



# Connally High School Band

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## 2024-2025 New Member Information

Welcome to the Connally High School Band Family. The Connally Cougar Band is the largest spirit organization on campus, making it a large part of the Connally family. From day one of summer band, you will find yourself working, competing, and growing with one hundred of your closest friends. As we ramp up for marching season and things get busier, we will have lots of information to share. We hope that the guidebooks that were handed out have helped to answer many of your questions, but don't be afraid to reach out if you have any questions.

High school band, when compared to middle school band, is much more performance oriented. The band is constantly learning and showcasing music in the same week. With football games, competitions, public appearances, there are more than 15 performances in the 10 week season. Students love the excitement that comes with performing for an audience, and find that these memories are some of the fondest of their high school career.

The physical demands that come with marching are fairly high. Some students choose to take extra steps to prepare for marching band during the summer. Conditioning your body to the heat (spending time outside) is highly recommended. Because of the physical challenges marching band presents, we will exercise throughout the marching season. This helps to build both mental and physical endurance that will help students through the busy marching season.

"I get a PE credit for taking band?!" Yes, you do. Marching band is considered the **Sport of the Arts**. It is a very demanding yet rewarding activity. The excitement of looking back on performances with friends and the improvements made throughout the competitive season bring students back year after year. Rising to the physical and mental challenges to put on spectacular performances is something students grow to love.

In striving to be the best musicians possible we ask that students take private lessons. This one-on-one instruction helps students to grow beyond what can be done in class while allowing students to explore musical topics of personal interest.

The band has rehearsals year round, both before and after school. New students sometimes worry about making time for the many great programs offered at Connally. If you are also interested in another activity, we encourage you to try both. You can make both activities fit into your schedule. No student will be asked to choose between two activities. We are proud to have many band members representing Connally in multiple ways.

If you have any questions, please email us:

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# 2024 Summer Marching Band Calendar

## Music, Percussion, and Guard Camps

We will kick off the Marching season with camps every Monday. Students will get their music for the marching season, and we will reveal the marching show for the upcoming year. Performance and attendance at these camps will help to determine marching positions.

**April 29th, May 6th, and May 13th from 5:00-7:00pm**

## Spring Training

Students will learn the movement fundamentals that will be used in the upcoming marching show as well as the marching technique. At the end of Spring Training, students will perform for parents the music and movement they have learned at the parent orientation.

**Monday, May 20th - 12:00pm-8:00pm 8th graders will be bused over to CHS after lunch (Parent Performance at 7:00pm)**

## One Stop Shop

On One Stop Shop students will register for the band, pick up their summer uniform, performance attire, and supplies, as well as be fitted for their marching uniform. This is the time to make final payments on student fees. All students need to attend this day so that they may be included in the band roster, and start the season with all of their supplies.

**Monday, July 22nd - 4:00pm-8:00pm**

## New Member Camp

Students will learn about the basics of marching fundamentals with their peers to prepare for summer band and the pace we will move once summer band begins.

**July 23rd-July 24th - New Member Camp - 7:00am-12:00pm**

## MANDATORY Summer Band Camp

These rehearsals are the MOST critical days of the marching season. Rehearsals begin on the 23rd of July and continue until the start of school. Students will begin learning the music and marching drill for the competitive show. No absences will be excused. Students who do not participate will have their spot filled by a student in attendance. Rehearsals will be outdoors, students should prepare for the heat in the days leading up to camp.

**July 25th-July 26th - Music Camp - 7:00am-12:00pm**

**July 29th-First Day of School - Weekdays - 7:00am-4:00pm**

**Aug 19th, and 26th - Stadium Days - 5:00pm-9:00pm**

## Remind and Updates

For reminders and updates, please join our Band App. Please make sure to turn notifications on for up to date messages and newsletters that are posted weekly. <https://band.us/n/abaa07f0L9h89>



## Help us get in contact with you!

This form will help us to send you information about upcoming events for marching season. We will also use this form to assign marching spots for next years marching show.



<https://forms.gle/UhHK8EHzn4tAfA18A>

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