

STUDENT/PARENT HANDBOOK



2026/2027

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Dear Parents, Guardians, and Students:

Welcome to another exciting year in the Esperanza Entertainment Unit – Bands, Guards and related activities. This school year, we will again produce an outstanding competitive and successful educational product for all the students involved, and I for one, can't wait to get started!

The Placentia–Yorba Linda Unified School District has always provided an excellent total music package for its constituency, offering experiences from wonderful teachers in the classroom and through the elementary and middle school music program. We are fortunate to have well-rounded students sign up to further pursue and develop their musical skills and experiences. The students in music at Esperanza earn and maintain very high GPA's and learn musical, personal, and life skills in this program.

All of us on staff recognize and appreciate the support of the parents – we need your help for all four years of your child's participation by being there, assisting through active participation in fundraising, and as project chairs. You will never know how much you miss if you do not “belong” to the Esperanza Entertainment Unit and all its activities.

We welcome your children, you, and your family to the biggest TEAM on campus- the Esperanza Entertainment Unit Family.

Sincerely,

Mr. Bradley A. Davis

Director of Bands, Esperanza High

President's Letter

Welcome to the 2025-2026 Esperanza Entertainment Unit! This organization comes with many years of pride and commitment as its tradition. As a member, you too will participate in its continuing legacy. The Unit is proud of its past and has nothing but high expectations for its future. But these expectations will not be realized without many hours of hard work and commitment on the part of the students and the parents.

Being a student member of the Unit will help you grow in the areas of self-discipline, teamwork, time management, leadership, and excellence in music. The four years you will put into the Unit will help you achieve many of your goals, as it has helped many of our past members as they went on to colleges and universities throughout the nation. The contents of this Handbook will help paint a picture of what the Unit is about and just how you as students and parents are a vital part of the process.

All the performances throughout the year require a great deal of behind-the-scenes help and planning. Most of these events are not district supported. They exist only through the financial support of the EEU's parents and sponsors. However, the rewards of being part of this great experience are priceless. By participating both physically and monetarily, your student will sense the pride and joy you have for them. While at times it might seem a little overwhelming, starting out small and slowly expanding your involvement will help ease you into what will hopefully be a four-year commitment to excellence. As in all organizations, the time and talents of its members, both students and parents, reflect upon its success. We are expecting an exciting and

memorable year and look forward to the outstanding performances by our students at all levels.

Students, take your involvement seriously. Practice and listen to your “coaches.” You are your best critic. Ask yourself, “Have I done everything possible for the good of the Unit?”

Parents, hopefully we will be sharing the bleachers at field shows or standing together at the curb and watching with pride as our sons and daughters march by.

Thank you in advance for your help. “Many hands make light work.” Here’s to a fun and successful year!

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Band Boosters

The purpose of the EEU Boosters is to promote and advance the interests of the Esperanza Entertainment Unit. As the bylaws state:

"The EEU Boosters is a nonprofit, non-political organization whose purpose is to provide support to the Director of Instrumental Music so that his or her efforts can be more fully dedicated to the musical education of the students of the Esperanza Entertainment Unit. This support includes clerical, financial, administrative, logistics and organizational assistance for the entire music program and its associated size."

Parental volunteer support is vital to the success of each activity and the entire program. There are a variety of volunteer activities you can support or lead. Details and sign up sheets are available during orientation, uniform fitting and Band Camp. If you need any information, just ask! We recognize this is an extra activity into an already busy schedule. We do hope, however, that all parents will adjust their schedules to volunteer and become part of the "Band

Experience” – you won’t regret it and your student will appreciate your participation and commitment. If everyone does something, no one will have to do everything. Keep an eye on our weekly emails for opportunities to help out.

The Boosters meet once a month for a General Association meeting, in the school band room at 7:00 pm. One parent or representative is expected to attend all meetings and they are usually over by 7:45 pm.



Sign up to help at [VolunteerSignup!](#)

Member Responsibilities

Responsibility to ourselves: We owe ourselves the benefit of proper equipment and proper lessons. Whenever possible, you should avail yourselves of the best possible quality instrument you can afford and endeavor to take private lessons. Group lessons at school only teach at a moderate level. YOU have the primary responsibility for learning and contributing your talent to the group. A list of recommended instructors can be obtained from the directors.

Responsibility to the school: The school district provides the necessary setting and facilities for our performances and some of the larger, more expensive equipment. The EEU Boosters are largely responsible for most of the other large purchases. We then have the obligation to provide the best possible performances for the school, community, and citizens of our area. This means, you agree to give up some of your free time on holidays and vacations for the entertainment of others. It also means that if the school owns your instrument, you are willing to take proper care of it (including repair or replacement, if necessary). Instrument insurance forms are available at the beginning of the school year from the directors.

Responsibility to each other: Getting along with each other in our complex society is indeed a difficult task all by itself. You have the obligation and responsibility to respect the rights of others. Antisocial behavior will breed the same from others. Excessive talking, rumors, and bad manners are all examples of antisocial behavior. Both in and out of uniform — treat others as you wish to be treated.

Responsibility for promptness and commitment to the program: These are two essential facts vital to the success of the organization. You must arrange your schedule so you are able to honor your commitment to the performing groups to which you belong. Remember, to be early is to be on time — to be on time is to be late — to be late is unthinkable.

Financial responsibility: We must be responsible for the cost of the uniforms and equipment, as well as transportation. While we receive a small amount of financial support from the school, it is not nearly enough to support the program to the extent that the community and the members themselves deem necessary. We have a very active, supportive booster organization. We invite parents to join this group and to help with its activities. The students are responsible for several fundraising events each year. It is reasonable to expect each member to participate equally in these projects or donate.

Responsibility for attendance: Attendance at scheduled rehearsals and performances is required for membership in the program. Excused absences are only allowed for the following reasons: weddings, funerals, and illness that requires a Doctor's care. Students who miss rehearsals or performances for reasons other than these will not be excused. Missing a performance for an unexcused absence will result in an automatic loss of 1 letter grade from their final grade (i.e. A-1=B). This policy applies to all performance ensembles, including Concert Groups, Colorguard, and Jazz Ensembles. All absences should be presented in writing at least two weeks in advance. Failure to appear at a scheduled practice or a performance will result in a reduction of grade for that grading period and possible suspension of performance privileges. It is impossible to "make up" a performance, and the other members carry an extra burden of someone else's inconsideration.

As a student member of the EHS Instrumental Music Department, understand that the performance culminates everything we work so hard at during the year. It is, therefore, essential to your fine arts education that you experience the performance of your art.

P.E./BAND/COLORGUARD ZERO PERIOD — 7:15-8:15 a.m. Daily

Because the marching band gets physical education credit and functions much like a sports team, the band utilizes physical conditioning as a means to promote group unity, focus and good performance skills. This conditioning may include push-ups, running, and other types of physical activity. If for any reason a student needs to be excluded from this type of activity, they should let the directors know, in writing, before band camp begins. Punctual and daily attendance is required.

WIND ENSEMBLES/SYMPHONIC BAND/COLORGUARD ZERO PERIOD — 7:15-8:15 a.m. Daily At the conclusion of marching season all students will be in a concert group. The two groups available are Wind Ensemble and Symphonic Band and are based on an audition process. These groups will meet simultaneously every morning. Winter guard will meet zero periods to complete their winter guard show.

JAZZ I, JAZZ II, JAZZ III—Daily

Jazz ensemble members will be chosen and placed by an audition process during the first week of band camp. Audition will include Improvising, Sight-reading, and a prepared Jazz Piece. The prerequisites for Jazz I are that members are required to be taking private lessons for jazz and enrolled in a zero period (band) performing ensemble. The prerequisites for Jazz II are that members are strongly advised to acquire private lessons and be enrolled in a zero period (band) performing ensemble. The prerequisite for Jazz III is that members are encouraged to take private lessons and are enrolled in a zero period (band) performing ensemble. Those student members of Jazz I & II are required to attend the California Jazz Championships Invitational April 23-26, 2026.

ENSEMBLE PLACEMENT

All ensembles are based on an audition process. Students are placed according to their strengths and areas of needed improvement. There are a

limited number of spaces available in the parade block, wind ensemble, jazz bands, and color guard. If you took lessons to get in, you should take lessons to STAY in.

STUDENT LEADERS

Student leaders, captains, and drum majors are chosen by the director through an application process that involves interviews and auditions. Student leaders are expected to be the role models for all EEU members.

ZERO TOLERANCE POLICY/PERFORMANCE ETIQUETTE

1. Tobacco, Alcohol, Drugs, Dangerous objects: All school guidelines are in effect for all Band and Colorguard activities. 2. Assembling to

Perform: The group will assemble together and move in an orderly manner (marching when instructed) to designated areas. 3. Football Games:

We will sit together (by sections) at football games. No visitors are allowed in the area. We are there to support the team.

4. Buses: Students will not board until instructed to do so. Students will remain on the bus and seated until instructed otherwise. Yelling is not permitted at any time. Moving from seat to seat is not permitted. Quiet talking is permitted. Buses are to be clean and free of trash at the end of all trips.

5. Public Display of Affection: Holding hands in full view is permitted on the bus only. Necking, hugging, kissing and so forth are NOT permitted. The staff will determine the boundaries of acceptable behavior.

6. Uniform Care: Jackets and trousers will be properly hung when not being worn. Nothing is to be placed in the garment bag except for the jacket and trousers. Eating or drinking (except for water) is NOT permitted when in uniform.

7. At the conclusion of all events, students should arrange to be picked up at school promptly at the designated pick-up time. Pick-up times are announced prior to the event.

**Remember - When you travel with the Band, you represent the band, your school, and the community. Anything you do, in or out of uniform, will reflect on the people you represent!*

UNIFORMS

It is the student's responsibility to see that his or her uniform remains in good condition. Students and/or parents are financially responsible for any damage caused to the uniform due to negligence or misuse. Uniforms will be stored at school in the Uniform Room. Students will return uniforms, properly hung on the hanger, to the uniform chairperson or assistants at the conclusion of each activity.

NO EATING OR DRINKING (EXCEPT WATER) IS ALLOWED WHILE STUDENTS ARE IN UNIFORM!

White V-neck T-shirt and Black basketball shorts: These garments are to be worn underneath the marching band uniform at all times.

Shoes: Shoes are to be perfectly cleaned before each performance. Both shoes should be labeled inside with the student's name. Shoes are Dinkle Formal and may be purchased at uniform fitting.

**Calf-length or longer black socks are required and are the responsibility of each Band member.*

Hair: Student's hairstyle is a part of their band uniform. There are several options as long as the students look like professional performers. Hair should be pulled back out of their face and not interfere with their vision. Examples of professionally acceptable hairstyles will be provided.

Make-up and Jewelry: Make-up, nail polish, and jewelry of any type are not allowed while in uniform. Please remember to leave your jewelry at

home. Chaperones will not be responsible for lost items.

Show t-shirt is required for all students to wear at assigned times and will be supplied free to all members. Students will be required to wear it to performances as assigned by the directors. Colorguard has their own performance day uniform.

EEU Band Sweatshirt: Each Band student is required to purchase an official EEU band sweatshirt, if they do not already have one from last year. The price of the sweatshirt is \$40 and will be due at Uniform Fitting.

Additional EEU logowear (T-shirts, Jazz polo shirts, sweatshirts, etc.) are available for purchase. An order form is available at ehseu.org. Parents are encouraged to wear EEU logowear to events to show support as well as identify you as a part of the EEU family.

JAZZ PERFORMANCE ATTIRE:

Jazz I: Black suit, black shirt, red based tie OR black dress or skirt or pants, and a black top

Jazz II: Black suit, white shirt, red based tie OR black dress or skirt or pants, and a white top

Jazz III: Black suit, white shirt, straight black tie OR black dress or skirt or pants, and a white top

CONCERT BAND PERFORMANCE ATTIRE:

Symphonic Band and Advanced Band: Black suit, white shirt, straight black tie OR a black dress (past knees when seated or with leggings), black skirt or pants and white top.

MARCHING BAND CAMP

Band camp is a required activity of all members of the marching band and color guard. This time of extensive instruction and rehearsal is a vital part of the program. The time a student misses during band camp is critical to the success of the group. Students who miss part or all of band camp severely endanger the success of the group and will likely begin the season as an alternate. The field show charting and music is taught at camp, so attendance is necessary.

Dates: Friday, July 31, 9 a.m.-noon (Freshmen Band Camp and Jazz Auditions)
Monday, August 3 – Friday, August 7 (First Week of Band Camp)
Monday, August 10 – Tuesday, August 11 (Band Camp and Uniform Fittings)
Time: 8:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. – Marching and Music

Celebration: Date TBA
Burger and "Show Preview" Night, ticket prices TBA
All parents and families are invited!

NEEDED FOR BAND CAMP:

- Tennis shoes and socks (required)
- Instrument and supplies needed
- Pencil
- Water (LARGE thermos ½ gal. minimum required– it can be hot!)
- Snack and Lunch (or lunch money to buy lunch off campus)
- Hat/visor
- SUNSCREEN, SUNSCREEN, SUNSCREEN!

EEU REGISTRATION AND UNIFORM FITTING:

On Wednesday, July 29, 2026, EEU students will be attending the EHS Registration Day. Prior to this Registration Day, we ask that students and a parent should come prepared with all of the necessary EEU registration paperwork completed. *(Please refer to page 18 for more information.)*

Uniform Fittings are in the Band Room the week of August 10, 2026, from 6 to 8 p.m. each night according to the following schedule. Parents will complete registration and bring a check for performance donation and other materials. Students should wear white v-neck t-shirts, black basketball shorts, black socks, and Dinkles (if currently owned):

Seniors, Freshmen AND All Colorguard Monday, August 10

Sophomores and Juniors Tuesday, August 11

REHEARSAL SCHEDULE

All rehearsals and performances are mandatory. All absences will be handled on an individual basis, however, only the most extenuating circumstances will be excused.

Zero Period: Zero period is required of all members of the marching band and color guard. Members must be on the field and ready to begin at 7:15 a.m., Monday through Friday. This is an everyday rehearsal. Musicians will have sectionals on Wednesday morning 8:30-9:00.

After School Practice: Scheduled after school and Saturday rehearsals and sectionals are required of all members. (SEE CALENDAR)

SHOW DAYS

Information regarding specific performances will be distributed as soon as possible. This information is sometimes unavailable until the week of the performance. The information given will include call times, return times, performance times and other pertinent details (meal plans, awards times and so forth).

On show days, students should remember:

- Report to the band room with polished shoes and clean laces – it is the student's responsibility to see that their shoes are clean and packaged and labeled with his/her name.
- Bring your own supplies for your instrument- valve oil, reeds, etc.
- Bring a change of clothes including your UNIT shirt- to be worn by all for unit morale and identity.
- Bring money for food, snacks, souvenirs, programs, etc.

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· Band sweatshirts should be brought for evening performances – it does get cold at some of the locations in the evening and after a hot day it can be very uncomfortable without something to put on.

· No make-up or jewelry should be worn for performances (earrings, rings, watches, nail polish, etc) unless it is a part of your specific uniform or costume (i.e., colorguard). This will cause deductions from judges.

STUDENTS ACADEMIC SCHEDULE

Students are required to be enrolled in a band class during the regular school day (periods 1-6). There will be no exceptions to this policy.

BAND BUDGET

The EEU budget is usually available for review during Uniform Fitting week in August. It is normally approved by the time of our first General Association Meeting held on Tuesday, September 1, 2026.

Our typical budget is \$95,000-\$105,000, depending on the number of students. As the band grows – so does the budget.

Typically, the budget breaks down as follows:

<u>Expenses (approximate)</u>	
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Fees for Instructors (not Directors), Clinicians, Field Show Charting, Percussion Charting, etc.	60%
Uniform Costs, Alterations, Cleaning, Props	10%
Insurance, Scholarships, Postage, Snacks, Misc. costs	17%
Competition entry fees for the Band, Colorguard, and Jazz Bands	13%
Revenue (approximate)	
Unit Contributions	59%
Fundraisers - Burger night, Meet 'n' Eat Nights, BBQ Dinner, Spring Concert, Family Orientated Events, Raise Right, Big Band Blowout, Aztec Jazz Festival, Bingo	40%

ASB Funds 1% *Note – Special events and trips are in addition to these estimates.

As you know, many of the extracurricular activities (i.e., Marching Band, Symphonic Band, Wind Ensemble and Jazz Bands) are not financially supported by the Department of Education. As such, a Student Performance Donation will be accepted in order to provide the financial support to continue these successful programs.

Due to our 501(3)C status, donations are non-refundable.

TRANSPORTATION FEES

The school district requires that every student involved in extracurricular activities pay a transportation fee to defray the costs of the buses for students. Transportation fees are CURRENTLY TBD, and are determined by the District. The fee is paid at EHS Registration on August 11 (not EEU Registration) and is payable to the Esperanza High School.

Note: this is not part of the EEU performance fee and the EEU has no control over setting the amount.

ASB CARD

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All EEU members are suggested to purchase an Esperanza ASB Card, as outlined in the EHS Student Handbook. This card is purchased for \$55 at EHS Registration. The holder of the card is entitled to discount admission to all home and away athletic events and reduced prices for the EHS Yearbook and dance tickets. Note: this is not part of the EEU performance fee and the EEU has no control over setting the amount.

MEDICAL RELEASE FORMS

As with all other school activities where students will be transported off campus, student members of the Entertainment Unit must have completed forms required by EHS and the district. These are due at EEU Registration. Please see page 18 for more information.

FUNDRAISING

Fundraising supplements individual contributions to meet the remaining 40% of the budget requirements of the EEU for the year. Important activities and various evenings sponsored by local restaurants, and a wide array of activities as arranged by the 2nd Vice President (Fundraising) and the Booster Executive Board. Possible fundraisers include Casino Night, Burger Night, Concerts, silent auctions, Meet 'n' Eats, or any others planned. We are also trying to increase the number of local business and corporate sponsors.

RAISE RIGHT (formerly eScrip) raiserright.com

Once you are registered, all purchases of gift cards through Raise Right to participating retailers will be credited to the EEU. A percentage, based on the retailer, being deposited into the EEU's account. 50% earned for EEU goes directly to the EEU and 50% earned goes directly to your student account to help with Performance Donations and other goods. You purchase your normal goods, and the Unit receives a percentage of the transaction. It couldn't be simpler. Please contact our EEU RaiseRight Coordinator or President to receive the EEU Enrollment code.

PERFORMANCE DONATIONS

The EEU Booster Board has reviewed the performance donations of music programs from comparable high schools in our competition classification, as well as the support requirements for many sports programs and other interscholastic competitive activities. As a result, this year's individual contributions are detailed in the following table.

The fall performance donations will be accepted at the time of Uniform Fittings the week of August 10. Consideration is given to families with more than one student as shown below. Please see the Booster President or Treasurer if you need to arrange an alternate payment plan. If there is a financial need, please speak to Mr. Davis (bdavis@pylusd.org).

	Winds	Colorguard	Percussion	Jazz	Date Accepted
Performance Donation (Payable to EEU)	\$500	\$500	\$550	\$175 (added to wind or perc.)	Week of 8/10
Band Sweatshirt (Payable to EEU)	\$40 (if required)	Warm-ups	\$40 (if required)	-	Week of 8/10
Transportation Fee (Payable to PYLUSD)	TBD	TBD	TBD	-	EHS Registration

*Additional fees for special trips, i.e. Reno Jazz Festival, Hawaii, Washington D.C., are determined as the event and logistics are planned.

Color Guard Additional Materials Fees (CG costumes, flags, poles, etc.)

Field Season	\$450 (new member) - Includes warmups, duffel bag, and flag bag
	\$255 (returning member)
Winter Season	\$325

In addition to the individual contributions, **parents** are required to volunteer their time and talent. This year, we anticipate over 100 students participating in the many parades, competitions, and other commitments. Parent volunteer support is vital to the success of each activity and the entire program. There are a variety of volunteer activities you can support or lead. Details and sign up sheets will be available during orientation, uniform fitting, and Band Camp. Ask if you need any information. We recognize this is an extra activity into an already busy schedule. We do hope, however, that all parents will adjust their schedules to volunteer and become part of the "Band Experience" – you won't regret it and your student will appreciate your participation and commitment. 1 PARENT/ADULT PER FAMILY IS REQUIRED TO ATTEND MONTHLY PARENT MEETINGS.

1 case of water (24 bottles) per student are requested at time of payment.

We are also requesting donations of tissues, Band-Aids, and 9-volt batteries.

Families with siblings concurrently enrolled in the EEU will reduce their performance donations by \$50 per student.

Make checks payable to: Esperanza Entertainment Unit (or EEU)

Zelle payments through your bank: treasurer@ehseu.org Esperanza Entertainment Boosters

Turn in payment with proper paperwork at the Uniform Fitting Nights in August

OR Mail to: Esperanza HS, Attn/ Brad Davis, 1830 N. Kellogg Drive, Anaheim, CA 92807

[Band Performance Donation Sheet](#) [Color Guard Performance Donation Sheet](#) [EEU LogoWear Order Form](#)

Esperanza Entertainment Unit TENTATIVE Schedule as of April 27, 2026

Routine Weekly Rehearsals:

Monday Night Percussion 3:45-5:45 (Sept.-Dec.)

Wednesday Night Percussion 3:45-6:45 (Dec.-May)

Monday Guard Rehearsal 3:45-5:45p.m. Year-round

Wednesday Winterguard 6:00-9:00p.m. (Winter Season - Begins after Thanksgiving Break)

Wednesday Night Rehearsals (everyone)- 3:50-6:50p.m. (Aug.-Nov.)

Thursday Sectionals (brass & woodwind) 3:45-5:45p.m. (Aug.-Nov.)

FIRST SEMESTER			
JUNE			
Jun 23, 2026	9:00am-1:00pm	Esperanza HS	Colorguard Summer Rehearsal
Jun 30, 2026	9:00am-1:00pm	Esperanza HS	Colorguard Summer Rehearsal (Freshman done at 12)
JULY			
Jul 6, 2026	3:45pm-5:45pm	Esperanza HS	Summer Percussion Rehearsal (Battery & Pit)
Jul 7, 2026	9:00am-1:00pm	Esperanza HS	Colorguard Summer Rehearsal
Jul 8, 2026	3:45pm-5:45pm	Esperanza HS	Summer Percussion Rehearsal (Battery & Pit)
Jul 13, 2026	3:45pm-5:45pm	Esperanza HS	Summer Percussion Rehearsal (Battery & Pit)
Jul 14, 2026	9:00am-1:00pm	Esperanza HS	Colorguard Summer Rehearsal (Freshman done at
Jul 15, 2026	3:45pm-5:45pm	Esperanza HS	12) Summer Percussion Rehearsal (Battery & Pit)
Jul 20, 2026	3:45pm-5:45pm	Esperanza HS	Summer Percussion Rehearsal (Battery & Pit)
Jul 21, 2026	9:00am-1:00pm	Esperanza HS	Colorguard Summer Rehearsal
Jul 22, 2026	3:45pm-5:45pm	Esperanza HS	Summer Percussion Rehearsal (Battery & Pit)
Jul 28, 2026	9:00am-1:00pm	Esperanza HS	Colorguard Summer Rehearsal (Freshmen done at 12)
Jul 29, 2026	3:45pm-5:45pm	Esperanza HS	Summer Percussion Rehearsal (Battery & Pit)
Jul 29, 2026	8:00am-9:00am	Esperanza HS	EHS Registration for EEU
Jul 29, 2026	3:45pm-5:45pm	Esperanza HS	Summer Percussion Rehearsal (Battery & Pit)
Jul 31, 2026	9:00am-12:00pm	Esperanza HS	Freshman Band Camp: Band & Colorguard (All new freshmen/student leaders) & Jazz Auditions

AUGUST			
Aug 3, 2026	8:30am-4:00pm	Esperanza HS	Band Camp Day 1 - Band and Guard
Aug 4, 2026	8:30am-4:00pm	Esperanza HS	Band Camp Day 2 - Band and Guard

Aug 5, 2026	8:30am-4:00pm	Esperanza HS	Band Camp Day 3 - Band and Guard
Aug 6, 2026	8:30am-4:00pm	Esperanza HS	Band Camp Day 4 - Band and Guard
Aug 7, 2026	8:30am-4:00pm	Esperanza HS	Band Camp Day 5 - Band and Guard
Aug 10, 2026	8:30am-4:00pm	Esperanza HS	Band Camp Day 6 - Band and Guard
Aug 10, 2026	6:00pm-8:00pm	Esperanza HS	Uniform Fitting + Finance Night (Seniors, Freshman, Guard)
Aug 11, 2026	8:30am-4:00pm	Esperanza HS	Band Camp Day 7 - Band and Guard
Aug 11, 2026	6:00pm-8:00pm	Esperanza HS	Uniform Fitting + Finance Night (Sophomores, Juniors)
Aug 12, 2026	8:30am-12:00pm	Esperanza HS	Band Camp Day 8 (Last Day) - Band and Guard Pool Party/BBQ 12-2pm
Aug 13, 2026	All Day	Esperanza HS	First Day of School
Aug 13, 2026	3:45pm-4:45pm	Esperanza HS	Thursday After-School Sectionals - Winds
Aug 17, 2026	3:45pm-5:45pm	Esperanza HS	Colorguard & Percussion Rehearsal
Aug 19, 2026	3:50pm-6:50pm	Esperanza HS	Wednesday Evening Rehearsal (everyone)
Aug 19, 2026	4:30pm-6:15pm	Esperanza HS	Preview Night BBQ 4:30-5:45p.m. & Field Show at 6p.m. (All parents/friends invited)
Aug 20, 2026	3:45pm-5:45pm	Esperanza HS	Thursday After-School Sectionals - Winds
Aug 24, 2026	3:45pm-5:45pm	Esperanza HS	Monday After-School Rehearsal - Colorguard & Percussion
Aug 26, 2026	3:50pm-6:50pm	Esperanza HS	Wednesday Evening Rehearsal (everyone)
Aug 26, 2026	TBD	Esperanza HS	Back to School Night
Aug 27, 2026	3:45pm-5:45pm	Esperanza HS	Thursday After-School Sectionals - Winds
Aug 28, 2026	TBD	Shapell Stadium	Football game v. Fountain Valley
Aug 31, 2026	3:45pm-5:45pm	Esperanza HS	Monday After-School Rehearsal - Colorguard & Percussion

SEPTEMBER			
Sep 1, 2026	7:00pm	EHS - Band Room	Monthly Booster Meeting
Sep 2, 2026	3:50pm-6:50pm	Esperanza HS	Wednesday Evening Rehearsal (everyone)

Sep 3, 2026	3:45pm-5:45pm	Esperanza HS	Thursday After-School Sectionals - Winds
Sep 3, 2026	TBD	Shapell Stadium	Football game v. Dana Hills
Sep 7, 2026	-	-	LABOR DAY
Sep 9, 2026	3:50pm-6:50pm	Esperanza HS	Wednesday Evening Rehearsal (everyone)
Sep 10, 2026	3:45pm-5:45pm	Esperanza HS	Thursday After-School Sectionals - Winds
Sep 11, 2026	TBD	Shapell Stadium	Football game v. Yorba Linda (Visitors)
Sep 14, 2026	3:45pm-5:45pm	Esperanza HS	Monday After-School Rehearsal - Colorguard & Percussion
Sep 16, 2026	3:50pm-6:50pm	Esperanza HS	Wednesday Evening Rehearsal (everyone)
Sep 17, 2026	3:45pm-5:45pm	Esperanza HS	Thursday After-School Sectionals - Winds
Sep 18, 2026	TBD	Shapell Stadium	Football game v. Quartz Hills
Sep 21, 2026	3:45pm-5:45pm	Esperanza HS	Monday After-School Rehearsal - Colorguard & Percussion
Sep 23, 2026	3:50pm-6:50pm	Esperanza HS	Wednesday Evening Rehearsal (everyone)
Sep 24, 2026	3:45pm-5:45pm	Esperanza HS	Thursday After-School Sectionals - Winds
Sep 28, 2026	3:45pm-5:45pm	Esperanza HS	Monday After-School Rehearsal - Colorguard & Percussion
Sep 30, 2026	3:50pm-6:50pm	Esperanza HS	Wednesday Evening Rehearsal (everyone)
OCTOBER			
Oct 1, 2026	3:45pm-5:45pm	Esperanza HS	Thursday After-School Sectionals - Winds
Oct 5, 2026	3:45pm-5:45pm	Esperanza HS	Monday After-School Rehearsal - Colorguard & Percussion
Oct 6, 2026	7:00pm	EHS - Band Room	Monthly Booster Meeting
Oct 7, 2026	3:50pm-6:50pm	Esperanza HS	Wednesday Evening Rehearsal (everyone)
Oct 8, 2026	3:45pm-5:45pm	Esperanza HS	Thursday After-School Sectionals - Winds

Oct 9, 2026	TBD	Shapell Stadium	HOMEcoming GAME v. Sunny Hills
Oct 10, 2026	TBD	TBD	Placentia Parade
Oct 10, 2026	TBD	TBD	HOMEcoming DANCE

Oct 12, 2026	3:45pm-5:45pm	Esperanza HS	Monday After-School Rehearsal - Colorguard & Percussion
Oct 14, 2026	3:50pm-6:50pm	Esperanza HS	Wednesday Evening Rehearsal (everyone)
Oct 15, 2026	3:45pm-5:45pm	Esperanza HS	Thursday After-School Sectionals - Winds
Oct 16, 2026	TBD	Shapell Stadium	SENIOR NIGHT v. Canyon
Oct 19, 2026	3:45pm-5:45pm	Esperanza HS	Monday After-School Rehearsal - Colorguard & Percussion
Oct 21, 2026	3:50pm-6:50pm	Esperanza HS	Wednesday Evening Rehearsal (everyone)
Oct 22, 2026	3:45pm-5:45pm	Esperanza HS	Thursday After-School Sectionals - Winds
Oct 22, 2026	TBD	Shapell Stadium	Football game v. St. Margaret's
Oct 24, 2026	TBD	Loara HS (Anaheim)	LOARA FIELD TOURNAMENT
Oct 26, 2026	3:45pm-5:45pm	Esperanza HS	Monday After-School Rehearsal - Colorguard & Percussion
Oct 28, 2026	3:50pm-6:50pm	Esperanza HS	Wednesday Evening Rehearsal (everyone)
Oct 29, 2026	3:45pm-5:45pm	Esperanza HS	Thursday After-School Sectionals - Winds
NOVEMBER			
Nov 2, 2026	3:45pm-5:45pm	Esperanza HS	Monday After-School Rehearsal - Colorguard & Percussion
Nov 3, 2026	7:00pm	EHS - Band Room	Monthly Booster Meeting
Nov 4, 2026	7:00pm	Bradford Stadium	District Band Pageant
Nov 5, 2026	3:45pm-5:45pm	Esperanza HS	Thursday After-School Sectionals - Winds
Nov 7, 2026	TBD	Los Altos HS	LOS ALTOS HS FIELD SHOW TOURNAMENT
Nov 9, 2026	3:45pm-5:45pm	Esperanza HS	Monday After-School Rehearsal - Colorguard & Percussion
Nov 11, 2026	3:50pm-6:50pm	Esperanza HS	Wednesday Evening Rehearsal (everyone)
Nov 11, 2026	-	-	VETERANS DAY
Nov 12, 2026	TBD	TBD	SOUTH HILLS HS FIELD SHOW TOURNAMENT

Nov 14, 2026	TBD	TBD	ELEANOR ROOSEVELT HS FIELD SHOW TOURNAMENT
Nov 16, 2026	3:45pm-5:45pm	Esperanza HS	Monday After-School Rehearsal - Colorguard & Percussion

Nov 18, 2026	3:50pm-6:50pm	Esperanza HS	Wednesday Evening Rehearsal (everyone)
Nov 18, 2026	TBD	TBD	High School Showcase (Alumni Rep. and Band Booster Pres.)
Nov 19, 2026	3:45pm-5:45pm	Esperanza HS	Thursday After-School Sectionals - Winds
Nov 20, 2026	6:00pm-8:00pm	EHS - Band Room	Legacy Night
Nov 21, 2026	TBD	TBD	SCSBOA Field Championships
Nov 23, 2026	-	-	THANKSGIVING BREAK
DECEMBER			
Dec 1, 2026	7:00pm	EHS - Band Room	Monthly Booster Meeting
Dec 5, 2026	7:00pm	-	Holiday on Main (Jazz 1 plays, Volunteers Needed)
Dec 8, 2026	7:00pm	PYLUSD Performing Arts Center	Count Meets the Duke Jazz Concert w/ CSULB
Dec 10, 2026	7:00pm	EHS - Theater	Holiday Concert w/ Orchestra
Dec 11, 2026	4:00am-6:00pm	EHS - Band Room	Essentially Ellington Recording Sessions - Jazz 1
Dec 12, 2026	9:00am-11:00am	EHS - Band Room	Essentially Ellington Recording Sessions - Jazz 1
Dec 14, 2026	All Week	-	Finals Week
Dec 21, 2026	-	-	WINTER BREAK

SECOND SEMESTER			
JANUARY			
Jan 5, 2027	7:00pm	EHS - Band Room	Monthly Booster Meeting
Jan 18, 2027	-	-	MLK JR. DAY
Jan 23, 2027	TBD	RCC	Colorguard show at RCC
Jan 30, 2027	TBD	Portola HS	Colorguard show at Portola HS in Irvine

SECOND SEMESTER

FEBRUARY

Feb 2, 2027	7:00pm	EHS - Band Room	Monthly Booster Meeting
Feb 8, 2027	-	-	LINCOLN'S BIRTHDAY
Feb 12, 2027	TBD	UNLV	Leave for Essentially Ellington Southwest Regional
Feb 15, 2027	-	-	PRESIDENTS DAY
Feb 20, 2027	TBD	Upland HS	Western States Jazz Festival - Jazz I, II, III
Feb 20, 2027	TBD	Del Norte HS	WGI Colorguard Power Regional - San Diego
Feb 27, 2027	TBD	RCC	SoCal Essentially Ellington Regional - Jazz I, II, III
Feb 27, 2027	TBD	Colony HS	Colorguard show at Colony HS in Ontario
Feb 28, 2027	TBD	Monrovia HS	Percussion Ensemble @ Monrovia HS

MARCH

Mar 2, 2027	7:00pm	EHS - Band Room	Monthly Booster Meeting
Mar 8, 2027	6:00pm	EHS Theater	Pre-Festival Concert with OCSCS
Mar 13, 2027	7:00am-8:00pm	Esperanza HS	Aztec Jazz Festival
Mar 20, 2027	TBD	Irvine HS	Irvine Jazz Festival - Jazz I, II, III
Mar 23, 2027	TBD	PYLUSD PAC	SCSBOA Festival
Mar 25, 2027	7:00pm	El Dorado HS	District Colorguard Showcase
Mar 25, 2027	7:15am	Esperanza HS	Leadership Interviews
Mar 29, 2027	-	-	SPRING BREAK

APRIL

Apr 6, 2027	7:00pm	EHS - Band Room	Monthly Booster Meeting
Apr 15, 2027	TBD	EHS Theater	Big Band Blowout Rehearsal - All Jazz
Apr 16, 2027	6:00pm-9:15pm	EHS Theater	Big Band Blowout 2027
Apr 21, 2027	TBD	Valencia HS	Area Night

SECOND SEMESTER			
Apr 22, 2027	TBD	Folsom, CA	Leave for California Jazz Championships - Jazz I, II
Apr 30, 2026	TBD	New York, NY	Essentially Ellington - Jazz I *PENDING AUDITION*
MAY			
May 4, 2027	7:00pm	EHS - Band Room	Monthly Booster Meeting
May 6, 2027	4:30pm-6:15pm	EHS	New Student Night
May 13, 2027	6:00pm-9:00pm	EHS Theater	Spring Concert
May 15, 2027	TBD	TBD	Prom
May 20, 2027	TBD	TBD	EEU Banquet
May 24, 2027	-	-	MEMORIAL DAY
May 27, 2027	-	-	Last Day of School

Band Camp 2026 based on school calendar Aug. 3-12, 2026

**Band Camp Students must be there to receive a spot!* All jazz auditions will be on August 7, 2026, during Freshman Band Camp day. Please plan your vacations accordingly.

Jazz Ensemble Audition Information

Jazz I & II

- Is available to students in grades 9-12
 - Must be available to attend all Jazz Festivals including the California Jazz Championships Invitational (April 23-26, 2026) ●
- Must be enrolled in the Jazz I/II class at Esperanza H.S and a 0pd ensemble class.
- It is recommended that you are studying privately on your instrument.

Jazz III

- Is available to students in grades 9-12
- Must be enrolled in the Jazz III class at Esperanza H.S. and a 0pd ensemble class.
- It is recommended that you study privately on your instrument.

Winds Section

- 12 Major scales (Circle of Fourths) 1 octave in straight 8th notes. You will be timed and receive credit for each complete, CORRECT scale performed in 1 minute.
- Prepared Jazz Head (Grapes and Flowers) and Transcription (provided).
- Doubling - Saxophonists prepare the etude provided for their instrument's appropriate doubles. You may prepare one or both. (Altos & Tenors: Flute, Clarinet - Bari: Bass Clarinet, Flute)
- Sight Reading (provided)
- Improvisation (provided)

Rhythm Section

- 12 Major scales. (excluding drum set)
 - Prepared piece (Grapes and Flower) - Plan to play the melody and comp. Drummers: you will play brushes behind someone playing the melody on Grapes and Flowers here. You are allowed to only use your brushes, snare drum, and hi hat in this section. ● Drums will play along with a drum-less recording of "Theme from The Asphalt Jungle"
 - Sight Reading- Drums, be prepared to play time and set up figures. Piano, both hands. Bass walk
 - Improvisation
 - Show competency in the following styles:
1. Swing- Drums will play 1 min. of time at 160 bpm: alternating 8 measures of time, 4 measures of solo, 8 measures of time, 4

measures of solo, etc.

2. Blues- Drummers will be asked to demonstrate Shuffle here at 144 bpm. Bass, piano, guitar be prepared to “comp” behind blues in B-flat, F, and C (Bass-walking line, guitar-Freddy Green style), 1 chorus in each key.
3. Afro-Cuban groove for drums. For example: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=BRSswMm7uTs>
Pianists play a montuno pattern of your choice here. For example: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=_sG6RI7aYVQ
4. Bossa Nova in F and C. Examples: Bass <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=jHux5zu8ORQ>
Drums: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=CalyWBbYrDc>
Piano: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=x-GZQdta0NA>
Guitar: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=RI8J2AcwngA>

Auditions will be held:
July 31

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EEU REGISTRATION AND UNIFORM FITTING REQUIRED PAPERWORK

- Please fill out the [EEU Registration Google Form](#) ASAP to receive information emails over the summer.
- Prior to Band Camp - [Register and clear your athlete through Home Campus](#) (Print and bring completed confirmation page) ●
- Prior to Band Camp - EHS Required [Physical Form](#) filled out by physician - this needs to be turned into the EHS Front Office ●
- Print and bring [Parent Permission/Emergency Medical Waiver](#) to EHS/EEU Registration morning.
- Print and bring [EEU Medication Form](#) to EHS/EEU Registration morning.
- Fill out [Band Performance Donation](#) or [Color Guard Performance Donation](#) sheet - bring with you to Fitting/Finance Night. Payment will be collected that night.
- [EEU LogoWear Order Form](#) - If you would like to purchase logowear, bring this with you on Uniform Fitting Night. Payment will be collected that night. (EEU Band sweatshirts and Jazz Band Polos required.)

(payments will be made at Fitting/Finance Nights)
checks made payable to EEU



[EEU Registration Google Form: Parent Medical Waiver](#) Fill out online ASAP Print and to receive information emails at EHS/EEU over the summer. registration 7/29/26.



[Permission/Emergency](#)
turn in



[EHS Required Home Physical Form](#) Bring copy confirmation page front on 7/29/26. copy of



[Campus EHS Required Sports](#)
of Turn in to EHS office with a student's

insurance card by 7/29.



[Band Performance](#)
[Performance Donation](#)

bring to

Finance Night with



[Donation Sheet](#) OR [Color Guard](#)
[Sheet](#) Print and bring to Fitting/ Print and

payment Color Guard
check made out to EEU. Finance night on
August 10.



[Order Form EEU Medic](#)

Fill out at
Night to add to your
sheet.



Uniform/Fitting Print and bring to
finance Fitting/Finance Night.

(also print the following page, sign it, and bring it on 8/3/26)

Esperanza High School Instrumental Music Program

We hope that both the student and parents found this handbook of guidelines, rules, and information helpful. Please read the entire contents of this handbook and return this page signed by both the student and parent/guardian. We suggest that you keep the handbook in a spot where you can easily locate it for quick reference throughout the school year.

We understand and will adhere to the rules and regulations of the Esperanza High School Instrumental Music Department:

Student Information (please print clearly):

First Name Last Name

Grade_____ Instrument/Guard_____

STUDENT SIGNATURE: _____ DATE_____

Parent or Guardian: Please print clearly

First Name Last Name

PARENT/GUARDIAN SIGNATURE: _____
(only one parent's/guardian's signature is required).

******This page is to be returned by the first day of band camp (August 3, 2026).******