

Beat Of Their Own Drummer  
Band Prepares For Marching Contest  
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The Mighty Mule Band, under the direction of Head Band Director David Stephenson, is preparing for their 2018-2019 UIL Marching Competition performance on Oct.20. The show is titled *Flight* and features eight minutes of solo's, choreography and themed music for each movement. The show is based on the idea of flying and that there are no limits to anything.

"I like how this year we've incorporated movie music," senior Gage Bierschwale said. "It really gives our band a sense of originality."

The first movement of the show features music from the hit movie *How To Train Your Dragon*. The song featured is *This Is Berk*. The second movement has choreography, a solo and music based on Eric Whitacre's *Fly To Paradise*.

"The first and second movements are my favorite because we have two major hits," senior Katelynn Hernandez said. "We do some really cool visuals that add to the show."

The third movement is based on the movie *Star Trek* and showcases the band as a whole using very intricate drill. The last movement is based off the first and third. It features a brass ensemble highlighting a trumpet soloist. During this movement, the band does choreography to the music the ensemble is playing. The show ends with a big hit to give the audience a sense of the hard work that was put into the show.

"This show is really awesome especially since it's my last year," senior Sulema Lopez said. "It's a really cool show and I've enjoyed working with the different people."

The band performed at the Capital City Marching Competition on Sept. 29 and placed 12th. The band is performing at the Comal Marching Competition on Oct. 13. The following week is the UIL Marching Competition on Oct. 20 at Heroes Stadium. This competition is one of the band's biggest contest of the year. The band performs their show at every football game during halftime to showcase their hard work. Community members and students are encouraged to come to the varsity football game on Oct. 12 at Edgewood Memorial Stadium at 7:30 p.m. to see the band in action.

"We have been competing really well recently," senior Eleanor Stokes-Liss said. "Watching all the other band at the competitions is really fun and I'm proud of all the work we've done."