



Rockdale County High School Band

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Dear Parents, Guardians, and Students,

I hope that you have had a great school year thus far and are looking forward to the summer break. Plans for the 2010-11 RCHS Concert and Marching Band programs are already underway. These plans cannot be successful without the commitment of dedicated, hard working, and talented musicians currently at RCHS and coming to RCHS from our county middle schools. By receiving this letter, your child has already indicated a desire to be in the RCHS band program. Now is the time to make the full commitment to the RCHS Band Program.

The RCHS Band Program has a history of excellence. From consistent superior and excellent ratings at GMEA Large Group Performance Evaluations and local events to consistent superior, excellent, and placement awards at a variety of marching contests and festivals, the RCHS Band has a high standard of excellence and has very high goals for each student. Each year the RCHS Band has students earn Superior and Excellent ratings at Solo and Ensemble Festival and earn positions in the District Honor Band. Frequently, RCHS has students earn positions in the Governor's Honors Program and the All-State Band. All students have the opportunity to audition for and participate in a variety of ensembles that have included Jazz Band, Percussion Ensemble, Winter Guard, Brass Ensemble, and Spring Musical Orchestra. Student leadership opportunities within the RCHS Band are also available each year. This year our bands have won many awards at marching band competitions and at Large Group Performance Evaluation. Our Jazz Band continues to be a source of excitement and pride in our community as well as our division AAA Gold Medalist and AA Bronze Medalist Winter Guard. Our county-wide drum line, HeRoS, is also highly successful.

Attached to this letter is information regarding the RCHS Band Program. This information is a summary of the major pieces of information you will need in order to make an informed and wise decision about the RCHS Band. Please note important dates (especially band camp), band expenses, and other vital information for preparation for the 10-11 season. **Please note the policy on student physicals for marching band members.**

Attached is a band commitment form. The band commitment forms and a \$50.00 non-refundable deposit are due no later than **Friday, April 23rd**. These forms and deposits are to be given to your child's band director, mailed to RCHS, or hand delivered to RCHS. Available on our band website is our handbook. Checks or Money Orders are to be made to the RCHS Band Booster Association. The handbook includes our band policies, award system, attendance policies, disciplinary system, and other pieces of information for each student participating in the RCHS band. Please be sure to read through the handbook for vital information regarding our band.

I look forward to teaching each student next year. Feel free to contact me at any time with questions regarding next year's band. The band room phone number is 770-483-8754 ext. 231 and my e-mail address is sstanton@rockdale.k12.ga.us. Be ready for an exciting band experience!

Sincerely,

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