



Welcome!

Thank you for visiting the Richardson Community Band. We hope you enjoyed your first rehearsal with us. We want you to know a little more about the band. If you have any questions not answered here, please check with a band officer, your Section Leader, a fellow band member, or the band's website at www.richardsoncommunityband.org.

PURPOSE: The purposes of the Richardson Community Band are to provide a community service to the city of Richardson; to provide a musical outlet for talented adult members of the community; to perform the finest available literature for concert band; and to foster an appreciation of concert band music.

MEMBERSHIP: If the section you wish to join is not full, membership is open to any area resident who: Exhibits satisfactory playing ability or potential; agrees to adhere to the Band's policies; gives regular attendance to rehearsals; and performs regularly with the group. A new member may be added to the Band's roster after attending three rehearsals and paying applicable dues. Members are expected to attend all rehearsals and concerts. Let your Section Leader know if you need to miss multiple rehearsals so that (s)he can be sure your part will be covered.

DUES: Dues are \$50 per year for individual members and \$80 per year for married couples who are members of the band. Dues are payable in September. For those joining after March 1, the dues are half the amount.

MUSIC: You may take your music home to practice, but please inform your Section Leader that you are taking the music home. Please be sure to return the music at the next rehearsal. If you need to practice just before a concert, make copies of the music you need, but leave the folder for use by other members. A copier is available in the band hall.

CONCERTS: We play a number of indoor concerts throughout the year, both in the Eisemann Center and at the Richardson Senior Citizens Center. During the summer, we play outdoor concerts on the lawn adjacent to the Richardson Civic Center and Library. We play every other Sunday evening to a large, appreciative audience that brings lawn chairs and, sometimes, picnic food to eat while we play. We are featured in the City of Richardson's Fourth of July fireworks show. During the Christmas season, we perform at the Senior Citizens Center and Santa's Village by the Civic Center. Small groups of members play at parks, malls, and other locations upon request. For the most current information on concerts, you may check the Band's web site at www.richardsoncommunityband.org.

ATTENDANCE POLICIES: To ensure productive rehearsals and to achieve the best possible concert performances of the band, attendance at Richardson Community Band rehearsals is expected according to the following policy:

Eisemann Series Concerts:

- A member may miss one rehearsal per concert preparation period;
- If a member misses a second rehearsal, the member must discuss the absence with the section leader;
- If it is necessary for a member to miss more than two rehearsals or if the member must miss the dress rehearsal (the rehearsal immediately preceding the concert), the member's performance at the concert will be determined by the section leader and/or the Music Directors.

Non Eisemann Series Concerts: If it is necessary for a member to miss more than one rehearsal, the member's performance at the concert will be determined by the section leader and/or the Music Directors.

ATTIRE: Outdoor concerts, the attire is as follows: White band shirt (may be purchased through the band); black shoes; black pants, long shorts, or skirt – *jeans may not be worn*.

Indoor concerts, the attire is as follows:

Men – white, long sleeve dress shirt (must be spread or button-down collar); black dress slacks; black dress shoes; black socks; and a black solid, long neck tie.

Women – (all black). Either:

- a black top with elbow-length or longer sleeves (wrist-length preferred) and mid-calf or longer black skirt –
or- a black dress with the same sleeve- and skirt-lengths just stated
- Black hose and black dress flats, pumps, or heels
- Although a long skirt or dress is preferred, you may wear black dress slacks if needed.
- No shiny or glittery elements.

EQUIPMENT: You'll need to provide a music stand for all outdoor and Senior Citizens Center concerts, and one or more instrument mutes, if required by the music. You might also consider purchasing an instrument stand, which comes in handy at times.

Again, welcome! We are glad you visited. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to ask a band officer, your Section Leader, or a fellow band member.