

Edison High School
Golden Brigade Boosters

Parent/Student Handbook
2019-2020



Welcome to the 2019-2020 School Year!

President's Message:

We as a booster board are so excited that your student has chosen to be a part of the Edison Golden Brigade band and color guard this year. Whether this is your first year or you are a returning parent/student, we hope this will be a rewarding experience for everyone with the opportunity to learn and grow musically in an environment of teamwork, friendship and family.

As our program grows, we have the need for more and more parent/booster support. Many hands make light work, and we can most certainly use as many hands as you are willing and able to give us! We have many volunteer opportunities for everyone and encourage all family members to be as involved as you are able. We truly are a family, and through cooperative and collaborative efforts, we can give our students the most rewarding and fun band experience possible. Please take the time to read through this handbook as it will give you information that parents and students will need to get through the year, including contact information should you have any questions or concerns.

Mr. Feyma is returning for his third year as our Band Director. In addition to all of last year's technicians returning, we are pleased to welcome Matt Carroll to our staff. Mr. Carroll brings many years of experience as the former Band Director at Bullard and currently through his role as an elementary music teacher with Fresno Unified. Welcome, Mr. Carroll!!!

We are very excited for what the new year will hold and very much look forward to meeting and working with all of you!

*– Karen S. Nishimura
2019-2020 President, EHS Golden Brigade Boosters*

Purpose of the EHS Golden Brigade Boosters:

To cooperate with the Instrumental Music Department and Band Auxiliary Units of Edison High School in support of various school, extracurricular and educational activities and to contribute financial, material and moral support.

2019-2020 Booster Board

President	Karen Nishimura	gbboostermom@hotmail.com
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Secretary	*Monica Garcia	changis@yahoo.com
Treasurer	*Gabriela Delgado	gbbandmom@gmail.com
Band Director	Bradly Feyma	bradly.feyma@fresnounified.org
*Spanish-speaking		

Team Captains

Fundraising Committee	Renee Garcia	rgarciawidjaja@yahoo.com
SMC Coordinator	*Monica Garcia	changis@yahoo.com
Pre-Game Meals	Louisa Hernandez	herdezlouisa@gmail.com
Football Game Support	OPEN	
Trailer Coordinator	OPEN	
Uniforms	Dede Glaser	dedeglaser@comcast.net
Competition/Events	OPEN	
Senior Event Coordinator	OPEN	
Winter Support	OPEN	
Communications	Karen Nishimura	gbboostermom@hotmail.com
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Band Director and Staff

Band Director	Bradly Feyma	bradly.feyma@fresnounified.org
Classroom/Tech Support	Matthew Carroll	
Wind Technician	Misael Gutierrez	
Visual Technician	Arriyanna Hernandez	
Percussion Technicians	Ariane Ortiz, Peyton Anderson, Mark Tripp, Connor Bonstein	
Color Guard Technicians	Chris Ballestros, Arriyanna Hernandez	

What's Expected of Students During Rehearsals, Performances and Competitions

- Be well rested. Do not stay up all night. You will need all of your energy.
- Be well hydrated; drink plenty of water the night before, and during the day.
- Eat healthy meals and snacks.
- Respect and take care of equipment; keep it clean and safe at all times.
- Do not let other people play your instrument.
- Rehearsals should be spent learning how your individual part connects with the other sections in the group.
- Do not be afraid to ask for help from upperclassmen, techs or Mr. Feyma.
- Be flexible.
- Represent our program well.
 - You represent yourself, our band, our school and our community anytime you are wearing your band shirt or uniform.
 - Refrain from making negative comments about other bands and the use of foul language and inappropriate jokes.

What's Expected of Parents:

- Students should arrive 10-15 minutes early for rehearsals and functions. Start time reflects when students should be at the practice location in their spot ready to begin.
- Please be respectful of Mr. Feyma or other instructors and parents by picking up your student promptly after rehearsals and events.
 - Students will call or text home 20 minutes prior to arrival from performances.
 - Students will be waiting in a well-lit area in front of the school office to be picked up.
- **STAY INFORMED**
 - Website: **www.edisonbands.com**
 - Join REMIND for reminders and announcements via text messages and/or email. Text: **@egb2018** to **81010** OR Email: **egb2018@mail.remind.com**
 - Charms is our accounting system that parents/students can use to track fundraising goals. Go to **www.charmsoffice.com** to access the system. Click on the Parents/Students/Members tab. Our School Code is **GoldenBrigade**, and your default log in is your **FUSD Student ID**.

Football Game Day Information

Students stay after school on the day of football games. Students should plan on bringing a meal from home, or they may opt to order dinner from the meal selections provided. Optional dinner selections with prices are posted in the band room on Mondays prior to games; vegetarian choices are always made available. We try to keep costs reasonable, and most can eat for around \$5.00 or less. Meals are delivered around 4:30pm on game days. *Students are responsible for bringing enough cash to cover the cost of any food that they order.* Although we try to have some extra available for purchase, if your student is not at school earlier in the week or is otherwise unable to order dinner, you may contact Louisa Hernandez **herdezlouisa@gmail.com** up to the morning of game day to order food for your student.

Home game dress: Marching Band uniform, long black socks, plain white t-shirt, dark shorts
Away game dress: EHS Golden Brigade uniform t-shirt, jeans

How do Boosters help at events?

As of August 2015, all adult/parent chaperones must have fingerprints on file with FUSD in order to chaperone school events. What this means is that, in addition to completing the Volunteer Application, you must have LiveScan done at the District satellite office at 850 N. Blackstone Ave. (SE corner of Blackstone and Lewis) if you plan on chaperoning any events during the year. There is a \$50 fee that we have confirmed will be waived for our group. We will be collecting applications at the beginning of the year in order for Administration to send in all fee waivers in one batch. Once the waivers are approved, you will be given further instructions. If you have been fingerprinted since August 2015 or are a current FUSD employee, you need only complete the Volunteer Application and return it to Mr. Feyma.

Football Games

- Chaperoning students on busses
- Collecting orders and delivering dinner before football games to band
- Fitting, altering and issuing uniforms to students
- Clearing the band area at stadiums
- Chaperoning students on busses
- Distributing shakos and plumes to students at each home game
- Helping push pit instruments and equipment onto the field for performances
- Distributing water during games
- Monitoring the band area during games and halftime
- Pulling band trailers to and from events

Parade/Field Show Competitions

- Chaperoning students on busses
- Setting up and breaking down “camp”
- Providing meals, snacks and water when appropriate
- Assisting students with uniforms, shakos, plumes and instruments, make-up and hair
- Helping push pit instruments and equipment onto the field for performance
- Pulling band trailer to and from events

Winter Percussion/Winter Guard Competitions

- Chaperoning and providing transportation for students
- Setting up and breaking down “camp”
- Providing meals, snacks and water when appropriate
- Assisting students with uniforms and instruments, make-up and hair
- Helping push pit instruments and equipment for performance
- Pulling band trailer to and from events

Uniforms

Each marching band member will be fitted for and receive an Edison band uniform to check out and use for the marching band season. Each *first year* band student will receive a pair of shoes included with his/her uniform. Shoes are ordered during the first couple weeks of school once all sizes have been gathered. Returning band students needing new shoes will need to purchase them or look through the extra shoes bin to see if any fit. *Please see Dede Glaser if you need new shoes.*

- Uniforms are to be on the hanger and in the zipped garment bag provided when not in use. Please hang the uniform properly to prevent wrinkles and damage.
- Gloves, shoes, gauntlets, and berets are to be stored in the bottom pouch.
- Uniforms are only to be worn by the person it was assigned.
- Do NOT eat or drink in uniform – water is OK.
- Do NOT machine wash your uniform (see cleaning information below). Uniforms will need to be cleaned periodically throughout the season. Students and parents will be notified of those times.
- Students will be held responsible for destroyed uniform parts, lost/unreturned uniforms and damage beyond normal wear and tear (see replacement costs below).
- Students will be honorable and represent the Golden Brigade while in uniform (including band “spirit wear”). They will abstain from offensive language and gestures and will be polite and respectful at all times.

Uniform Cleaning:

You may use any dry cleaner you are comfortable with, but we have researched some for your convenience. Prices may vary, and we cannot guarantee pricing for others not listed.

Martinizing Dry Cleaners – 5627 E Kings Canyon Rd, Fresno, CA 93727 (Kings Canyon & Clovis)
Phone: (559) 251-7117 \$12.41 – includes pants, jacket, 2 gauntlets, & sash

Express Cleaners – 5730 N 1st St, Fresno, CA 93710 (Bullard & First St)
Phone: (559) 261-1200 \$13.80 – includes pants, jacket, 2 gauntlets, & sash

Club Cleaners – 6027 N Figarden Dr, Fresno, CA 93722 (Fig Garden Loop)
Phone: (559) 276-6910 \$ 12 – includes pants, jacket, 2 gauntlets, & sash

Club Cleaners – 1840 Shaw Ave Ste 101, Clovis, CA 93611 (Shaw & Fowler)
Phone: (559) 323-7700 \$9 – includes pants, jacket, 2 gauntlets, & sash

Bullard Cleaners – 1731 W Bullard Ave Ste 107, Fresno, CA 93711 (Bullard & West)
Phone: (559) 261-0877 \$12 – includes pants, jacket, 2 gauntlets, & sash

Gloves can be hand or machine washed. There is no need to dry clean them.
Be sure to allow 4-5 business days for cleaning.

Uniform Wearing/Changing:

Students are to wear a solid white T-shirt and dark colored shorts under the uniform. There will be times that students will be changing out of their uniforms in front of each other or in public view, so this helps for privacy reasons as well as helping to keep the uniforms clean. Guard is generally provided a private place to change.

Uniform replacement costs:

Coat - \$200	Plume - \$25	Shako Box - \$20
Sash - \$40	Whole Uniform - \$435	Garment Bag - \$20
Gauntlet - \$40 each	Whole Uniform - \$435	Hanger - \$5
Bibbers - \$80	Shoes - \$45	Gloves - \$4
Shako - \$50		Beret - \$10

Instruments

Your student has had or will have a chance to check out a school instrument. However, you may also choose to rent or purchase an instrument on your own for your student to use. Whether your student uses a school instrument, a private rental or his/her personal instrument, he/she is responsible for keeping it safe and in good condition. Should an instrument require repair or maintenance, it is recommended that your student consult Mr. Feyma first. Below is a list of resources for purchase or repair of instruments or simply if your student is in need of supplies.

Purchase

- Gottschalk Music Center, 328 Pollasky Ave, Clovis, CA 93612, (559) 298- 4400
- Horn Shop, 4337 N Golden State Blvd # 106, Fresno, CA 93722, (559) 276-2247

Repairs and Instrument Supplies

- Gottschalk Music Center, 328 Pollasky Ave, Clovis, CA 93612, (559) 298- 4400
- Horn Shop, 4337 N Golden State Blvd # 106, Fresno, CA 93722, (559) 276-2247
- Patrick's Music Etc., 769 E Barstow Ave., Fresno, CA 93710, (559) 224-7287
- Guitar Center, 5330 N Blackstone Ave, Fresno, CA 93710, (559) 221-2222
- American Music Company, 2597 E Ashlan Ave, Fresno, CA 93726, (559) 221-0233
- Bentley's Drum Shop, 4477 N Blackstone Ave., Fresno, CA 93726, (559) 222-5011
- Woodwind Brass Wind (online only) www.wwbw.com

Edison Golden Brigade Fundraising 2019-2020

Although Fresno Unified School District does give some money toward the music program it is not nearly enough to run a significant program such as ours. In order to provide a fun and rewarding program for our students, it is necessary to constantly be fundraising. Last year, we rolled out the Charms system for families to track contributed amounts online at any time, rather than waiting for a statement from the board.

The Golden Brigade Budget for the 2018-2019 year was \$72,000 plus an additional \$10,000 for Winter Season. This amount is arrived at based on the expenses we expect to incur during the course of the school year. We have not yet finalized this year's budget, but we do not expect any significant changes. We work hard to keep our expenses down and utilize the resources we have available. Most bands our size have much larger budgets with costs per person upward of \$1,000; we try to keep our expenses to around \$500 per student.

We are requesting that each Golden Brigade family set their fundraising goal at \$500 per student to help us reach our budget. This can be accomplished through direct donation, fundraising or a combination of both. We provide several fundraising opportunities throughout the year including our primary fundraiser, Save Mart Center concessions. Since a majority of our expenses are paid in the first few months of the season, cash donations are always appreciated, especially early on in the school year. We accept cash, credit cards, and checks/money orders (*made payable to "EHS Golden Brigade Boosters"*). We are an IRS 501(c)3 non-profit organization, and all cash donations are tax deductible to the extent of current tax law (please consult a tax professional). Donations should be put in a clearly marked envelope including Student Name, Purpose of the Donation, and Amount Enclosed. There is a locked Booster Box on the wall in Mr. Feyma's office where these envelopes are to be deposited. Envelopes are available to the students on the wall above the box. We also have sponsorship brochures available should you know a company or anyone else interested in donating larger sums. Donation letters are typically sent out within 30 days of receipt of the donation.

Your donations and fundraising efforts help make possible:

- Participation & entry fees to competitions & parades for the Marching band season in fall
- Participation & entry fees to festivals for the Concert Band season in spring
- Purchase field show and winter season music & drill
- Appreciation to band and guard technicians to increase personalized instruction
- A new band t-shirt for the current season
- A pair of shoes & a pair of gloves to all *first-year* band members
- Meals & snacks at competitions & parades
- Senior Dinner and end of the season reception & awards
- Trailer expenses
- Uniform expenses not covered by the district
- Supplies for the various band events
- Drum Major camp for instructional training
- Leadership training for student leaders
- Sound system expansion and maintenance
- Sousaphone rental from Fresno State

Fundraisers that are currently planned for this year:

(subject to change)

August: Band Camp Car Wash, Ready Set Fund!

September: Fresno Fair Ride Wristbands

October: Doug Out Cookie Dough

November: Save Around Coupon Books

December: See's Candy

January: Applebee's Breakfast Fundraiser

February: See's Valentine Candy

March/April: Jamba Juice Discount Cards

May: McDonald's McTeacher Night, Spring Car Wash

In addition to these monthly fundraisers, our most significant and consistent fundraiser is through working concessions at the **Save Mart Center (SMC)**. *Contact Monica Garcia at changis@yahoo.com with your name, your student's name, email address and cell number if interested in volunteering.* Multiple people can earn on behalf of your student. Every time you work an event you can earn \$45 or more per event towards your fundraising goal. Some of the larger events can even be as much as \$100 or more.

We want all students to be able to participate without financial pressure at home. If financial donations and fundraising are a hardship for you, please contact Mr. Feyma or Gabriela Delgado (Treasurer and Spanish-speaker). There are options that can be worked out for hardships situations.

Winter Percussion and Winter Guard groups are extracurricular competition groups that meet outside of school hours and an academic grade is not earned by participant. Therefore, there is a required participation fee to help defer costs associated with the season. The season runs from January-March, with auditions usually in early December and practices beginning during Winter Break. This fee is generally payable at the time of acceptance into the group(s), not at time of audition, and varies from year to year depending upon the amount of the group's budget. Last year it was \$150 which was allowed to be paid in two installments of \$75 each. Look for additional information on these groups toward the end of marching season.

**** Tear off this page and return to Mr. Feyma by Friday, August 16th ****

Parent/Guardian, please take some time to read through this Golden Brigade Handbook and Uniform Policy with your band student so you are aware of the expectations of being part of the Edison High School Golden Brigade.

I have read and understand the Uniform Policy and the Golden Brigade Handbook and will comply with the information presented.

Parent/Guardian Signature _____

Parent/Guardian PRINT NAME _____

Parent/Guardian Email address _____

Parent/Guardian Cell phone number _____

Student Signature _____

Student PRINT NAME _____

Grade _____ Instrument _____

Volunteer Opportunities:

Check any/all areas you are interested in helping with or learning more about:

- Volunteer at Save Mart Center
- Help with Fundraisers
- Help serve Pre-Game Meals
- Serve as Football Game Support (roping off band section, distributing water)
- Help with Senior Dinner and Senior Events
- Help with Competition Meals
- Bus Chaperone (football games, competitions, festivals, etc.)
- Pull a trailer for football games and/or competitions
- Photography/Video
- Serve on the Booster Board or as a Committee Chair
- Other ways to help: _____

**If you have any questions, contact Karen Nishimura at gbboostermom@hotmail.com or any board member/team leader.