



LAKE WORTH HIGH SCHOOL

BAND HANDBOOK

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The purpose of this handbook is to give band parents some idea of what to expect during the busy band year. Many times, upperclassmen parents understand but perhaps need a new handbook for reminders of certain policies, procedures and any up-dated or revised material. Many upperclassmen parents are familiar with the many performances throughout the year, but it's always a good idea to double check as the band may be beginning new performances traditions.

Hopefully, this handbook will help as a guide and furnish you with useful information about games (including play-offs), contest, trips, concerts as well as volunteer opportunities. **BE SURE TO ASK YOUR STUDENTS EVERYDAY ABOUT ANNOUNCEMENTS MADE IN BAND OR NOTICES THAT YOU NEED HAVE!!** Many times our students just assume you already know or don't think to tell you at all.

We hope this guide is useful. Please remember that this handbook is meant to be useful as a guide only and any of the circumstances could change.

We urge everyone to ask questions and become familiar with our system of conduction business.

WELCOME TO THE BULLFROG BAND FAMILY. WE HOPE YOUR RIDE WILL BE FUN, EXCITING AND MEMORABLE.

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The University Interscholastic League (UIL)

This organization is part of the University of system and every public school in the state is a member. UIL was organized to govern and monitor all Texas school athletic, speech, debate, music, drama and academic competitions. This year we will complete in the following UIL competitions:

OCTOBER 19	UIL Marching Evaluation
NOVEMBER 2	UIL AREA Marching Evaluation
FEBRUARY 8	UIL SOLO AND ENSEMBLE
MARCH 6	UIL CONCERT AND SIGHT READING EVALUATION

The Association of Texas Small School Bands (ATSSB)

This organization is run by 1A-4A high schools and their middle school band directors. This organization was created to regulate and enforce all-state competitions and lobby in Austin to the importance of music as a core subject. For our purpose, ATSSB regulates and organizes all-state competitions. This year we will compete in the following ATSSB competitions:

SEPTEMBER 17	REGION JAZZ AUDITIONS
NOVEMBER 18-19	JAZZ REGION CLINIC/CONCERT
DECEMBER 7	HS REGION AUDITIONS
DECEMBER 14	MS REGION AUDITIONS
JANUARY 4	HS AREA BAND AUDITIONS
JANUARY 17-18	MS REGION CLINIC/CONCERT
JANUARY 24-25	HS REGION CLINIC/CONCERT
JANUARY 24-25	HS REGION PERCUSSION ENSEMBLE
FEBRUARY 12-15	ALL STATE BAND CLINIC/CONCERT

Other Performances

The Lake Worth Band is involved in many non competitive performances as well. All performances are required by all members of the band program. Below is a list of some of the non competitive performances.

OCTOBER 23	HOMECOMING PARADE
DECEMBER TBD	HOLIDAY CONCERT
MARCH TBD	PRE COMPETITION CONCERT
MAY TBD	SPRING CONCERT
MAY 23	GRADUATION

New performance opportunities become available to us every year. Please be flexible if we are given the chance to perform in a new environment.

No Pass-No Play

No Pass-No Play, is part of House Bill 72 that was passed by the Texas Legislature around 1984 and became Texas State Law at the beginning of the 1985-1986 school year. No Pass-No Play simply stated : ***If a student fails one class during a nine week grading period, they are not allowed to participate in any school competitions for the following three week grading period. At the end of the three week grading period, if the student is passing ALL of their classes, they are able to rejoin their activity.*** This rule also applies for the first six weeks progress report. After that time, progress reports can only help you regain eligibility.

Activities affected by non pass - no play:

- Football Games
- Marching Competitions
- UIL Solo and Ensemble Contest
- ATSSB Auditions
- Band Trips

Activities non affected by no pass - no play:

- Parades
- Concerts on a Lake Worth ISD Campus
- UIL Concert and Sight Reading Evaluation
- Banquets
- Before and After School Rehearsals

Lake Worth Fine Arts Awards Banquet

The fine arts banquet is a tradition of the Lake Worth High School Fine Arts Department. The banquet is a semi-formal "Sunday Best" affair that is refined and sophisticated. This banquet serves to celebrate our fine arts family and our year's achievements.

Some of the awards include -

- The John Phillip Sousa Award
- Patrick S Gillmore Award
- Outstanding Freshman, Sophomore, Junior and Senior Award
- Outstanding Percussion and Colorguard Awards
- ATSSB Region, Area and State Recognition
- UIL Solo and Ensemble Recognition
- Senior Awards
- Service Awards

Discipline and Student Behavior

We, adult staff of the Lake Worth High School Band, like Lake Worth High School, have a zero tolerance policy in force in regards to any disruptive behavior.

We strongly enforce the Lake Worth ISD Student Code of Conduct and follow its procedures on how LWISD students are to conduct themselves.. However, being a member of the Lake Worth band is a privilege and we reserve the right to remove from the band program students who continually display problematic behavior. Our students are safe in the Lake Worth Band and a strong student code of conduct helps to cultivate our strong family atmosphere.

LWISD School-Owned Instruments

If your student plays a district-owned instrument, a \$40 maintenance fee is required in return for the student's use of the instrument. This amount covers any costs incurred in maintaining an instrument in good playing condition due to normal and careful use of the instrument. **This does not cover damage to the instrument, whether accidental or due to negligence or theft. In the event the instrument is damaged beyond normal wear, a 20% deductible will be charged to the student. A student who repeatedly or intentionally damages an instrument may be held liable for the entire cost of repair or replacement of the instrument.**

Lake Worth High School Band - Letter Jacket Policy

There are several ways a student can earn their letter jacket for band. It is important that we all understand that to get a letter jacket, you must earn the letter. If the student already has a letter jacket from another activity, they will just receive a letter and will be responsible for having it put on the jacket.

1. Stay in band until you are a senior and perform in at least two of the 3 UIL or designated contests each of your first three years in band.
2. Accumulate 5 points through the following point system
 - a. ½ point - 1st division on a class 2 or 3 solo or ensemble at UIL solo and ensemble contest.
 - b. 1 point - 1st division on a class one solo or ensemble at UIL solo and ensemble contest
 - c. 1 point - Qualify and perform in an ATSSB Region Band
 - d. 1 point - Qualify and audition at the ATSSB Area Band
 - e. 3 points - 1st division on an ensemble at the Texas State Solo and Ensemble Contest
3. Quality and perform in the All State Band
4. 1st Division on a solo at the Texas State Solo and Ensemble Contest
5. Qualifying and perform with the top ensemble for two consecutive spring semesters
6. Color Guard Only - Perform at UIL Marching Contest two years.

Lake Worth Football Season Competitions

Not only does the band perform at all of the football games, but they also perform at marching competitions throughout the football season. The following dates are the contest we currently have scheduled:

- SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 28 - WILDCAT MARCHING FESTIVAL
- SATURDAY, OCTOBER 5 - AUBREY MARCHING CLASSIC
- SATURDAY, OCTOBER 19 - UIL MARCHING CONTEST
- SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 2 - UIL AREA MARCHING CONTEST
- SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 16 - LONESTAR DRUMLINE CONTEST
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Please remember...these performances are required in addition to the football games. The Lake Worth High School Band is a performance oriented organization and performances are graded. If a students habitually misses performances, their standing in the band program will be evaluated.

Football Season Basic Band Schedule

Monday 6:00-9:00pm

Tuesday-Thursday 3:30-5:00pm

Friday Game Day Schedule

Saturday Contest Day Schedule!

Medical Physicals

All members of marching bands in Texas are required to have an athletic physical each year. The physical is valid for two years. If your student has already completed this requirement with athletics, we can get that information from them.

Performance Day Expectations -

It takes a lot of time, effort and energy to get ready for a performance. We have a method of doing things that allows for this operation to be as concise and as smooth as possible. We do everything step by step together. This takes time.

UNIFORMS - Lake Worth ISD provides the marching band uniforms. Individual students/parents are responsible for paying for their band shirts, shorts and shoes. We, as the guardians of the Lake Worth Band Uniform, have special procedures to ensure proper maintenance of the uniform that in turn, helps with band uniform longevity.

UNIFORM INFORMATION:

1. Every uniform is stored in the LWHS Band Uniform room.
2. Through the help of your BMB Activity Fee, the uniform will be washed after every 3-4 performances.
3. Students are not allowed to take any part of the uniform home without permission from the directors.
4. Parents are not allowed to clean individual uniforms without permission from the directors.
5. While in uniform, there is to be no hair product or makeup used.
6. Consuming foods other than director provided food in uniform is prohibited.
7. Sometimes students will be required to wear jeans for performances. If you need help with getting jeans, please contact a director.

HOME GAME PROCEDURE

1. Uniforms will be checked out during band class period.
2. Hat boxes will be taken to the stadium during class prior to the stadium rehearsal. Students will be in their "casual uniform" at this time.
3. Students will be fed by the booster organization prior to the game.
4. Students will change into their uniform between the end of school and the game.
5. After halftime (during warmer games) students will remove the uniform and place them on top of their hat box.
6. Students will receive a snack after their halftime performance.
7. Prior to leaving the stadium, the band section will be checked and cleaned.
8. After the game, students will turn in their uniform (properly hung). No student will be dismissed until all uniforms are put away and the band hall has been cleaned.

AWAY GAME AND COMPETITION PROCEDURES

1. Uniforms will be checked out during the band class period.
2. Students will rehearse in their "casual uniform"
3. Students will travel in the travel uniform - Band uniform pants and band shoes. Students will be provided dinner on the bus.
4. After halftime (during warmer games) students will remove the uniform and place them on top of their hat box.
5. Students will receive a snack after their halftime performance
6. Prior to leaving the stadium, the band section will be checked and cleaned.
7. Once on the buses, students will put their uniforms away in the travel bag.
8. Upon arrival at the school, students will turn in their uniform (properly hung). No student will be dismissed until all uniforms are put away and the band hall has been cleaned.

These are necessary steps to keep everything orderly and running smoothly. Everyone is part of the TEAM. We all help each other and work together. Remember...be patient as your student does his/her job before and after games. They are learning how to work as a TEAM which, as we all know, will help them when they become adults

Communication -

The Band Directors use two ways to communicate with the band students/parents.

Ground Messages - Remind App.

- These messages will be used daily to update rehearsal plans, performance plans and schedule updates.
- The updated group connection information will be on the current year information page.

Personal Messages - School Status

- School Status will be used for individual messages and group messages once set up for us.

Lake Worth High School Band Financial Obligations -

There is a cost to running the Lake Worth High School Band Program. Below are the amounts for this year's band fees -

Item	Amount	Due Date
BMB Activity Fee	\$100.00	50% Week 2 of Band Camp, Full Payment due by the 2nd Friday of the school year.
Shorts (If Needed)	\$20.00	Week 2 of Band Camp
New Shoes (If Needed)	\$30.00	2nd Friday of School Year
Used Shoes (If available)	\$10.00	2nd Friday of School Year
Instrument Maintenance Fee (For Use of School Owned Instruments)	\$40.00	End of September
Color Guard and Percussion Fee	\$40.00	End of September

We will have a fundraiser during band camp that can be used to offset these fees. We will also have other opportunities for your student to make money to help pay these fees.

If you have any problems with paying the fees, please talk to a director.

<p style="text-align: center;">FORMS TO TURN IN Handbook Acknowledgement Form Supplies Order Form Medical Release Form Parent Involvement Form 8 Hour Rule Form District Owned Instrument Use Agreement (if using a LWISD Owned Instrument) Medical Physical</p>

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