

# 2023/2024

# Lakeside High School

# Concert Choir Handbook

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## LHS Concert and Festival Choir Uniform Codes

In an effort to make our music program look professional, we will be dressing in **Black Robes** this year.

### Ladies Attire:

- Black dress shoes
  - Our recommendation for shoes is black closed-toe 1"-1 1/2" heels however any black dress shoe will be acceptable. If women purchase open-toe dress shoes they must also wear black nylons.
  - Do not wear glittery or shiny materials to the concerts.
- Ladies will restrict jewelry to stud earrings only!!
- Black Shirt
- Black pants or leggings

### Men's Attire:

- Black dress shoes
- Black socks
- Black shirt - collarless is fine
- Black pants

**Failure to wear the proper uniform to choir events will result in lower a grade for that performance or removal from the event and an unexcused absence according to the grading policy below.**

## Class Material Requirements

- 3-ring binder for storing choir music
- Notebook or note paper for your binder
- Pencil
- **Access the Nine Mile Music Website for forms and materials (I will also give hardcopies in class) - Website coming soon!**

## LHS Choir Grading Policy

A successful high school choir requires diligence and commitment on the part of every member. Being disruptive in class will be detrimental to the success of the choir and will be reflected in the student's participation grade. Students will be graded on both accountability as well as individual tasks/skills.

- Daily Attendance/Participation 50%
- Concerts/Festivals 25%
- Tests/Quizzes/Assignments 25%

### Weekly Progress Points

Students may earn full credit each day by being in their seat, prepared, with all materials on time. Points will be deducted for tardiness and lack of participation. Each student will be allowed two absences (including illness, field trips, sports, or **anything** else that takes them out of class) before points are deducted. On the third absence, students will lose one day's worth of points. These points/days can be made up.

### Make-up Points for Classroom Absences

In order to make up for a school related or non-school related absences, the student can attend a musical event (concert, musical, etc.) and give Mr. Mazurek a program or proof of attendance (1 absence = 1 musical event). The student may also make-up an absence by practicing for 30 minutes in the LHS band/choir room before school (7:00 - 7:30am) or after school (2:00 - 3:05). 1 absence = 30 minute practice session.

### Concerts/Festivals

Failure to participate in a concert will result in the overall class grade dropping a **minimum of one full letter grade**. Students will also lose points if they are late or not dressed in proper attire. In extreme cases (death in the family, illness, etc.) the points for an excused concert absence may be made-up by completing a detailed music related project. In order to receive credit, it must be accompanied by a note from the student's parent/guardian.

### Make-up Points for Concerts/Festivals

To make up the points from the missed concert: Students must pre-arrange with Mr. Mazurek a total of 1.5 hours of practice time at the LHS Band/Choir Room (room 17) and perform their concert music live for Mr. Mazurek. Pre-arranged times can only be from 7:00 - 7:30am and from 2:00 - 3:05pm - Talk to Mr. Mazurek to schedule a day/time.

### Tests/Quizzes/Homework – points vary depending on test/quiz/homework

Students may have a playing/written test at least once a month to monitor for progress.

## **LHS Rehearsal Expectations and Structure**

### **Rehearsal Etiquette Expectations:**

Be respectful to others.

- a. students must be constructive not destructive with their comments
  - b. one person speaks at a time
  - c. use common sense and treat others as you would want to be treated
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1. Raise your hand if you have a question about the music or if you want to talk to your neighbor about what was just rehearsed.
  2. Be ready to warm up and rehearse before the bell rings.
  3. ALWAYS have a pencil.
  4. Have your own music, no sharing.

### **Choir Room Expectations:**

1. Students are only allowed in the choir room when an instructor is present, or when specific permission is granted.
2. Students can only use the director's telephone with the director's permission.
3. Students must ask to use the stereo.
4. No students are allowed in the office without permission.
5. No food, gum, or drinks (except water) will be allowed during rehearsal.
6. Students must ask the instructor before using practice rooms.

### **Cell Phone Policy:**

1. No cell phones in class unless permission is granted
2. If a student has their cell phone out when they are not supposed to...
  - a. Cell phone stays in the student's possession but is placed into an envelope.
  - b. If a student gets it out of the envelope, the cell phone is taken by the teacher and the student can get it after class.

### **Bathroom Policy:**

1. Choose the proper time to use the restroom
  - a. Not during instruction time
  - b. Not during the first 10 and last 10 of the class period
2. One student is allowed to go to the restroom at any given time.
3. Student must leave their cell phone in the classroom.

4. Sign in and out on the form by the door.

**Other Expectations:**

1. Choir Uniforms are required at every performance/event. Failure to follow the uniform code will result in removal from the event and an unexcused absence according to the grading policy.
2. All school codes of conduct, choir expectations, and government laws apply to any choir concerts/events/trips. Failure to meet expectations may result in removal from the activity and the student being transported home at the parent/guardian's expense.
3. Be careful and respectful of all the equipment around you in the choir room. Many dollars have been spent to make this program successful and it is expected that you will treat all equipment with care. Any damage resulting from your negligence or carelessness will be your financial responsibility.
4. Each member of the choir is expected to maintain a music folder with every piece of music we sing in it. All music will be collected at the end of the year.
5. Each member is expected to pay a course fee of \$25/year to help fund music festivals and performance opportunities. This fee must be paid to the LHS business office during September. Checks should be made out to LHS.

If not stated otherwise in the previous expectations, this is what happens when expectations are not met...

1. Non-verbal warning
2. Verbal warning
3. Will be removed from the group during that class
4. One on one meeting with the teacher
5. Parents notified
6. Detention
7. Visit to the principal
8. Suspension
9. Expulsion

NOTE - The instructor has the right to choose any repercussion at any time based on his own judgment.

## Choir Fees

All students must pay the course fee of \$25 for Choir by **September 29th**

### **2024/2025 Choir Concert/Event Schedule**

- Times listed below are the start time of the events/concerts. Call times (when student should be there) will be sent out prior to the event.
- Key: **Bold** = Required/graded  
*Italics* = Extra-curricular (not required/graded)  
TBA = To Be Announced at a later time

**Thursday, September 12**    **Contract Due**

**Friday, September 27**    **Payment of Class Fee Due**

*Tuesday, October 1*    *All State Band Audition Window Closes 8:00am*

**Wednesday, November 6**    **LHS/LMS Choir Fall Concert @ LMS 7:00pm**

*Tuesday, December 10*    *Solo/Ensemble Fee & Registration Due 3:00pm*

**Wednesday, December 18**    **LHS/LMS Choir 7:00pm**  
**Holiday Concert @ LMS**

*Friday, December 20*    *LHS & LMS Choir 7:30-2:00pm*  
*Caroling Trip*

*Saturday, January TBA*    *High School Solo/Ensemble Fest TBA*

*For Band and Choir Members  
@ TBA*

*February 13 - 15 All-State Band and Choir TBA*

**Friday/Sat. March 7 & 8** **Mother/Son Game Night and Daddy**  
**Tentative Dates** **Daughter Dance**

**Thursday, March 20** **LHS/LMS Choir Festival Concert** **7:00pm**  
**@ LMS**

**March TBA** **Large Group HS Choir Festival** **TBA**  
**LHS Choir @ University High School**

*April 25/26 State Solo(26th)/Ensemble(25th) TBA*  
*Festival*  
*@ Ellensburg, WA*

**Wednesday, May 21** **LHS Choir and LMS Choir** **7:00pm**  
**Finale Concert @ LMS Auditorium**

**Friday, June 6** **LHS Graduation** **7:00pm**  
**@ Martin Woldson Theater at the Fox**  
**LHS Choir only**

## 2024/2025 Choir Contract

By signing below, I agree to the following:

- I have read and understand the schedule of choir events for this school year. I commit to be in attendance at all required concerts, festivals, and graduation.
- I have read and understand the proper uniform for my performance group. I commit to be in proper attire for each and every performance, understanding that I will be sent home to change, if time permits, or will NOT receive concert points towards my semester grade for missing a major performance.
- I understand that I will be assessed and will need to pay **ALL** of my choir fees during the first month of school.
- I have read and understand the grading policy for choir. I realize that each and every tardy and absence (after 2 absences) will have a negative effect on my classroom grade.
- I have read and understand the LHS Choir Expectations. I realize that my actions are my own responsibility and that poor decisions may carry consequences.
- I am an important member of this program and I have a responsibility to contribute positively to the learning environment. I will work diligently to help myself and the group achieve excellence. I will represent this program, my school, and my community in a respectful manner.

*This contract must be signed and turned into Mr. Mazurek before the first performance. Failure to do this will result in the student not participating in and receiving an "F" on the event/concert.*

**Contract due on Thursday, September 12th**

**Student Printed Name** \_\_\_\_\_

**Student Signature** \_\_\_\_\_ **Date** \_\_\_\_\_



**Parent Signature** \_\_\_\_\_ **Date** \_\_\_\_\_