

# EDISON



## MARCHING BAND & COLORGUARD HANDBOOK

2014-2015

*Director: Mr. Robert M. Madrid*

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**[WWW.EDISONBANDS.COM](http://WWW.EDISONBANDS.COM)**

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## Letter from the Director

Dear Parents ,

Welcome to the Edison High School Band Program! I am excited to come on board as your new band director. I am filled with vision and strategy to take this band to the next level. This program is one of the most active in the Fresno area. My hope is for our program to become a leader in Fresno Unified School District in high quality performances and character. The Edison Band and Colorguard will continue to be known as a class act. Our program will thrive with the investment of highly motivated students and parents. This year I will focus all aspects of our program on the building blocks of success while propelling us toward my vision of being a top tier high school band organization. I invite the parents to be as involved as possible in support of your child's musical journey. I look forward to many great performances this year and a whole lot of fun! Thank you in advance for helping the Edison Band and Colorguard go to the next level and being key stakeholders in "Building a Legacy of Excellence"

Sincerely,

Robert M. Madrid  
Band Director  
Edison High School

## Behavioral Expectations

***Mutual respect is the general principal we apply to all people in all situations.***

1. Students are expected to show respect to the Band Director, all instructional staff, all adults and their peers.
2. Students are expected to be quiet and attentive when any adult is giving instructions to them.
3. Students are expected to be quiet and attentive during rehearsal. Students may raise their hand quietly when they have a relevant question or comment.
4. Students and parents are expected to calmly and respectfully address concerns with Mr. Madrid when necessary.

***We will care for our classroom, uniform and materials.***

1. Keep the classroom neat and clean at all times. Put things away when they are not in use.
2. Eating is not allowed in the band room. Gum is not allowed in the room or while playing.
3. Please take care of your instrument and do not use other students' instruments.
4. Please take care of your uniform and follow all uniform instructions given to you.
5. Eating is not allowed in uniform.

***We will be on time and prepared for rehearsal and performance***

1. Come prepared with all materials including a pencil, drill, instrument materials etc. to all rehearsals
2. Be on time to all rehearsals and roll calls.
3. Students unexcused from rehearsals and performances may sit out upcoming performances.

***Students will maintain appropriate academic performance and school behavior.***

1. All students are required to maintain a 2.0, with no more than 2 F's in order to perform.
2. Students placed on suspension are not allowed to perform with the ensemble.

## GRADING

Students will be graded on the following:

### **Performances:**

Level 1 Performances = 100 Points Each (competitions, community parades, festivals)

Level 2 Performances = 50 Points Each (rallies, games, and recruitment during school)

### **Rehearsals:**

50 Points per rehearsal

### **Auditions:**

Auditions will determine part placement. Students will be given 20 points for performing the auditions and 1-5 points based on their performance level. There are 25 points possible.

### **Playing Tests:**

Playing Tests may be given at any time. Some tests will be announced and some will not. Playing tests are worth 20 points based off the quality of performance.

### **Documents:**

Students will be given 50 points for turning in necessary documents on time at the beginning of each semester.

## EXCUSE POLICY

*In the event that a student can not attend a rehearsal or performance the parent or guardian will be required to fill out an excuse form. The excuse form can be filled out on our website [www.edisonbands.com](http://www.edisonbands.com). Under the DOCUMENTS tab. If you do not have access to the internet, a hand written note signed by a parent will be accepted.*

### **Excused Absences:**

#### **Chronic or Contagious Illness:**

**Excuse must be turned in the day of the missed rehearsal or performance.** It is important especially in the case of a performance that the form be submitted in a timely manner. The student will be given a make up assignment to earn their grade for the missed performance or rehearsal that is due within 3 school days after their return to school. Make up assignments vary.

#### **Family Emergencies:**

Parents are responsible for making sure their child's school engagements are a priority, but unforeseen emergencies may be excused at the director's discretion. **Excuse form must be filled out within 24 hours of the emergency by a parent or guardian.**

#### **Special Engagements:**

Students may be excused for special engagements such as a wedding in the immediate family, personal quincenera etc. **These require an excuse form to be submitted at least 1 month prior to the event for consideration to be excused.** If the absence has been cleared the student will be given an assignment to make up the grade. Make up assignments vary.

#### **Unexcused Absences:**

Students will not be excused if an excuse form is not submitted in the appropriate time frame. Previous special engagements are excused at director's discretion.

## FINANCIAL CONTRIBUTIONS

The Edison Band and Colorguard are very active and increasingly competitive. Fresno Unified helps us with the cost of instrument repairs for school owned instruments and occasionally gives us allowances for new instruments. All other costs we must contribute to and fundraise for. We ask parents to give of their finances through the Band Booster Contribution and the Transportation Contribution. These contributions help us reach our financial goals and allow us to have resources at the beginning of the year

**The Band Booster Contribution is \$125.00 and may be paid in full or in payments of at least \$25.00 per month through December.** Band Booster Contributions go toward paying our competition fees, feeding our students at competitions, uniform needs and many other items.

**The Transportation Contribution is \$50.00 and should be paid in full by Sept. 2.** This contribution is needed to pay for the many busses that we will use throughout the season to travel to competitions. Bus transportation out town is at least \$1000.00 per bus. If you need alternative payment arrangements please contact Mr. Madrid **Payable to Edison High School Band Club**

*\*Additional contributions will pertain to students who choose to be part of winterguard and winter percussion in January. Specific information will be given by early December.*

## FUNDRAISING!

Fundraising is a vital part of our program. In order to make this a high quality experience for every student a significant effort in fundraising is required by all students and parents. **While fundraising is not part of a students' grade, it is expected that all students and parents will do their best to contribute toward our fundraising goals.** Our organization is worth funding! When every student and parent believes that our vision is worth the work, there is no telling what we can do!

## PARENT INVOLVEMENT

Along with raising a significant amount of money, our organization requires a significant amount of people power to pull off our performances. Please contribute your time and skills to the Edison Band Boosters as often as possible. I also would like to see you support your children in performance as often as you are able. Come to football games, band competitions and concerts! I encourage you to be involved in what your child is doing and form relationships with the other parents. You will never regret being involved in your child's musical journey and neither will they. I look forward to seeing you at numerous performances this school year.

## COMMUNICATION

There are several ways to be connected to all that we are doing in the Edison Band Program please take note of the following:

**Director: Mr. Robert M. Madrid email: [robert.madrid@fresnounified.org](mailto:robert.madrid@fresnounified.org)**

**Remind: Mass text system used for vital updates, reminders and schedule changes**  
*Information included in this packet.*

**Facebook: our official face book is titles Edison TigerBand**

**Website: [www.edisonbands.com](http://www.edisonbands.com) (excuse form, calendar and other information)**

# AGREEMENT FORM

Changes to this handbook will be added to the website with a date on the cover.

STUDENT NAME \_\_\_\_\_ SECTION: \_\_\_\_\_

Student Cell: \_\_\_\_\_

AT LEAST 2 PHONE NUMBERS REQUIRED

Parent/Guardian A: \_\_\_\_\_

Home Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Cell Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Work Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Emergency: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

AT LEAST 2 PHONE NUMBERS REQUIRED

Parent/Guardian B: \_\_\_\_\_

Home Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Cell Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Work Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Emergency: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

I have read and understand the Edison High School Band and Colorguard handbook. I understand that if I check out a school instrument I am responsible for damage beyond general wear and tear. I also understand in the unlikely event that my instrument is stolen, I am responsible to make a police report and furnish a copy to Mr. Madrid in order for the instrument to be replaced by district insurance.

Parent Guardian printed  
name \_\_\_\_\_ Signature \_\_\_\_\_

Student Printed  
Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Signature \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_ Check here if you are a colorguard parent that has read and understood the Colorguard appendix.



# Edison High School Tiger Marching Band and Colorguard *Fresno, CA*

The Colorguard handbook serves as an appendix to the one given to all students. All information in the main handbook applies to colorguard. This handbook serves to inform parents and students of items that apply specifically to colorguard.

## REHEARSALS

Colorguard meets as a class 7th period daily.

Tuesday Night 5:30-8:30PM

Thursday Night Colorguard 4:00-7:00PM

Saturday rehearsals 9:00AM-5:00PM

Game day rehearsals till 5:00PM

See Calendar for Saturday rehearsals and game days.

## FALL FINANCES

Along with the band students, colorguard is expected to contribute to the following as outlined in the main handbook.

- **\$125 band booster contribution (more information in band booster packet)**
- **\$50 transportation contribution, payable to Edison High School Band Club**
- **All Colorguard members are expected to contribute to our organization wide fund-raising goals**

### Items the Contribution Covers:

shoes, t shirt, uniform, meals at competitions, flags, flag equipment

### Extra supplies needed (out of pocket expense)

Nude ever dry gloves \$14.00

Make up (foundations, black eyeliner, hair ties, bobby pins) \$20.00 or less

Body tight \$18.00

### Optional supplies:

T shirt and Duffle bag \$ 22.00

## WINTERGUARD FINANCES

Winterguard Contribution is \$100.00. We will begin collecting the contribution in January.

### Items included in the Winterguard Contribution:

Show Fees: 3 shows and championships, meals at each show, uniform, a designated amount towards equipment needed.

### Supplies needed (out of pocket expense)

Make up and hair supplies \$20.00 or less

**Optional items:** dance paws, warm ups.

## PERFORMANCE QUALIFICATIONS

1. You must have a 2.0 GPA and no more than 2 F's in order to perform
2. Suspended students may not perform or attend performances during suspension
3. After your 5 tardies you can not perform at that week's event.
4. Unexcused rehearsal absence will result in not performing that week.
5. Unexcused absences to a performance will result in a lowered grade and sitting out the next performance as well.
6. 3 Unexcused rehearsal absences results in sitting out the season.
7. 2 Unexcused performances results in sitting out the season.

### **Auditions:**

Members spots will be given by ability, responsibility and reliability. Determinations will be made through an audition process and at the instructors discretion.

### **NOTE:**

*All equipment damaged beyond general ware and tear must be replaced by guard member.*

