD Student Code of Conduct and Pine Tree ISD Extracurricular/Co-Curricular Code of Conduct, apply:

1. Boys are not allowed to enter girls' rooms and girls are not allowed to enter boys' rooms at any time. No one from outside of our group is allowed to enter any student room.
2. Curfew means to be in your room and to remain there with the door closed until a designated time. If there is a problem, contact the band director or chaperone, but do not leave your room.
3. A violation of any state law, including drugs, alcohol, tobacco, shoplifting, assault, etc., will result in you being sent home at your parent's' expense as quickly as arrangements can be made. Refer to the band

handbook and the Pine Tree ISD Student Code of Conduct and Pine Tree ISD Extracurricular/Co-Curricular Code of Conduct regarding further disciplinary actions

BAND TRIPS

The band traditionally takes a senior trip. In addition, at least one other full band trip will be made with the entire band during a student's tenure as a Pine Tree High School band member. These full band trips may involve participation in national level contests/festivals. Each student that is eligible and is a competing member of a band has an obligation to participate in this. Each student is required to raise a specified amount (depending on cost of trip) to help cover expenses of this event. Money can be raised by fundraisers or by student payment. Membership in band is a commitment to participate in all activities. These trips must receive PTISD Board approval.

STATE SOLO & ENSEMBLE CONTEST

Students who earn a first division at region on a class I solo and perform by memory and students who earn a first division on class I ensembles are eligible for State Solo & Ensemble. If you want to participate at this event, solos may be required to play in an open recital at least two weeks before the state meet. Ensembles will be required to meet after school one hour per week starting the first week of April or as stipulated by the band director. Ensembles will have to maintain the exact instrumentation of the district level contest. No substitution of players will be allowed unless approved by the band director. Failure to complete these requirements will result in the student not attending the contest. The student will be responsible for reimbursing the school for entry fees.

LETTER JACKETS

Letter jackets are awarded to students who complete their senior year in the Pine Tree High School Band. The jackets will be ordered early in the spring semester in order that the students may be able to wear them the following winter.

Students may letter early by accomplishing success in two major events. These events include securing a chair in the All-State Band and/or earning a 1st division on a Class I Solo at the State level UIL Solo & Ensemble contest.

BAND LEADERSHIP

There are many opportunities to become a leader in the Pine Tree Band program, from 7th-12th grades. Leadership is an earned privilege and a big responsibility. Members look up to the leaders to set the standard of excellence for the rest of the group. The Pine Tree Pride Band positions identified as leadership include:

JH Twirlers (7th & 8th gr.)	Band Captains (12th gr.)
BLT - Band Leadership Team (8th gr.)	Quarter Masters (12th gr.)
Loading Crew (9-12th gr.)	Uniform Captains (12th gr.)
HS Twirlers (9-12th gr.)	Librarians (11-12th gr.)
HS Color Guard (9-12th gr.)	Drum Majors (11-12th gr.)

We expect our band leaders to display particular characteristics and responsibilities. They include (but not limited to):

- A positive attitude toward ALL people, including other members, directors, and display of school pride
- Servant's heart - ready and willing to help, last one to leave, etc.

- Punctuality/attendance - arriving EARLY to all rehearsals and performances and willing to stay late and help to clean up, etc.
- Ethics - honesty, trustworthiness, hard-working, taking responsibility when wrong instead of blaming others, taking care of outside business, always being prepared, conduct
- Morality - doing the right thing even when no one else is watching, following rules, encouraging others to do the same, not engaging in social media negativity, kind and respectful
- First things first - leading in playing our instruments with pass offs, private lessons, All-Region band, Solo & Ensemble contest; being an excellent marcher, passing all classes

Because leadership is an earned privilege, it will be one of the first things forfeited should a problem arise including code of conduct issues, repeated tardiness, unexcused absences, continued negativity and/or issues with gossip, treating others poorly, bossing instead of serving, failure to take care of instrumental music responsibilities, etc. On the other hand, they will also be rewarded occasionally for their efforts and hard work with special privileges, food, etc.

Band Leadership Team (BLT) - 8th graders who take pride in their band program and want nothing more than to help in any way they can.

Their duties will include, but are not limited to, helping load and unload the truck at football games, make sure the rest of the band has water at all outdoor events, helping set up for all concerts held at the Junior High Campus, and exemplify Pine Tree Pride in all that they do. They also will receive a specially embroidered shirt that will look like the normal band polo in the front, but will have “BLT” in big, gold lettering across the back.

Only current 7th graders will be able to sign up for this position at the end of the year, but they must submit 3 teacher recommendation forms from teachers of their choosing. This must be done before the end of the school in order to be considered for this position. The students with the highest recommendation scores will be given the honor of being a part of this select group. The teacher recommendation forms will be passed out to any and all students interested during the last 3 weeks of school. We will be looking for 10 students to lead next year’s Pine Tree Junior High Band to new heights and new successes. Will you be a part of the tradition?

Loading Crew - 9th-12th grade student volunteers will be selected for the loading crew for all band activities. Students will sign up if interested and be selected by the band directors. These students will be the right hand of the band directors. Activities will include loading buses or band trailer for off-campus activities.

Band Captains - The Pine Tree High School Band will have captains that will serve as band officers. These captains will be senior students and will be named according the process implemented by the band director. Each captain will be responsible for teaching marching fundamentals at band camp. They will also be expected to help with uniform/horn inspections, encouraging their assigned students to pass off music, encourage high levels of academic performance to remain eligible, and other leadership activities that will promote the success of the individual student and the Pirate Band. These captains are to promote a positive leadership role and be ready to help each individual student be successful. Students wishing to be a captain need to apply. Students will be chosen based on leadership and accomplishments in grades 9-11.

Librarians - The librarians are responsible for copying and preparing music folders, filing music, and keeping up with the overall maintenance of the music system. They are also assigned other duties as needed. Librarians should be hard-working, conscientious, detail-oriented, and available to work extra when needed.

Quartermasters - This position serves to oversee the general cleanliness and set up of the band halls. They will work with the band captain/team assigned each Friday night to make sure all is in good order before going home.

Uniform Captain - This position assists in uniform check out at the beginning of the year and checks to make sure all uniforms are hung up properly after each use. They will work with the band captain/team assigned each Friday night to make sure all is in good order before going home.

Band Auxiliaries - Drum Majors, Twirlers, Color Guard Members

Before auditions, the student must meet the following criteria:

1. Must be a member in good standing of a PTISD band, or have the prior approval of the High School band director.
2. Must have shown average or above average ability on his/her instrument, and must not be behind on any of the basic fundamentals essential to playing the instrument.
3. Must meet all grade requirements as prescribed by the University Interscholastic League and the Texas Education Agency for participation in extracurricular activities.
4. Must be certified by the student's present director as having met these requirements.
5. Remain in band regardless of tryout results.
6. Will be subject to 2016-2017 Pine Tree Auxiliaries Constitution and Bylaws.

CONTACT INFORMATION

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Please sign and return this portion only. Keep the remainder of the packet.

ACKNOWLEDGMENT

This acknowledges receipt of both the Pine Tree ISD Extracurricular Code of Conduct and the Pine Tree Bands Handbook. These documents should be kept for reference throughout the year for both parents and students. In accepting these documents, I accept the privileges and responsibilities as a member of the Pine Tree Band Program, and promise to uphold in my actions and attitudes those qualities which will honor the band and school.

Signed: _____
Parent/Guardian

Signed: _____
Student

Date: _____