



Broken Arrow Band Terms and Acronyms

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BAI: Broken Arrow Invitational

Band Festival held in October each year at Tiger Stadium featuring bands from across the region. This is a large fundraiser for the Band Program. The Pride does not compete, but they do perform in exhibition during the evening finals show. Parents are encouraged to work this event as a member of our volunteer Event Staff.

Band Handbook

Each band member will receive a copy of this school-approved handbook. The handbook can also be found as a link on www.brokenarrowpride.com. Parent/guardians will find the handbook useful as a reference and means of learning more about the band program.

BAPS: Broken Arrow Public Schools

BOA: Bands of America

Bands of America marching band regional and national competitions are held at various locations around the country in the fall. The Pride usually performs in one or two of these events each season.

Booster Account

An account funded by booster (BABPA) fundraising activities. The money in this account is used by the band directors to pay expenses of the band program not funded by the school district.

BPA, BABPA: Broken Arrow Band Parent Association

The booster club for the Broken Arrow band program, the BABPA or BPA is open to all parents/guardians of band members and color guard members. The BPA helps the band program by raising funds and providing volunteer labor. The BPA has officers who are elected as well as managers and coordinators. The directors of the band, the BPA officers, managers, and coordinators comprise a board. The BPA holds monthly meetings for all parents August through May.

By Laws

The BPA has bylaws to govern its conduct. The bylaws are written so as to defer to the Volunteer Guidelines of the BAPS.

Chaperone

The BPA helps the directors by supplying chaperones when needed (primarily for football games and off campus events). Chaperone volunteers, if selected, agree to abide by all the rules of the Volunteer Guidelines handbook and all instructions and expectations of the directors. Chaperones are often needed for spring wind band events, usually held during schools hours.

Charms

Charms is a web-based program (www.charmsoffice.com) that allows you to make a payment for your band fees online using PayPal. Charms also allows you to track the status of your student's trip account online at any time of the day or night. Information on how to access your student's account through charms is available on the pride website under the 'Charms' tab at the top of the homepage.

DCI: Drum Corps International

As a fundraiser, the BPA and alumni hosts a DCI show each summer which we call **"Drums of Summer"** (www.drumssofar.com). This event is one of the Band Program's largest fundraisers. Held in July each year at Broken Arrow's Tiger Stadium (For 2014: At University of Tulsa's Skelly Field), parents are encouraged to work this event as a member of our volunteer Event Staff.

Drums of Summer: see DCI

Expo Square

Expo Square and occasionally other entities will pay money directly into a band member's student activity account (trip account) for every hour someone works at an Expo Square event on behalf of that band member.

Grand Nationals

The national marching band competition presented by Bands of America each fall. This event is held at Lucas Oil Stadium, Indianapolis, IN, in November. More than 90 bands will compete in three days of performances. Preliminary performances are held on Thursday and Friday. Bands advance to Semi-Finals Saturday, with the top 12 scoring bands advancing to Saturday night's Championship Finals.

MFA: Music For All

One of the largest and most influential music education organizations in support of active music making, Music For All has been creating, providing and expanding positively life-changing experiences through music since 1976. Music For All's programs include the Bands of America division.

OBA: Oklahoma Bandmasters Association

Each year the Oklahoma Bandmasters Association hosts the OBA State Championships. These marching contests are held at sites based upon bids submitted to the OBA board. The Pride will compete in the 6A State Marching Band Championship on November 1.

Operations

The process and team who have selected to assist the band with physical tasks such as loading the semi-trailer, constructing and repairing equipment, and getting on and off the performance field.

Paid Event

An event where a band member or parent/guardian may work to earn dollar credits for a band member's student account.

Pride of Broken Arrow

The Pride Marching Band is a "state of the art" competitive marching band. It explores the latest trends in competitive marching band. The "Pride" is an extra-curricular offering for band students at Broken Arrow Senior High, North Intermediate and South Intermediate High Schools.

Pride Creed

At the end of each performance current and past Pride members only recite all or part of the Pride Creed. Copies are available.

Section Parents

These parents help at home football games by serving and cleaning up after dinner as well as chaperoning in the bleachers with the Pride.

Show Shirts

Shirts depicting the show theme or performance the Pride prepares each fall. Pride members receive a short sleeve show t-shirt with as a part of their member fees. Additional shirts are available for parents and friends for purchase. These shirts may also be available in long sleeve t-shirts and hoodie sweatshirts.

Super Regional

A two-day regional marching band competition presented by Bands of America. These events are held in professional domed stadiums across the United States.

The way we do things

A tradition of the BABPA is to stand and applaud all marching bands at all football games and band festivals. Please take the lead. Stand up, clap and show your appreciation for the band members of other schools.

Tradition of Broken Arrow

The Tradition is an all-encompassing marching band consisting of the members of the Pride marching band and all 9th and 10th grade students from North and South Intermediate High School. The Tradition will perform on the field during the pre-game ceremonies and in the stands of all home varsity football games.

Student Account

An account is kept of the funds raised by each band member to offset the costs of that member's participation in certain band activities. (formerly referred to as Trip Account)

Volunteer Event

Any event where parent volunteers are needed. The time volunteered will earn "volunteer hours" for the parent/guardian. No monetary credits are made to a band member's student account. The event may or may not be a fundraising event for the booster account.

Volunteer Guidelines

The Broken Arrow Public Schools has adopted Volunteer Guidelines for the band program. These provide a direction and understanding of expectations to band volunteers. The Volunteer Guidelines are available at www.brokenarrowpride.com.

Volunteer Hours

Time spent giving of your time for the benefit of the band program. The time is recorded for several reasons, one of which is to identify potential chaperones for overnight band trips.