

**Desert Vista High School  
Thunder Marching Band  
“New Member Parent Information”**

**“Band Constitution”** (abridged!)

- Participation -
  - Brass / W.W. - enrolled in Concert Band ("Intermediate Band")
  - Percussion - enrolled in Beg. Percussion
- Rehearsals - (tentative schedule)
  - Mondays - 6-9 pm – *Stadium/ Full Ensemble*
  - Tuesdays - 3:30-6 *or* 6-8 pm – *Sectionals* (7 am - New Member help sessions)
  - Wed, Thurs & Fri - 6-7:45 am – *Practice Field*
- Attendance -
  - 3 absence rule
  - 3 tardies = 1 absence
- Behavior/Discipline -
  - Ambassadors for DV
  - Integrity - verbiage (profanity), values, conduct, etc.
  - Grades
- Schedule - (Note: Google [Calendar!](#))
  - Summer Rehearsals
    - Summer Kick-off Camp Starts May 25-27 (5-8 pm, ea. night)
    - Guard Kick-off Camp Starts May 25-27 (5-8 pm, ea. night)
    - Then... June 1-3 & 8-10 - All Members Practice (5-8 pm, ea. night)
    - **OFF: June 11 - July 11**
  - Pre-Camp (here) - July 13-15
  - Band Camp (Heber, AZ) - July 19- 24
  - Post-Camp (here) - July 27- 28 (6:00-9:00 **am**)
  - “All-Days” - 3 Saturday practices [August/September]
  - Football Games - Friday nights (August - November)
  - Competitions - Saturdays (September-November)
  - **Note: ‘Fall Break’ (Sun. Oct 3- Sun. Oct 10)**
  - Tukee Bowl - Fri Nov 12
- Transportation -
  - Provided
- Uniforms -
  - Winds/Percussion (standard uniform)
  - Guard (new every year...)
- Grooming -
  - Gentlemen
    - Hair length & facial hair
  - Ladies
    - French Braiding, piercing (jewelry)...

- Food -
  - Provided on Competition days
- Memory Checks -
  - Each “movement” or section of the show
- P.E. Credit -
  - 3 **complete** years
- Band ‘Varsity Letter’ -
  - 1 **complete** year
- Finances -
  - Sponsorships/ Fundraising (“built-in” & to be earned)
  - Total cost.... **TBD** Will be announced at May 18 Parent Meeting
    - Monthly Payments (1<sup>st</sup> payment - \$200, due May 30)
    - TAX CREDIT
- AUDITIONS! (This Saturday, May 15<sup>th</sup>) (9-11 am)
  - Requirements
    - Musical (Instrumentalists) or Spinning (Guard) technique
    - Marching and Movement/Dance (this is an ATHLETIC activity)
    - Attitude and Discipline
  - 95%+ entrance acceptance rate... but it IS an Audition.
  - About ‘Alternates’...
- Instrument Rental (Marching Band) -
  - Monday, May 24<sup>th</sup> (4-6 pm) - Band Room
- Website: [www.thunderband.org](http://www.thunderband.org)
  - Google [Calendar](#) (live) – left side
  - Marching Band – “Members’ Only” section (Password Protected)
  - Also - connect with [welcome@thunderband.org](mailto:welcome@thunderband.org)
  - Registration questions - [register@thunderband.org](mailto:register@thunderband.org)

Lastly... WELCOME!!!!!!!!!!!!!!