

**INTEROFFICE CORRESPONDENCE**  
**LOS ANGELES UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT**  
**BEYOND THE BELL BRANCH – Music & Entertainment Education**

**TO:** Senior High School Principals  
Attention: Instrumental Music, Drill Team & Auxiliary Unit Teachers

**DATE:** August 22, 2016

**FROM:** ~~Alvaro Cortés~~, Senior Executive Director  
Beyond the Bell Branch

**SUBJECT: REQUEST FOR PARTICIPANTS IN THE 2016-2017 ALL-DISTRICT HIGH SCHOOL HONOR MARCHING BAND**

For over forty years, the All-District High School Honor Marching Band has provided brass and percussion instrumental students, drill team, and auxiliary unit students with the opportunity of expanding concepts and skills in music and marching dynamics. The Band also showcases outstanding student achievement in the marching arts.

In accordance with the following instructions, teachers of instrumental music, drill team, and auxiliary units in senior high schools are requested to submit names of students for membership in the All-District High School Honor Marching Band. Three hundred sixty members are needed.

Honor Band students under the direction of Anthony L. White and staff, will participate in the Tournament of Roses Parade on January 2, 2017, Disneyland, Band Fest and other special events. **Rehearsals are scheduled for October 1, 8, 15, 22, 29; November 5; December 3, 10, 17–23, 26–28, 29, 30, 31, 2016 and January 2, 16, 2017.**

Students who play trumpet or cornet, trombone, mellophone, baritone horn, or sousaphone are selected on the basis of teacher and administrator recommendation. Performance auditions for these students, will take place at rehearsals. Percussionists, drum majors, tall flags, baton twirlers, and shield carriers must audition. All students are asked to bring copies of their most recent report card along with the completed application to the audition to verify eligibility. **Please note that this year we are asking all students to provide their student identification number on their application. Also note due to the physical nature of this activity, students must be in physical shape to march and perform on their chosen instrument.**

**A. PROCEDURES**

- a. Each high school instrumental music teacher is asked to:
  - i. Select ten or more of the best and most reliable brass and percussion musicians who are capable of accepting responsibility. All brass students should be able to play the B flat concert and chromatic scale, be able to produce a good tone and have an understanding of rhythm. Students will also be assessed by the All-District Band staff to determine placement and eligibility in the program
  - ii. Return a completed application with signed parent consent form (Attachment A) and transportation form for each selected student. Forms must be submitted by no later than November 4, 2016. Please verify grades for all students.
  - iii. Inform students who play marching percussion (snare drum, tenor drums, bass drum and cymbals) that auditions will be held on Saturday, September 17, 2016 at El Sereno MS.
- b. Teachers of students who wish to apply as drum majors, tall flags, and shield carriers are asked to:
  - i. Identify students who may wish to audition for these positions.
  - ii. Provide a copy of the application, parent consent form (Attachment A) and the tryout information to interested students.
  - iii. Return a completed application with signed parent consent form (Attachment A) and transportation form for each selected student. Forms must be submitted by no later than November 4, 2016. Please verify grades for all students.

**B. AUDITIONS**

- a. For Drum Majors, Shield Carriers, Flags and Baton Twirlers:  
Saturday, September 17, 2016 @ 9:00 a.m.–4:00 p.m.

**b. Drum Major Audition Guidelines**

**i. Drum Major candidates:**

1. Will draw numbers for order of performance
2. Must be a drum major/assistant drum major at their home school
3. Perform in their home school uniform

**ii. Judging Criteria**

1. Poise and carriage
2. Marching style
3. Precision of signals
4. Voice and whistle commands
5. Baton techniques and signals

**iii. Each student will perform as follows**

1. At the simulated goal line, give the following oral commands: "Parade Rest" and "Attention"
2. Give command for "About Face" and then proceed downfield
3. At the simulated 20-yard line, give signal for roll-off and conduct. Tempo should be from 130 to 150 beats per minute
4. At the simulated 40-yard line, five signals for "Mark Time" and then "Forward March"
5. At the simulated 50-yard line, give signal for "Column Left"
6. Proceed to the sideline and give signal for "Halt" and "Music Cut-off"
7. Execute "About Face" and salute
8. Quality of response to leadership questions
9. Bring completed forms as described in Section A

**c. Shield and Tall Flag Audition Guidelines**

**i. Shield and tall flag candidates:**

1. Should wear comfortable and appropriate clothing and footwear for learning and performing routines
2. Should be a current member of their school's auxiliary program
3. Bring their own equipment, if needed
4. Will learn and perform a routine as part of the audition process

**ii. Judging criteria includes:**

1. Poise and carriage
2. Flag and/or dance techniques
3. Ability to learn and execute routines
4. Perform in time with music
5. Bring completed forms as described in Section A

**d. Percussion Guidelines**

**i. Percussion candidates (snare drum, tenor drum, bass drum and cymbal):**

1. May audition on a maximum of two instruments
2. Must bring sticks and/or mallets. Cymbals will be provided

**ii. Judging criteria includes:**

1. Ability to perform a drum cadence or marching percussion exercise while marching in place
2. Ability to sight read and perform a musical excerpt. Music will be provided at the audition
3. Ability to demonstrate proficiency on their chosen instrument

**iii. All percussion equipment will be provided at the audition**

**iv. Bring completed forms as described in Section A**

For more information, please contact Anthony White at 213-241-7900 or via email at [anthony.white@lausd.net](mailto:anthony.white@lausd.net).

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**TO:** Anthony L. White, Coordinator  
 BTB – Music & Entertainment Education

**DATE:** August 22, 2016

**FROM:** \_\_\_\_\_ High School  
 (School Name)

**SUBJECT: APPLICATION FOR MEMBERSHIP IN THE ALL-DISTRICT HIGH SCHOOL HONOR MARCHING BAND 2016-2017 SEASON**

**Open Enrollment from September 1<sup>st</sup> to October 31<sup>st</sup> – APPLICATIONS DUE ON NOVEMBER 4, 2016**

☐ Musician (Specify Instrument): \_\_\_\_\_

☐ Baton Twirler      ☐ Drum Major      ☐ Shield Carrier      ☐ Tall Flag

\_\_\_\_\_  
 Student Name

\_\_\_\_\_  
 Student ID Number

**Address:** \_\_\_\_\_  
 Number, Street & Apt #      City      Zip Code

\_\_\_\_\_  
 Telephone Number

\_\_\_\_\_  
 Grade

\_\_\_\_\_  
 Birthdate

\_\_\_\_\_  
 Years in the Group  
 (including this year)

\_\_\_\_\_  
 E-mail Address

*Rehearsals are scheduled for October 1, 8, 15, 22, 29; November 5; December 3, 10, 17–23, 26–28, 29, 30, and 31, 2016. The band and auxiliary will be performing at Disneyland on December 29, 2016, BandFest on December 30, 2016, the Tournament of Roses Parade on January 2, 2017, and the Kingdom Day Parade on January 16, 2017. Other events to be announced at a later date. If accepted for membership in the LAUSD All-District High School Honor Marching Band, I agree to maintain a 2.5 grade point average, stay in good standing with my home school program, and to attend rehearsals and performances, including the Tournament of Roses Parade on January 2, 2017 and the Martin Luther King Parade on January 16, 2017.*

\_\_\_\_\_  
 Student Signature

\_\_\_\_\_  
 Parent/Guardian Signature

\_\_\_\_\_  
 Teacher Signature

\_\_\_\_\_  
 Administrator Signature

**ALL FOUR (4) SIGNATURES ARE REQUIRED. SCHOOLS WITH NO MUSIC PROGRAM MUST HAVE A SCHOOL ADMINISTRATOR SIGN BOTH THE TEACHER AND ADMINISTRATOR SECTIONS**

**PLEASE NOTE:** "By signing, I give the Los Angeles Unified School District permission for my son/daughter's image and likeness to be used for the All-District High School Honor Marching Band recruitment and publicity publications. This may include photographs and videos in district publications and websites. No personal information will appear with the any photographs or videos."

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**PARENT'S OR GUARDIAN'S PERMISSION FOR FIELD TRIP AND AUTHORIZATION FOR MEDICAL CARE**

To the Principal of \_\_\_\_\_ High School  
(School Name)

Name of Student: \_\_\_\_\_ has my permission  
to participate in field trips in 2016–2017 school year with the All-District High School Honor Marching Band as follows:

DATE	TIME	LOCATION
October 1 October 8 October 15 October 22 October 29 November 5	9:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.	El Sereno Middle School
December 3	9:00 a.m. – 11:00 p.m.	Band and Drill Team Championships
December 10 December 17–23, 26–28	9:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.	El Sereno Middle School Dodger Stadium / El Sereno MS
December 29	9:00 a.m. – 10:00 p.m.	El Sereno MS / Disneyland
December 30	9:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.	El Sereno MS / Pasadena
December 31	9:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.	Dodger Stadium
January 2	5:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.	El Sereno MS / Pasadena / El Sereno MS
January 16	9:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.	El Sereno MS / Los Angeles / El Sereno MS

Transportation will be by school as explained in the All-District High School Honor Marching Band transportation schedules. Students should bring a sack lunch without liquids. I agree to direct my child to cooperate with directions and instructions of the school district personnel in charge of this activity.

**PARENTS, PLEASE NOTE:**

Section 35330 of the California Education Code states in part: "All persons making the field trip shall be deemed to have waived all claims against the district or the State of California for injury, accident, illness, or death occurring during or by the reason of the field trip or excursion."

\_\_\_\_\_  
Parent or Guardian's Permission Signature

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

**AUTHORIZATION FOR MEDICAL CARE**

Should it be necessary for my child to have medical care while participating in the All-District High School Honor Marching Band, I hereby give the School District personnel permission to use their judgment in obtaining medical care for the child, and I give permission to the physician selected by the School District personnel to render medical care deemed necessary and appropriate by the physician. I understand that the School District has no insurance covering such medical and hospital costs incurred for such treatment shall be my sole responsibility.

Name of Student: \_\_\_\_\_

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

Home Address: \_\_\_\_\_

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

Parents/Guardians Name: \_\_\_\_\_

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

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

Telephone: \_\_\_\_\_

☐ PLEASE CHECK HERE IF INSTRUCTIONS FOR SPECIAL MEDICAL TREATMENT FOR THE STUDENT ARE ON FILE IN THE SCHOOL