

2024/2025
LHS Symphonic Band and Jazz Band
HANDBOOK

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LHS Concert/Festival/Pep/Marching Uniform Codes

Symphonic Band and Jazz Band:

In an effort to make our band program look professional, we will be purchasing partial tuxedos and dresses for the concert attire this year.

PLEASE DO NOT BRING IN MONEY UNTIL YOU TURN IN YOUR UNIFORM FORM

All boys new to the LHS Band Program will be required to purchase the following:

1. Tuxedo pants (approx. \$25.00 through the school)
2. Cumberbunds (approx. \$15.00 through the school)
3. Bow ties (approx. \$3.00 through the school)
4. White tuxedo shirts (approx. \$8.00 through the school)
5. Black Shoes
6. Black Socks
7. White undershirts (no design)

Returning male students may need to purchase the new white tux shirt. The pants and shoes from last year may already work for the guys but students will need to get approval for those items by **September 17th**. **Costs for these will depend on how many pieces of the uniform they need to purchase.**

All girls will be required to purchase the following:

1. Black dress
 - a. Only buy this specific dress through the school (approximately \$70.00)
2. Black dress shoes (heels are fine but have to be under 2 inches in height)
3. If women purchase open-toe dress shoes they must also wear black nylons.

Pep Band (extra-curricular/not graded – except for football homecoming game):

Football: As of now, no organized uniform will be worn by the band due to cold and often wet weather. Dress warmly and stay healthy.

Basketball: We will be ordering T-shirts for the basketball pep band season.

Marching Band

We will be wearing our marching uniforms with black slacks, black socks, and black shoes for Homecoming and the Lilac parade. Please remember that your shoes should be appropriate for marching a couple of miles. Women will need to purchase black slacks, black socks, and black shoes that are appropriate for marching (they may purchase the same shoes as the guys for \$25).

Failure to wear the proper uniform to band events may result in removal from the event and an unexcused absence according to the grading policy below.

LHS Band Grading Policy

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

- Weekly Progress 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.

Equipment and Class Material Requirements

EVERYONE is required to have a pencil, music, and instrument with them at all rehearsals unless stated otherwise.

- **Access the Nine Mile Music Website for forms and materials (I will also give hardcopies in class) - Website coming soon!**

Single Reed Instruments (Saxophones and Clarinets)

- You are expected to have a **minimum** of 3 working reeds in your case at any given time.
- Students should be purchasing 3 ½ strength reeds for concert band and 3 strength reeds for jazz band from the **Vandoren** or **LaVoz** manufacturers. Do not purchase the Rico Royals (plain Rico's can be ok) as they are not up to the quality required by high school musicians.
- The cheapest way to buy enough reeds for the entire year is to purchase a box of ten.
- All students should purchase a nice reed guard storage device. The above manufacturers make many nice models. Storing your reeds in a nice reed guard will keep them fresh longer and overtime will lower your reed purchasing expenses. **NEVER** store a reed on the mouthpiece of your instrument or in the plastic sleeve the reed came in.
- **Clarinets & Saxophones:** I cannot require you to replace your mouthpiece and ligature, but if you can afford to, changing your mouthpiece and ligature will make a HUGE difference in your playing (You can probably do this for about \$100). The Vandoren B45 clarinet mouthpiece with a Vandoren Optimum Clarinet Ligature (buy the silver plated cap as well) or any of the Rovner Clarinet ligatures make a vast difference in your playing ability. The best all around mouthpieces for saxophones are the Selmer S80's and S90's (costs between \$85 and \$150). Good saxophone ligatures are Meyer, Selmer, Rovner, and the Vandoren Optimum Saxophone Ligature (Look for the top sellers on the Woodwind & Brasswind website).

Brass Instruments (Trumpets and Trombones)

- All trumpet and trombone students are encouraged to purchase a **straight** and a **cup mute**. French Horn students should purchase a **straight mute**. Quality mute companies include Dennis Wick and Jo Ral. You can get by with a Stonelined Humes & Berg for cheaper.
- Occasionally, jazz music will call for trumpet **Harmon** mutes and/or trumpet and trombone **plunger** mutes.

Percussion

- All percussion students are encouraged to purchase the Vic Firth EP2 Education Pack and 1 pair of Vic Firth MS4 marching sticks, and Jazz Drummers need 1 pair of Vic Firth Jazz Brush Retractable Wire Brushes. Check online or have the local music stores order them.

LHS Rehearsal Expectations and Structure

Rehearsal Etiquette Expectations

1. Be ready to warm up and rehearse before the bell rings
2. ALWAYS have a pencil
3. Have your own music so that you can take it home and practice, no sharing
4. Be respectful to others
 - students must be constructive not destructive with their comments
 - use common sense and treat others as you would want to be treated

Band Room Expectations

1. Students are only allowed in the band room when an instructor is present, or when specific permission is granted
2. Students can only use the Director's telephone in an emergency or with permission.
3. Students must ask to use the band room stereo
4. No food, gum, or drinks (except water) will be allowed during rehearsal.
5. 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. Band Uniforms are required at every performance/event. Failure to follow the uniform code may result in removal from the event and an unexcused absence according to the grading policy.
2. All school codes of conduct, band expectations, and government laws apply to any band 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. Each member of the band is expected to maintain a music folder with every piece of music we play in it. All music will be collected at the end of the year. Missing parts will cost \$4 per song.

If not stated otherwise in the previous expectations, these are the consequences of not following the expectations listed above.

1. Warning
 2. Will be removed from the group during a portion of class
 3. One on one meeting with the teacher
 4. Parents notified
 5. Disciplinary referral and a visit to the principal
 6. Detention
 7. Suspension
 8. Expulsion
- note: The instructor/principal has the right to choose any repercussion at any time based on his own judgment.

LHS Band Lettering Requirements

Lettering in the LHS Band is determined by **Basketball Pep Band attendance and District Solo/Ensemble Participation or in class performance**. These are extracurricular activities and are ***not required*** for class participation.

All students, who are members of the pep band (football and basketball), will have the opportunity to letter if they have attended all Pep Band events. Students will be granted 3 pre-arranged excused absences during the season. To recap: any students who have more than 3 absences, can not letter in band.

Students must *also* participate in the District Solo/Ensemble Festival or perform a solo/duet/trio etc. in front of the band. The student may choose to be given a rating and be eligible for state competition or may participate for constructive critique only. Participation in this event costs \$15 for soloists and \$5 for each member of an ensemble.

While such lettering regulations are strict, they maintain the quality and image of our program, and are therefore necessary.

Band Fees

- **All Pep Band students** must purchase an ASB card from the business office for \$35
- **All students** must pay the course fee \$25 for Symphonic Band.
- **Jazz Band** members must pay the course fee of \$45 for Jazz Band.
- **All students** must obtain or purchase the band uniform for approximately \$70
- **Students renting a LHS instrument** must pay \$20 for maintenance fee.

- **Scholarship Info:** If students/families are unable to pay the fees listed above, the student may apply for a scholarship that will help cover costs. There are also some band uniforms that have been donated to the school and may fit the student. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to ask.

2024/2025 LHS Band and LHS Jazz Band Concert/Event Schedule

- Times listed below are the start time of the events/concerts. Call times (when students should arrive) will be sent out prior to the event. All Pep Band Performances will be at LHS unless otherwise stated.
- Key: **Bold = Required/graded**
Italics = Extra-curricular (not required/graded)
TBA = To Be Announced at a later time

Thursday, September 12 Contract and Uniform Info Due

Friday, September 13 Football Pep Band 7:00pm

Friday, September 20 Football Pep Band 7:00pm

Friday, September 27 Payment of Class Fee Due

Friday, October 4 Football Pep Band 7:00pm
Homecoming

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

Friday, October 18 Football Pep Band 7:00pm
Senior Night

Thursday, October 29 LHS Band Fall Concert @ LMS 7:00pm
Fall Concert @ LMS

Friday, November 22	SFCC Jazz Festival Jazz Only	TBA
<i>Saturday, December 7</i>	<i>Basketball Pep Band</i>	<i>TBA</i>
<i>Tuesday, December 10</i>	<i>Basketball Pep Band</i>	<i>TBA</i>
<i>Tuesday, December 10</i>	<i>Solo/Ensemble Fee & Registration Due</i>	<i>3:00pm</i>
<i>Friday, December 13</i>	<i>Basketball Pep Band</i>	<i>TBA</i>
Tuesday, December 17	LHS Band Holiday Concert @ LMS	7:00pm
<i>Thursday, December 19</i>	<i>Basketball Pep Band</i>	<i>TBA</i>
<i>Saturday, January 11</i>	<i>Pep Band</i>	<i>TBA</i>
<i>Friday, January 24</i>	<i>Pep Band</i>	<i>TBA</i>
<i>Tuesday, January 28</i>	<i>Pep Band</i>	<i>TBA</i>
<i>Saturday, January TBA</i>	<i>High School Solo/Ensemble Fest For Band and Choir Members @ TBA</i>	<i>TBA</i>

<i>Tuesday, February 11</i>	<i>Pep Band</i>	<i>TBA</i>
<i>February 12 - March 2</i>	<i>Post Season Basketball Pep Band</i>	<i>TBA</i>
<i>February 13 - 15</i>	<i>All-State Band and Choir</i>	<i>TBA</i>
<i>Friday/Sat. March 7 & 8</i> <i>Tentative Dates</i>	<i>Mother/Son Game Night and Daddy</i> <i>Daughter Dance</i>	
Thursday, March 13	LHS Band Spring Concert @ LMS Auditorium	7:00pm
TBA	Large Group HS Band Festival LHS Band @ TBA	TBA
<i>April 25/26</i>	<i>State Solo(26th)/Ensemble(25th)</i> <i>Festival</i> <i>@ Ellensburg, WA</i>	<i>TBA</i>
Saturday, May 17	Lilac Parade @ Spokane LHS Band	TBA
Wednesday, May 28	LHS Symphonic and Jazz Band Finale Concert @ LMS Auditorium	7:00pm

LHS Band Uniforms

Dear Parents/Guardians,

We are in the process of outfitting our band. To ensure all students are properly fitted, please measure your child and write down the sizes below. Refer to the included sizing chart for assistance. You may buy the tux uniform on your own if you wish. The dress must be ordered through the LHS Music Program. See "Band Handbook" for other details concerning uniforms. Here are last year's prices to give you an idea of what each item costs – add on \$1.00 - \$6.00 for tax and shipping. If money is an issue, please let me know and we can work with you.

Approximate Prices – (Please do not pay until your final cost is posted in your LHS Account)

Dress: \$58.00

Pants: \$24.00

Shirt: \$12.50

Bow: \$2.00

Cummerbund: \$5.50

Shoes: Please buy your own black dress shoes (no tennis shoes).

Please return this form by **Thursday, September 12th**.

Thank you and please contact me if you have any questions.

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Name: _____

Height: _____ Chest/Bust (max): _____ Waist (max): _____

Hips (max): _____ Neck: _____ Sleeve: _____

Please circle the items the student will need to order through the LHS Music Program:

Dress

Tux Pants

Tux Shirt

Cummerbund

Bowtie

FORMAL FASHIONS

Visit www.formalfashionsinc.com
to view our "How to Measure" video.

How to measure for her garments



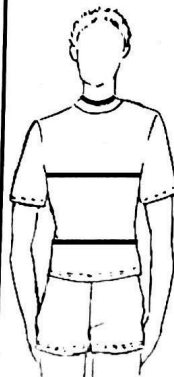
Height: With shoes on, stand with your feet slightly apart and your back to a wall. The measurement from the top of your head to the floor is your height.

Bust Size: Measure snugly (under arms) around fullest part of bust. Keep measuring tape parallel to ground.

Waist Size: Measure snugly around the narrowest part of waist, usually the belly button area.

Hip Size: Measure snugly around the fullest part of hips.

How to measure for his garments



Neck Size:
Open shirt collar and measure 2" above base of neck.

Chest Size:
Place tape snugly around chest, high under arms. Be sure tape is well up on shoulder blade in back.

Waist Size:
Medium snug measurements taken ABOVE waistband of trousers at natural waistline.

Full height is with shoes on (head to floor).



Sleeve Length:
With arm down at side, start tape at center of back (at the neckbone). Measure with tape over TOP of shoulder, and down to the end of cuff (at the wrist bone).

2024-2025 Contract

By signing below, I agree to the following:

- I have read and understand the schedule of band events for this school year. I commit to be in attendance at the LHS Homecoming football pep band performance, concerts, festivals, parades, and graduation.
- I have read and understand the proper uniforms for each 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** my band fees during the first month of school. These fees help to pay for our festivals, other performance opportunities, and various other expenses incurred by the band during the school year.
- I have read and understand the grading policy for band. I realize that tardies and absences will have a negative effect on my classroom grade. I also understand that I have the opportunity to make those points up.
- I have read and understand the LHS Band 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 in to 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.

This contract is due on Thursday, September 12th

Student Printed Name _____

Student Signature _____ **Date** _____

Parent Signature _____ **Date** _____