

## 2023-2024 Program Overview



## Incoming Students & Family Information

The band program at Lee High School is a vibrant community of students and families who cherish the musical performances, personal growth, inclusiveness and camaraderie that result from participating in award-winning ensembles. The program is led by Mr. Robert Poulin, whose enthusiasm and desire for excellence inspire students to perform at their best and truly love being part of the band. The following is a brief overview of the primary ensembles. For a calendar of band events and activities, including important dates for this coming summer and fall at [www.thefamousroberteleeband.com](http://www.thefamousroberteleeband.com).

### **MARCHING BAND AND COLOR GUARD**

The Marching Band is the flagship ensemble of our program. The largest organization on campus, the very popular and highly visible marching banders perform at football games as well as several competitions during the marching season. The band is known for high quality performances, entertaining and unique shows.

Its members learn and embody excellent character, discipline, and professionalism in all aspects of performance. Marching Band is a part of the band program that functions mostly as an extracurricular activity, with rehearsals and performances taking place outside of school hours. Every student enrolled in a band class is automatically a member of the marching band.

It's an amazing and unrivaled experience!

### **CONCERT BANDS**

The Concert Bands are the cornerstone of our band program here at Lee High School. They meet during the school day and include the Wind Ensemble (5A varsity), Symphonic Band (5A non-varsity), and the Concert Band Advanced (5A sub-non-varsity). Varying from year to year is the addition of a concert band and the applied music class. The band staff will always communicate when those classes are in effect.

***Parents: To ensure that your student is enrolled in a band class, please speak with your REL counselor early in the class registration process. Our counselors are amazing and will take care of it from there!***

### **JAZZ ENSEMBLE**

Jazz Ensemble is an additional music class offered by the band department as an elective you can take in addition to your main band class. This ensemble allows students to experience a different style of music, and even potentially play a different instrument (such as piano, guitar, or bass) than the one they play in concert band.

### **WINTER GUARD**

Winter Guard is an extracurricular visual performance ensemble that competes from January through April. This activity combines modern dance with flag, rifle, and saber choreography. Membership is open to anyone at Lee High School, with auditions in the late fall. Winter Guard typically practices 2-3 days a week after school, with competitions on Saturdays in the Texas Colorguard Circuit. For more information contact Charlie Michalsky at [cmichalsky910@gmail.com](mailto:cmichalsky910@gmail.com)

### **PERCUSSION SPECIFIC**

The percussion students are placed in a level appropriate percussion class that meets at the same time as the corresponding band class. They spend most of their time with Dr. Ice learning and practicing percussion specific curriculum and joining with the winds players when we are close to a performance.