

# Welcome to Kingwood High School Band!

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Let's answer a few frequently asked questions.

**Q: My child is High School Band student. What does that mean for me as a parent?**

**A:** This means you are responsible for being:

1. A Football Concessions Volunteer

Humble ISD Athletics has given the Kingwood Band Boosters the opportunity to operate all home football game concessions for regular season and playoff games at Turner Stadium, and freshman, JV and middle school games at Kingwood High School. These concessions raise significant funds for the band and help us to pay for music instructors and clinicians, accompanists, competition fees and many other things that enrich the program for our students. We have been given this opportunity because we run efficient, safe, and friendly concessions. **But we simply cannot do this without volunteer help! Humble ISD Athletics will continue to give us this chance to earn a significant portion of our budget only when everyone does their small part!**

2. A Band Boosters Member

Band Booster Membership connects you to other parents and students in the band family. Membership makes your kids eligible for band camp reimbursements and senior college scholarships and it pays for more of the costs of maintaining a top notch band. Please join us!!

3. A Supporter of the Overall Band Program and Its Fundraisers

Cheer for the band at football games, chaperone our students to their competitions, run in our annual Band on the Run 5K/10K, come and enjoy winter, spring, and UIL concerts, and take advantage of other fundraising opportunities.

**Q: Why can't I just write a check to take care of my student's portion of parent volunteer obligations?**

**A:** Time is the most valuable contribution you can make to our bands. Here is why...

We earn the vast majority of our budget via football game concessions. Without volunteers we can lose this opportunity to other high school organizations.

**Q: Where do I do my concession shifts and what do they involve?**

**A:** There are two venues for concessions. The first is the Kingwood High School location on the grounds of the school next to the track and adjacent to the tennis courts. Kingwood freshmen and JV games are played there on Wednesdays or Thursdays. There are eight games. The

Kingwood Band Boosters train City of Houston certified Food Service Managers (FSMs) to manage the stands. It takes eight to ten volunteers (split between two shifts) to run each game. Shifts run approximately two and one half hours from 3:30 to 6:00 and 6:00 to 8:30.

The Turner Stadium location in Humble hosts KHS Varsity home football games on a Thursday, Friday, or Saturday. We will play seven games at Turner Stadium in 2016 but will be considered visitors for one game against district rival Atascocita. We only work half of the stands for these games. Turner Stadium has four satellite concession stands (2 home side and 2 visitor side). It takes 60 volunteers to run two shifts beginning three hours before kickoff through to the end of the game.

Responsibilities at these two venues are varied, but all are easy to do. And rest assured that there will be lots of stand “veterans” there to welcome you and teach you the ropes. It’s simple. We set up and organize our food and drinks, prepare hot dogs, nachos, popcorn and BBQ sandwiches, takes orders and make change from a super simple price list (2 + 2 = 4), and clean up and restock as needed. Please come and do your part among a group of other band parents. All of us have a lot in common, and who doesn’t want to talk about their kids and school and the band??

**Q: How much of my time will this take and how do I volunteer?**

**A:** We ask each band family to volunteer for at least 4 concession and chaperoning shifts, about 10 to 12 hours total. Make it a husband and wife team and you are well on your way to doing your part!! Bring aunts and uncles and grandparents too! Of course we don’t limit the number of shifts you can work, but please pitch in and reach that minimum level of 4 shifts. A volunteer form comes in each year’s orientation packet and our volunteer coordinator will send reminders to help you manage your schedule. See you at the games!!!

**THANKS AND COME JOIN THE BAND!!**