



Dear Forney Band,

Summer band camp is just about here! I hope you all had a wonderful summer and enjoyed your time indoors in the cool AC, but it's time once again to brave the Texas heat and begin summer band camp.

**Student safety is our top priority** as we move into this new school year. Each student will be issued two official Forney Band face masks to be worn any time not actively playing their wind instrument. Social distancing will be adhered to throughout the season, and ALL of our full summer band camp will be conducted outdoors, hence the change in rehearsal times below. With our summer band consisting of two blocks of rehearsal, a morning block and an evening block, please begin making arrangements for rides. All students will need to take their instruments home each day (except for tubas and percussion) as soon as rehearsal is over to avoid congregating and traffic jams inside the building. In the instance of bad weather, a plan is currently in place that allows for the students to be divided into four groups and socially distanced indoor while still being able to rehearse.

Here are the upcoming dates - some have been modified and some remain the same:

**Leadership Team** will start things up in just a few days with our Jones Leadership Clinic via zoom meeting on **July 20th** from 2:00 to 6:00pm. You will receive an email about this event soon. The following week the leadership team will meet **July 27 - 28** from 9am to noon then **July 29 - 31** from 10:30am - noon at FHS.

**Colorguard Camp and Drumline Camp** for all guard and percussion members is the week of **July 20-24**. Percussion will rehearse at the band hall from 8:00am to noon; 1:00 - 5:00pm. Color Guard rehearsal time has been changed to 7:00am to 11:00am and will be all outdoor.

The rehearsal schedule for summer band has been modified:

July 29 - 31: Full Band Fundamentals Camp- 7:30am to 10:30am outdoor; percussion will come back noon to 3pm.  
August 1, 3 - 7, 10 - 13: Full Band Camp - 7:00am - 10:30am outdoor; 6:30pm - 9pm outdoor  
August 14: FINAL DAY of Summer Band Camp & Parent Performance (tentative)- 7:30pm at City Bank Stadium  
7:00am - 11:00am outdoor; 6:30pm meeting for performance

Band Registration has moved ONLINE. It will be on our new website along with a payment portal.

UIL Physicals will be required for all students to participate in marching band. These must be on file with us BEFORE July 29th. You can email those to Mrs. Funk ([ecfunk@forneyisd.net](mailto:ecfunk@forneyisd.net)).

For these rehearsals, you need to wear shorts, t-shirts in light colors, and tennis shoes (no sandals, boots, Toms, etc.). **Bring a fresh jug of ice water EVERYDAY to rehearsal!** If you have been outside lately, I'm sure you've noticed **IT IS HOT!** Also, be sure to eat a good breakfast everyday before coming to rehearsal and constantly hydrate

with plenty of water throughout the day both before and especially after rehearsal. **AVOID** drinking *energy drinks or sodas* before or immediately after heat and athletic activity as these will have a negative affect on your body. Please bring your instrument to each and every rehearsal.

*Speaking of learning drill - get out your phone and download the Ultimate Drill Book app. We will be using this app in our rehearsals everyday as we did last year. Don't worry, if you don't own a smart phone we will still make you a coordinate sheet!*

I know most of you have been practicing away on the music given to you earlier in the summer. Those of you who have not been practicing *better start now!* Don't show up out of shape!!!

As for the directors this summer....

Mrs. Funk has been traveling all over the country spending time at the beach in Galveston, seeing the beautiful Rocky Mountains in Colorado, and seeing family in Missouri and Kansas!

Mr. Snead has been writing drill and designing shows for bands all over the state as well as spending time with his wife and son (who just celebrated his FIRST birthday)!

Mr. Jacobs has been diligently working with the percussionists, teaching lessons and getting ready for the school year - in between all his fishing and camping!

Mr. Warren spent time in Galveston at the beach, went on lots of bike rides, played piano and drumset as well as animal crossing! Very busy man!

The Newman family has been camping at state parks around Texas and made a little time for the beach but now we are rested, recharged and ready for BAND!

We will have a SUMMER BAND PARENT MEETING on July 17th at 7pm to discuss the changes in the schedule and the safety precautions being taken this year. The meeting link is here:

Topic: Forney Band Parent Summer Meeting  
Time: Jul 17, 2020 07:00 PM Central Time (US and Canada)

Join Zoom Meeting  
<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/87444126434>

Everyone show up ready to work and continue to prove to everyone else what we already know:  
We have the best band **IN THE STATE OF TEXAS!**

**PRIDE in excellence & HONOR from within!**

A handwritten signature in black ink, consisting of the letters 'CN' inside a hand-drawn oval.

**Cody Newman**  
*Director of Bands*  
*Forney High School*

## What are the NEXT STEPS that I can take care of right now?

Please complete the first THREE steps as soon as possible, the fourth step will be completed once our fee structure has been modified.

**Step #1 - Go to the Forney ISD Rank One website** and complete all required forms. These are for Forney ISD and the athletics department.

<https://forneyisd.rankonesport.com/New/NewInstructionsPage.aspx>

**Step #2 - Print the Physical/Medical History form below.** Take it to your doctor and complete your annual physical. Please be sure to fill out and sign all applicable signature lines.

*See below for form to be printed. Once completed, email to [ecfunk@forneyisd.net](mailto:ecfunk@forneyisd.net).*

**Step #3 - Print and fill out the band specific forms below.** They have been attached to the original policies and procedures document sent out in May. We have simplified this process by pulling just the pages that must be signed and returned - **Policies and Procedures Acknowledgement page, Band Medical Page, Band Volunteer form.**

*See below for form to be printed. Once completed, email to [ecfunk@forneyisd.net](mailto:ecfunk@forneyisd.net).*

**Step #4 - COMING SOON!** Once we have a final modification to our fees for band this year, we will email you a link to the new and improved band website to pay fees online.

So to sum in all up - steps #1 and #3 can be completed RIGHT NOW so you won't have to think about it. Step #2 involves a doctor visit. Please have this all taken care of by July 29th so we can ensure your student will be able to participate and not miss instruction.

Thanks so much for your quick response to these time sensitive items,

**Your Forney Band Staff!**

Dear Parents and Students of the Forney Band,

What an honor it is to begin this journey with you and your amazing students as the Director of Bands at Forney High School. Through my years of teaching band in Texas, I have learned many lessons, but none of them greater than this:

*The power of music in conjunction with a band program that builds the self image of its students is a transformative tool for student growth and maturity!*

Your student will learn discipline, responsibility, punctuality, teamwork, dedication, excellence, focus, leadership, and develop a lifelong love for music! I have seen students walk in the door, afraid of their own shadow, and walk out as seniors transformed into amazing adults ready to become the next leaders of our great nation.

What an exciting journey this will be!

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Thanks,



Cody Newman  
Director of Bands  
Forney High School

So that we may know that all members and parents have reviewed this copy of our policies, please sign the form below and return it to Mr. Newman. Thanks!

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We have received and read the 2020-2021 copy of the Forney Band Policies and Procedures, and will adhere to them.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Band Member PRINT NAME

\_\_\_\_\_  
Parent PRINT NAME

\_\_\_\_\_  
Band Member Signature

\_\_\_\_\_  
Parent Signature

**SIGN HERE**



## Parent/Guardian Approval and Release Form

### GENERAL INFORMATION

Campus: <b>Forney High School</b>	Trip Destination: <b>Band Destinations 2020-21 School Year</b>
Date(s): <b>2020-21 School Year</b>	Approximate times: Beginning _____ Ending _____
Purpose of trip: <b>Forney High School Band Performances and Competitions</b>	
Method of Transportation: <b>Forney ISD Transportation / Charter Bus</b>	Sponsor: <b>Cody Newman, Director of Band Forney High School</b>

In consideration of the Forney Independent School District agreeing to take my child on the reference school-sponsored field trip, I/we hereby give approval for his/her participation. I/we understand that in Texas, parents are responsible for the cost of medical treatment for a student injured on school property or while participating in a field trip activity, unless the injuries result from the negligent use or operation of a motor vehicle owned by the district (Texas Tort claims Act, Section 101.051, and the Texas Education Code, Chapter 22.051). \*

Should the world situation make it necessary for the administration of the Forney ISD to cancel student travel, parents and students must understand that the school district assumes no financial responsibility for any monies lost due to this action.

I consent to the release of health-related information to non-district personnel serving as sponsors/chaperones for the purpose of providing information necessary for the care and supervision of my child.

In the event of an emergency while my child is on the school-sponsored trip or while participating in field trip activities, I hereby grant permission to school district employees to take whatever action is deemed necessary. In the event I cannot be reached, I authorize school district employees to give consent for my child to receive medical treatment.

### STUDENT INFORMATION

Students' name:	ID#:	Grade	Date of birth:
Street address:	City:	Zip code:	
Parent/guardian name:	Home phone:	Cell phone:	
Parent/guardian name:	Home phone:	Cell phone:	
Emergency contact other than parent:			Phone:
Emergency contact other than parent:			Phone:
Insurance Company:	Group#:	Policy #:	
Health problems:		Allergies:	
Medication/time (prescription only): #1		#2	

Please indicate if your child will be getting a sack lunch from the school cafeteria. Yes  No  Not Applicable

Printed name of parent/guardian: \_\_\_\_\_ Signature: \_\_\_\_\_



**\*All students are encouraged to purchase student accident insurance.**

**Reminder Parents: All FISD chaperones going on field trips must submit a driver's license or state ID to be scanned through the campus RAPTOR system prior to attending a field trip.**

*Sponsor will maintain possession of this signed form during the trip and a copy will be provided to the principal (or designee).*

# FORNEY BAND

## Volunteer Form

ParentName: \_\_\_\_\_

We NEED volunteers! The success of the band program is dependent on help from our parents. Please look through the list of opportunities. Indicate where you would be interested in volunteering your time and talents. If you need more information, we will be available to answer questions at the Volunteer Sign-Up Station during registration. All activities have an Executive Board Member and/or chairperson to provide help and support. THANK YOU for your willingness to help.

- Concessions** - All families are encouraged to work at least 3 concession events throughout the year
- Chaperons** - Chaperon students on buses to and from games, in the stands and at competitions
- Equipment Crew** - Help load and unload the band trailer at games and competitions; help with construction of props
- Fundraising** - Communicate with local businesses regarding sponsorships, grants, and coordinate fundraising efforts
- Physician / Nurse** - Available for medical assistance at games and competitions
- Water Crew** - Help provide water to the students at games and competitions
- Spirit** - Organize homecoming decorations, Band Beau/Sweetheart ceremony, senior treat bags, booster shirts and spirit items.
- Photographer/Historian** - Organize photography, videos and help coordinate any media publications (approved by Directors first)
- Grillmasters / Meals** - Organize meals for the students on game days and competitions
- Freshman Parents** - act as a liaison between the boosters and the incoming freshman class

**Volunteers are required to have go through the Forney ISD volunteer verification system.**

**Please fill out the form through this link: <https://www.forneyisd.net/Page/258>**

Student Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Student Grade: \_\_\_\_\_

Parent #1 (PRIMARY POINT OF CONTACT): \_\_\_\_\_

Parent #1 Cell #: \_\_\_\_\_ Parent #1 Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Parent #2 : \_\_\_\_\_

Parent #2 Cell #: \_\_\_\_\_ Parent #2 Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Can we count on you to volunteer to help the Forney Band?

- Yes
- No

Parent #1 Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Parent #2 Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

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