

Lakeshore Middle School Band Handbook

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Please read through this handbook, it will answer many, if not all of the questions you may have about band. If you ever have any questions please contact a director. ☺

SECTION I

Rehearsals.....

Rehearsal time is valuable time. ☺

1. Be in the band room when your class period begins. Be in your seat in a timely manner.
2. Students need to have all of their materials with them in class. This includes: instrument, folder with all music, a sharpened pencil, 3 good reeds, valve oil and slide grease (brass players). Percussionists should have their stick bag containing sticks and mallets. If we are planing on marching students need to have a pair of athletic shoes.

SECTION II

Public Appearances.....

Every member of the band is obligated to attend every public appearance of this organization. Personal illness, death in the immediate family, and discretion of the director and the building principal will be accepted as legitimate excuses if the director is notified in ADVANCE by the parent/guardian.

Please remember that band is voluntary until you are accepted as a member: then it becomes **OBLIGATORY**. **Only three reasons will be acceptable: 1) Personal illness, 2) Death in the immediate family, 3) Discretion of the director and building principal. In the event that you will need to miss a performance for a reason other than #1 or #2 you need to give the director at least 2 weeks notice or the absence**

will not be excused. An unexcused absence from a performance will result in a failing grade for the performance.

Please check the calendar page for all performance dates.

PRIOR EXCUSED ABSENCES or absences due to illness or a death in the family....from a performance will not affect your grade if arrangements are made with the Director to make up the time missed for the performance. The Middle School Requirement is one hour of “musical community service” for each missed performance.

(One additional hour of preparation time with a Director for community service performances is required)

SECTION III

Grades.....

Band grades are a combination of practice journal, weekly grade, play tests and performances.

SECTION IV

Code of Conduct....

We take the Code of Conduct very seriously, please read through the Code of Conduct and sign the form.