

Lake-Lehman Marching Band Guidelines and Expectations

Participation

Participation during all rehearsals, performances, and activities is MANDATORY. Every member's participation is vital to the band's success. When you miss a rehearsal or performance it affects the entire group and limits progress.

If you must miss rehearsal or performance for a legitimate reason (family emergency, illness, etc), Ms. Kulikowski must be notified in writing **prior** to the absence (note or email). In emergency circumstances, please send a note/email to Ms. Kulikowski as soon as possible. Direct conflicts with a performance should be discussed with Ms. Kulikowski **prior** to the event. Conflicts will be resolved on an individual basis.

All students are expected to arrive at least TEN minutes before rehearsal is scheduled to begin. This ensures time to greet other members, assemble instrument, and be ready to go at the time rehearsal is scheduled to begin. All students should wear sneakers and bring music, instruments, drill, pencils, sunscreen, and water to each rehearsal. We will start and end rehearsals on time!

Band Camp

Band Camp will be held August 10-14, 2020. Because camp is a daylong event where we learn and memorize all music and drill, attendance is crucial. Any absences must be approved by Ms. Kulikowski. Upon return from an absence, it is expected students will make extra efforts to catch up as quickly as possible.

Instruments

All students are required to have an instrument in playable condition during every rehearsal and performance. Students using school instruments should use extra care in handling the instrument as they are responsible for its condition while it is in their possession. In addition, all students should have a lyre that attaches to their instrument.

Uniform

All students must wear the provided band uniform for all performances.

This includes:

- uniforms (pants, jacket, shako, plume) **
- black socks
- black marching shoes
- band t-shirt
- black gloves
- raincoat (if necessary)

** Band and guard uniforms MUST be handled with care. They should be stored on a hanger inside the provided garment bag. Uniforms will be stored at school.

Long hair should be tied back.

All jewelry must be removed for performances. This includes watches, earrings, necklaces, bracelets, rings, etc. These items may be kept in student instrument cases or band room during the game.

****If students remove their uniform jacket in the stands, the marching band t-shirt, LL black hoodie, or marching band raincoat must be the “visible layer.” Hoodies/jackets/hats in other colors/logos will not be permitted.**

Students who do not have all the items needed for performance are not “uniform” and will not be permitted to perform. Allowing a student to participate who is unprepared is unfair to all who have worked so hard to create a “uniform” ensemble. If you are unable to obtain any part of the uniform, contact Ms. Kulikowski as soon as possible and arrangements (financial or otherwise) will be made to ensure every student possesses the entire uniform.

Colorguard

The colorguard will follow the guidelines set for the marching band in addition to requirements determined by the colorguard instructor.

Discipline and Behavior

Performances/Competitions

The Lake-Lehman Marching Band performs at all Lake-Lehman football games, Tournament of Bands competitions, and the Sweet Valley Memorial Day Parade. All band events, home or away, are school functions. Therefore, the bus and the places the band performs are an extension of the classroom. Rules and consequences for misbehavior will be measured according to the guidelines set by the Lake-Lehman Band, student handbook, and school administrators.

Remember – you serve as ambassadors to Lake-Lehman when you are on the performance field and are traveling to area schools. It is your job to represent your school and band well.

Attitude

All students are expected to display a positive attitude during rehearsals, performances, competitions, and trips. Poor attitude, negativity, sarcasm, lack of respect for adults, assistants, or one another will not be tolerated.

“In Uniform” Behavior

When in uniform the following behaviors will not be tolerated:

- Use of vulgar/inappropriate language
- Public displays of affection for boyfriends/girlfriends

Students who are not members of the Lake-Lehman Marching Band are not permitted to sit with the band during football games.

3rd Quarter “off” Privilege

During most football games, the marching band will be given the 3rd quarter “off.” Throughout the time off, members may socialize and purchase food. All “in uniform” expectations remain the same. Students must return to the stands and be ready to play two minutes (football scoreboard time) before the start of the 4th quarter. **This privilege can be revoked from individual students or the entire band if discipline issues arise.**

Transportation

Students are expected to arrive and be picked up on time. It is the responsibility of the student and parent/guardian to successfully communicate the appropriate times. The schedule is posted on the band website (lakelehmanband.weebly.com) and updated with any changes as they are made. Further, a phone is always available to contact a parent should an away trip return early or rehearsal end before its scheduled time. If a student will be riding home from an away performance or trip with their parents/guardians, a written note signed by a parent/guardian must be given to Ms. Kulikowski. In addition, parents/guardians will sign students out at the performance site.

Parent/Guardian Involvement – Lake-Lehman Band Sponsors

The band program welcomes parents/guardians to support the band program. Opportunities include but are not limited to uniform distribution, providing meals/water/snacks, working at food stands, fundraising, and schlepping pit instruments during performances.

Band Bigs

Each new member of the marching band will be assigned a band big. The job of the band big is to help their “band little” adjust, meet other members, and aid in the learning of music and drill.

Photos

Each year a group photo is taken and available for purchase. All members must be present for the photo.

Honors and Awards

There are opportunities for the band and its members to receive honors for the work they have done during the year. Nearly every honor is earned through both a demonstration of high skill and defined character.

Band Website – <http://lakelehmanband.weebly.com>

Please check the band website regularly for schedule updates and information.

Remind App – Text llmarch20 to 81010

Twitter – @lakelehmanband

Google Classroom – Marching Band 2020

I am looking forward to an exciting and outstanding season!!!

Please see me if you have any questions. During the summer I can be reached by email (kulikowskic@llsd.org).

Expectations Agreement Contract

All students and parents/guardians must sign the following to participate in the Lake-Lehman Marching Band.

I, _____ (print student name), have read, understand, and will follow the expectations and rules of the Lake-Lehman Marching Band, in addition to the Lake-Lehman Athletic Code of Conduct and COVID guidelines/protocols.

I will complete the requirements for marching band for the entire 2020-21 school year.

_____ **Student Signature**

_____ **Date**

I have read, understand, and have discussed the expectations and rules of the Lake-Lehman Marching Band, in addition to the Lake-Lehman Athletic Code of Conduct and COVID guidelines/protocol with my son/daughter. He/She will complete the requirements for marching band for the entire 2020-21 school year.

_____ **Parent/Guardian**

_____ **Date**

This form must be signed and returned to Ms. Kulikowski at the first rehearsal attended to be kept on file during the 2020-21 school year.