Lone Oak High School
Mighty Buffalo Band
Student / Parent
Handbook

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LONE OAK ISD BAND DEPARTMENT

As a member of the band, you are a member of one of the most prestigious student programs at Lone Oak ISD. As with any other organization, the success of the band depends on the level of loyalty by all of its members.

DISCLAIMER

The rules set forth by Federal Law, Texas State Law, Texas Education Agency (TEA), and University Interscholastic League (UIL) supersede any policies in this handbook that are found to be in conflict. This handbook adopts policies that are more stringent than those adopted by Lone Oak ISD and Lone Oak High School as allowed by district policies.

PURPOSE

The handbook was written to serve as a guide to help students and parents understand policies that will be followed on a daily basis in the Lone Oak Buffalo Band. Understand that it covers some policies already set for in the LOISD handbooks and additional policies that are unique to the Lone Oak High School Band. Students are required to follow all guidelines within. Students are also expected to follow ALL rules and regulations set forth by the organizations listed in the "Disclaimer" section. If an issue arises that is not covered in this document, the Band Director will decide on the appropriate action.

ORGANIZATIONAL PHILOSOPHY

Lone Oak High School Band Students will learn the importance of dependability, teamwork, and music. LOISD band students will also learn that hard work is the only path that leads to success. By doing this, students will be prepared to become good citizens and future leaders in our society.

BAND OBJECTIVES

Cultural: To continue the development of music appreciation and understanding through the study and performance of the best literature in music.
Educational: To develop interested and discerning listeners and provide a well-rounded musical background.
Service: To provide music and support for certain school and community affairs, while promoting and enhancing the dignity and reputation of the band at music performances.
Recreational: To provide all students with an opportunity for worthy use of leisure time, and an emotional outlet and good social experiences.

THE BAND PROGRAM'S RESPONSIBILITY TO THE STUDENT

- Providing the band members with the proper kind of rehearsal room, ventilation, lighting, seating, music stand, instrument storage space, and such other equipment as is necessary to aid in good, lasting performance habits.
- Plan each day's activities and encourage daily progress of the entire band.
- Provide the student with a full musical education through rehearsal, performance, teaching, testing, and listening.
- Assure that no individual member through inappropriate or irresponsible behavior interferes with the learning (achievement) of the group. It is the responsibility of the band department to see that all members conform to the school and department policies.
- Supervise the students in class or on school sponsored band trips. Each student will receive communication via the Band App containing the plans for each trip, the type dress, and the complete schedule of activities
- Grade the progress of each member on his/her instrument and their participation in the band.

THE BAND MEMBER'S RESPONSIBILITY TO THE PROGRAM

- Be regular in attendance and make sure all absences are excused by the Band Director prior to the absence. Excessive absences (exc. OR unexcused absences) may result in loss of performance privileges.
- Make a real effort to learn and improve on a daily basis
- Become responsible for and expect to assume the consequences for your actions
- Be personally clean, neat, dress appropriately, and respect the LOISD Band uniform
- Have the proper respect for those in authority
- Follow all classroom rules, school regulations, and all travel instructions given for trips
- Be honest and fair with others concerning equipment, music, and school life in general
- Cooperate with fellow band members and share with them the responsibilities and privileges that are a part of the band program
- Contribute positively to your music education and that of others by the best use of your talents
- Read and play music with insight and expression
- Communicate with the Band Director when conflicts arise. We want you to be **SUCCESSFUL** in everything that you do
- Most of all: **HAVE A POSITIVE ATTITUDE**
- Never settle for "**Good enough**"... Always Strive for **The Best**!!

LONE OAK ISD BAND PROGRAM

The Lone Oak Band Program consists of all band students at the middle school and the high school. These students will expand on the primary skills learned in their beginning year of band, and will be introduced to full ensemble playing, as well as individual and group competition. The following is an overview of the various performing groups in existence at Lone Oak Middle School and Lone Oak High School. It is to our expectation that students will start in beginner band, advance through middle school, and finally finish 4 years in the high school band program.

Marching Band: The marching band will be made up of all band students in grades 9-12, who have successfully completed the middle school program. This group will perform at all football games, pep rallies, parades, and festivals throughout the school year and performances are graded as tests. This would include any and all events that the band is invited to participate/perform at or in by the city and/or community or school district. Select 8th graders may be offered the opportunity to perform with the high school band. Band students will not be allowed to join the band in the Spring. Members that complete 4 years of service in high school band will be honored and recognized at senior night and at the Spring Concert.

Beginning Band: The beginner band is made up of any 6th, 7th or 8th grade students who are starting instrumental music instruction or that simply need more experience in the middle school program in preparation for high school band. This group will perform two full band concerts, one at Christmas and the other in the Spring. This group may also perform at a Spring Festival, UIL Concert & Sight Reading contest, UIL All-Region auditions, and/or a Solo & Ensemble Contest.

Junior High Band/Middle School Band: This is a group that is growing in numbers. The middle school band consists of 7th and 8th graders. This class will be treated as a training class for the high school band and will perform two full band concerts, one at Christmas and the other in the Spring. This group may also perform at a Spring Festival, UIL Concert & Sight Reading contest, UIL All-Region auditions, and/or a Solo & Ensemble Contest.

HS Concert Band(s): This organization may perform a variety of concert band literature throughout the year and will perform in numerous concerts, competitions, and school events. If numbers require two performing groups at the high school level, then the groups will be ability based. This group's performance requirements will consist of but are not limited to two full band concerts, one at Christmas and the other in the Spring. This group may also perform at a Spring Festival, UIL Concert & Sight Reading contest, UIL All-Region auditions, and/or a Solo & Ensemble Contest.

Ensembles: Ensembles will be scheduled after school as time permits for Solo & Ensemble Competition and will be open to all eligible band members.

Color Guard: This group consists of members of the Lone Oak High School Band that have completed the requirements set forth in the Color Guard Handbook. The guard performs at all football games, pep rallies, and other contests and competitions.

Lone Oak Band Communication

The Lone Oak Band will be communicating with parents and students via the band app. **It is a requirement for all students and/or parents to join the band app as this is where the most pertinent information will be communicated the quickest**.

You can join the Lone Oak Band group via links, invites, and/or QR codes and these are all specific in regards to the students participating group/class/grade level.

This information will all be shared, posted, and/or distributed to students and parents when summer band and school begins.

All communication with parents and students will be through the Band App throughout the school year!

~ Communication via email and district phone will always be available, though not considered the most efficient or effective way to communicate or receive information for those participating in high school band.

Scan to join

Lone Oak High School Band

(Please include your students name)

LONE OAK BAND GRADING PROCEDURE

The grading scale will be used in concordance with the Lone Oak ISD grading scale.

Daily Grades

- *Chair Tests/Playing Tests*
- *Portfolio Entries/Practice Records/Objective Sheets*
- *All Music Pass-Offs*
- *Other Daily Grades, Folder Checks, Pencil Check, Supply Check etc…*

Test Grades

- *Playing & Written Exams*
- *Attendance of Rehearsals/Performances-proper dress and on time*
- *Dress Rehearsals and Concert/UIL Performances will each count as a test grade*

~Any and all performances are considered tests and will be graded as such. Parents/students are expected to understand that performances cannot be made up if missed. Especially a contest performance. On the rare occasion that a student has to miss a performance and that has been communicated to the director appropriately and in a timely manner, that student will be given a make-up assignment and ample opportunity to complete it. However, if a performance is missed with no communication and without being excused by the director well in advance it is considered unexcused and a make-up assignment may not be given. Emergencies that can not be avoided excluded.

Lone Oak Fall Portfolio Expectations

The following items are required for students to pass off at the beginning of the marching season. Pass-offs can be in person with Mr. Cheek and/or Miss. Coronado or through video assignment. How to turn in video assignments will be taught during summer band camp.

- Scales
    - C; F; B-flat; E-flat; G; D; A; (Concert pitches)
    - Chromatic
- Spirit Repertoire
    - Fight Song
    - School Song
    - National Anthem

--Students will learn about specific deadlines well in advance throughout the season and stand tunes will be an added list of repertoire throughout the summer band and duration of the marching season.

*Other specific section assignments will be assigned by Mr. Cheek and Miss Coronado.

Further Portfolio entries will be assigned for the spring depending on music selection and band placement in the spring.

Solo & Ensemble/All-Region

All Lone Oak students will learn music for region solo & ensemble/All-Region for a grade. S&E competition is held in February and the music must be selected/approved by the band director. An accompanist will be provided by the ISD for students doing a solo, and if a music piece is not part of the library, students may be required to purchase that music themselves.

ATTENDANCE AND SCHEDULE

The band competes and performs as a unit. If individuals are not present at rehearsals or performances, the entire group is affected. Students are expected to make arrangements to attend **ALL rehearsals and performances. <u>It is expected for students and parents to be aware of all scheduled events and plan/schedule routine appointments and doctor visits around those events</u>**. Extenuating circumstances are expected to be communicated as early as can be expected and will be assessed on a case by case basis at the discretion of the directors.

EXPECTATIONS OF THE DAILY REHEARSALS

The daily class time is the basis from which good performances originate. *A conscientious effort at rehearsals will guarantee successful performances and this means that adequate preparation on your individual part must take place at home*. Band rehearsals are designed to learn about music and solve ensemble problems and not to teach you your part note by note.

To make each class more productive…

- Be on time!!! *To be on time is to be late… To be early is to be on time!*
- Warm-up softly and slowly once the director has instructed you to do so. (No Blasting)
- Have a pencil or writing utensil at all times.
- Make sure your folder is at all rehearsals.
- Maintain a good posture at all times keeping both feet on the floor.
- Do not talk/play (except when instructed to do so) while the director or anyone is talking
    - Students will respect the podium
- Be attentive and anxious to participate.
- Cell phones are not allowed in the band set up. Please see Lone Oak High School cell phone policy.

BAND HALL RULES

- Enter and exit the band hall in an orderly, QUIET manner.
- When getting your instrument out, get YOUR instrument only. You should not be in any other section of the instrument storage area except your own.
- Be in your seat when the director steps on the podium to begin class with YOUR band folder, your music, your instrument, your pencil, and any other required materials.
- No talking once class has begun unless given permission by the director.
- **Listen and follow directions at all times. They may not always be repeated.**
- Remain seated until dismissed.
- When class is over, be sure to get all personal belongings. Anything left will be placed in the lost and found or turned into the office.
- No food, drink, candy, or gum is allowed at any time during rehearsal time. Water is okay.
- Respect others; their rights, property, person, and feelings.
- Cell phones are not allowed in the band set up. Please see Lone Oak High School cell phone policy.
- Absolutely no PDA (Public Displays of Affection) of any kind at any time.

GAME CONDUCT

- Band students will support our team by cheering and being involved in the game. We have a job to do and we will put forth our best effort.
- Cell phones are NOT allowed in the stands unless otherwise specified by directors.
- During the game **you are to remain at your assigned seat at all times.**
- No food, candy, or drinks are allowed in the band set. Water/drinks will be provided.
- Be ready to play at all times. Music will be called up in advance. Have the fight song ready at all times.
- NO non band people are allowed in the band stands- this includes your parents. We are “on duty” during games.
- In cold weather, wear warm clothes under your uniform that are red/white/gray/black in color or approved by the director. Show shirts will be required under jackets.
- No one leaves the stands during the game without permission and students will travel in pairs.
- You will remain in our stands until dismissed after the game and our area is clean.
- In the event of detrimental weather the band will await instructions from admin about delay of game time frames and when we can re-enter the stadium. We will stay to support the team as long as they are on the field. This means students will not be allowed to leave early due to a delay of game.

*The band WILL be playing during the 3rd quarter at football games! Our team needs support during this time and we will provide it. This will still be a time reserved for restroom breaks but our team needs us and we still have a job to do! Meals will be provided before games and snacks will be provided after an away game for the trip home. Students WILL NOT go without!

Trip Conduct

Since the band is a part of the whole school system, we will operate by the rules set down by the school district with a few additions of our own. The band will always travel to a performance as a group on assigned buses. Once a student has been assigned to a bus, there will be no changes in the seating arrangement. A student may ride home with his/her parents after being signed out by the parents. All student leadership will be required to travel to and from events for logistical purposes. **Prior to the trip, information will be given which will tell students exactly where to be, at what time, with what equipment, and in what uniform or dress, and for what purpose.** Students are expected to follow these instructions to the letter.

Student transportation will always be provided by Lone Oak ISD. Our drivers are acquainted with the routine and responsibilities of the Lone Oak band. The bus trip's sole purpose is to transport Lone Oak band to and from an event safely. It is not for entertainment. The following rules will be followed at all times while you are on the bus:

- Respect the bus driver and all chaperones and adults
- Be completely quiet during roll call
- No food or drink, unless authorized
- Use normal tone voice
- Absolutely no PDA at any time.
- No sound devices are allowed unless they have headphones
- Students must ride school transportation to all events
- Students are expected to ride the bus home from games with the band. Extenuating circumstances may apply and will be assessed on a case by case basis and need to be communicated to the directors in advance.
- When the band performs at an advancement contest/competition, the band will stay until the award ceremony is over.
- In the case of an overnight trip, you will not be allowed in any room other than their assigned room without the presence or consent of the director. Curfews will be in effect.
- Section leaders/Drum Majors will not be allowed to sign out at after games or contests

This handbook agreement serves as the official high school band permission slip for traveling to and from games, contests/competitions, field trips, and all instances where the band will travel together as a group.

UNIFORM USAGE POLICY

High School marching band uniform: The Lone Oak band uniform consists of uniform coat, pants, and performance tops. Each of these items will be provided by the school district at the beginning of the season. We will check out each of the items at the beginning of the season and check them back in immediately upon the conclusion of the season. No student is dismissed until all parts of the uniform are put in their proper place. If a student's request to ride home with their parents is approved by the director, it is his/her responsibility to get the uniform hung back up properly and returned to Lone Oak. No band uniforms will be taken home or cleaned by anyone except the assigned student/guardian. At the end of the year, the uniform will be returned and students will be financially responsible for missing or damaged parts. Please note that the average replacement cost of each uniform is approximately $350 a unit. If the uniform is returned and shows more than average wear and tear, the student will be held financially responsible.

During the first few games of the year, we will have a more casual uniform due to the weather. This uniform will be as follows…

- Lone Oak Game Day T-Shirt (Show Theme)
- Black Band/Athletic Band Shorts
- Marching shoes & socks (This allows us to be uniform with the benefit of using our shoes designed specifically for marching band.)

Concert Band band uniform:

1. Formal dress for concerts (Winter, UIL Events, Spring Concert, Solo & Ensemble):
    a. Male Dress code is as follows:
        i. Black dress shirt
        ii. Black dress slacks
        iii. Black Belt
        iv. Black dress shoes (socks are NOT acceptable concert attire as footwear)
        v. Long black dress socks
    b. Female dress code can be the same as male dress code or:
        i. Past the knee black dress
        ii. Black leggings (worn under dresses if necessary) Leggings alone are not permissible.

Dress Code: The band will have a stricter policy than the student handbook. Any dress issue that is a distraction as a Lone Oak band member will not be allowed. Band students will not be allowed to travel, perform and/or attend band functions if there is a dress or hair issue. No un-natural hair colorings will be allowed. No unkempt facial hair. Dresses must be past the knee for concerts and performances. As an extracurricular activity, unnatural hair colors are distracting to judges, your hair and face are considered part of your uniform. We have to consider what a judge will see when we are performing on the field and how those things can/may attract their attention and/or distract them from our performance.

EQUIPMENT

Students will be responsible for routine up-keep and care of all their equipment, whether it is school owned or not. Students will all be responsible for paying their band fees in order to participate but, **Any damages to the instruments, music, uniforms or any other equipment will be repaired or replaced immediately at the student's expense.**

ELIGIBILITY

TEA and UIL have very strict policies when it comes to eligibility issues and events that are deemed "extracurricular." Some activities the band participates in are curricular or academic, and others are extracurricular. Either way, in order for a band student to participate fully in the band program, he/she must make a 70% or higher in all of their classes. Here at Lone Oak ISD, we have a 9 week grading policy. This does not change the strict 6 week/3 week eligibility requirements of UIL. Grade checks will occur at the end of each 3/6/9-week grading period. When a student has an event that causes them to miss class, it is their responsibility to check with that teacher ahead of time to make sure they know what they will be missing, and make plans to make up work, tests, etc.

Students participating in extracurricular activities are responsible for turning in all assignments complete and on time. For example, if an assignment was given on Monday with a due date of Thursday, but the student is leaving for a tournament Thursday, the assignment is still due on Thursday, without exception.

If a student misses class for an extracurricular activity, they will receive one extra day to make up all work, tests, projects, etc.

Students are required to make up tests on their time (not class time). They must schedule make-up tests, etc. with both the teacher and coaches/directors in case of missed time. **Do not expect to take band time to complete missed assignments due to participating in any band event.**

It takes many hours of preparation for the band to become a quality unit. If individuals become ineligible, the band has to be re-taught sets and valuable time is lost. Students that have excessive eligibility problems will be excluded from the marching show and the concert band until a time comes in which he/she can prove he/she can consistently remain eligible. Students that are ineligible for more than 2 consecutive grading periods may be asked to choose an elective other than band. Student leaders as well as members of auxiliary units of the band will be removed from his/her position if he/she becomes ineligible **at any time** during the year and may not be allowed to audition or apply for any position in the future.

In the event that a student becomes ineligible they may not be allowed to practice with the contest band. Instead, he/she may be given alternate assignments in order to make up for his/her lost time. TEA and UIL does not allow students that are ineligible to participate in football games, pep-rallies, parades, or any competitions. However, ineligible students are allowed (and required) to participate in school concerts in order to satisfy requirements in the Texas Essential Knowledge and Skills.

DISCIPLINE MANAGEMENT REGULATIONS

Students involved with the Lone Oak High School Band are looked at as “band students” even at times when he/she is not formally participating in a band activity. Because of this, these students are expected to be good examples to all other students in his/her classes and in the community. **Students that are in conflict with this philosophy will be removed from the band at the discretion of the Band Directors.**

Band members are not only representatives of their program but their community and school. Band members will abide by the Lone Oak ISD Student code of conduct.

Profanity: Use of profanity of ANY KIND is considered conduct unbecoming of a representative of the Lone Oak Buffalo Band. **It will not be tolerated.**

All negative student behavior (while in band, other classes or in public) will be evaluated by the band director and appropriate disciplinary action will be determined based on the severity of the incident and its impact on the band. Student leaders may lose that position.

It should be noted that any conduct unbecoming of a Lone Oak High School band member will not be tolerated or accepted. Band students will be held to a higher standard and will be expected to set the standard of a model student. **Lone Oak Might Buffalo Band will be the leaders of the school.**

DRUG TEST POLICY

DRUG TESTING

Lone Oak Independent School District has a student drug testing program for all students who participate in extra/co-curricular activities. The student drug policy is discussed in the districts/campus handbooks. Each parent and student has access to a copy at the beginning of each school year. In addition to this policy the LOISD band program has punishments and consequences directly related to any violations of this policy. These punishments and consequences are based on cumulative offenses related to violations of the drug policy and expectations. They are **NOT** cleared from year to year.

1. First Offense: UIL performance/playing privileges removed and leaders demoted from their position. Alternate assignment opportunities will be afforded to the student to earn their grade during band class. Students will be randomly retested after 30 days. Student may attend practice/rehearsals at directors discretion, but are not allowed to participate at game/competition.
2. Second Offense - permanent removal from the band class and program.

VAPE POLICY

FIRST OFFENSE:

- Student will receive 8 days of DAEP per district student code of conduct and that student will be removed from the UIL competition marching show and UIL Concert & Sight-Reading preparations.
    - These events being team activities students are required to be present and in regular attendance. This allows them to learn their part WITH the entire ensemble and for the band/entire ensemble to understand how all of their parts work together for competition. Any student who misses 8 days of rehearsal will not be able to participate at an effective level and this will result in the band/ensemble having to adjust to the show and performance without that student.
    - Student will still be expected to participate in other avenues of performance and practice such as UIL All-Region, UIL Solo & Ensemble, and individual playing opportunities to continue to earn their grade during regular band class.
    - Student will be allowed to travel with the band and participate/support the program by helping to move equipment at the discretion of the director.

SECOND OFFENSE:

- Student will receive 30 days of DAEP as per district student code of conduct and will be removed from band class and program altogether.
    - This is in concordance with the expectations previously described in this handbook under “Discipline Management Regulations.”

ISS POLICY

- Students receiving ISS will NOT be able to perform in interscholastic competition DURING their punishment timeframe.
    - Students can still travel w/the band to support at the directors discretion.

- Students are still allowed to participate in rehearsals/practices outside of school hours at directors discretion.

~In the unfortunate event that a student is expelled from the band program, parents are asked to consider that his/her child has usually received ample warnings and "chances" to correct his/her behavior. Band is an elective in which the student must truly want to participate. Unlike core classes, students do not HAVE to be in band. It is a privilege to be a Lone Oak Band student and is not a requirement needed to be promoted to the next grade or to graduate. Actions speak louder than words and if a student doesn't "act" like he/she wants to be in band, he/she will be asked to find another class in which to participate.

The following additional rules will be in effect when the band is at band practice or away from school:

- "Truth-or-Dare"/Trends/TikTok "Challenges" or any of the like activities done in an inappropriate or dangerous manner are prohibited from any band activities.
- While traveling on a bus, students are expected to behave in a manner that is not distracting to the driver.
- No energy drinks are allowed on trips or during band time.
- While students are on the bus he/she is to:
    - Stay seated
    - Keep feet off of the seat
    - Maintain a low volume level
- Students are to ride on the bus that he/she is assigned.
- Absolutely no public displays of affection are allowed.
- Girls and boys will ride separately on the bus if possible. We will do our best to ensure that we have directors and chaperones eyes on students at all times but it is to be taken into consideration that if a student/students want to break the rules they will try hard to find a way. These situations will result in appropriate consequences.
- Students who are in a personal relationship, or wanting to start a personal relationship will not be allowed to sit together.
- When arriving at the destination, the students are to sit quietly and wait on the bus for further instruction from the band directors.
- Students are not to exit from the rear door bus. (Unless there is an emergency.)
- Students are expected to follow the itinerary as set forth by the Band Director.
- Students are not allowed to go anywhere that he/she does not have prior permission to go.

BAND COUNCIL & LEADERSHIP

Band leadership positions will consist of drum majors, head section leader and section leaders. All leadership positions in the Lone Oak band will be selected by the band staff.

The band will have a council, which will serve as the organizational body of the band members. The council will promote band activities, pride, and enthusiasm throughout the band program as well as the entire school campus. Although not an exhaustive list, the council will be made up of the following positions:

- Drum Majors
- Section Leaders
- Band President
- Logistics Officer(s)
- Loading Captain

These individuals do not leave before dismissal and are expected to ride the bus home from any trips/games/performances.

AWARDS & HONORS

JOHN PHILLIP SOUSA/PATRICK S. GILMORE/DIRECTOR'S AWARD
These awards will be presented to the students who have displayed an outstanding attitude, effort and musicianship throughout the entire school year. Grade point average, leadership qualities, attendance and dedication will all be considered.

LONE OAK BAND BOOSTER SCHOLARSHIP
The scholarship(s) will be awarded to a graduating senior(s). The student(s) must follow the guidelines and qualifications set forth by the Lone Oak Band Booster Club and complete "Graduation/Honor Cord service hour requirements" stipulated in this handbook on page 17. More information regarding band booster scholarship qualifications will be provided when the application process begins. Students will be notified when applications are available.

Band Letter Honors Requirements:

1.) Make State

* Make All-State Band or Earn 1st Division (a "1") at State Solo & Ensemble.
  - (Freshmen, Sophomore, or Junior)
  - Seniors would already have earned their letter honors per years of service.

-----OR-----

2.) Complete Required Years of Service

* Be in Band (9-12) 3 Full Years (3 Fall & 3 Spring semesters)
  - Must have remained in good standing w/directors & peers.

3.) Move-In's, Senior year, those in "Good Standing"

***** In the event that a student cannot fulfill the requirements listed above due to moving into the district/program, directors reserve the privilege to grant letter honors based on enrollment and/or participation since arrival into the district/program.

* Seniors who participate in band (w/enough years/semesters of service or not) and finish in good standing will also qualify for letter honors at directors discretion.

8th Graders

***** 8th grade students will **NOT** receive letter honors, period. It is a High School "*Honor*" to letter and the understanding is that if you participate in Solo & Ensemble w/high school groups as an 8th grader you still cannot "letter" until you are a High School student.

* Students who join the High School marching band as an 8th grader will receive credit towards their years of service beginning the year they begin performing with the High School band program.

AWARDS & HONORS (cont'd)

Graduation/Honor Cord Requirements

*Students who wish to receive band graduation honors must meet the following requirements:

- Complete a minimum **40** band service hours between the time they enter high school band and their graduation. A student must accumulate a minimum average of 10 hours per year if they join the high school band after their 9th grade year. A student cannot qualify for band honors unless they are a current band member. Those hours can include but are not limited to:
    - Fundraiser attendance such as Fill the Band-Hat, Baseball/Softball gate fee collection, Mighty Oak Marching Festival volunteer duty, any other director stipulated fundraising activities..
    - Middle School Band activities
    - Fellow band member tutoring
    - Summer Band Prep
    - Banquet/Activity Set up and Tear Down
    - Any other band service activities agreed upon by directors, staff, and booster board members.

~Exceptions and special circumstances will be discussed and assessed on a case by case basis at the discretion of the directors, staff, and band booster board.~

***More awards can/will be decided/awarded at discretion of directors, staff, boosters, and band council.**

BAND BOOSTERS

The Lone Oak Band Boosters is the support organization for the Lone Oak ISD Band Program. All parents of band students are automatically Lone Oak Band Boosters. The Lone Oak Band Boosters are involved in raising money for band trips, scholarships, summer band camps and other financial needs of the band that are beyond the responsibility of the school district. It is impossible for this organization to function as it was intended without the support from all of the band parents. Each parent that has a child in band (6-12) is asked to help the organization in any way that he/she can throughout the year. The Lone Oak Band Boosters meet once a month at the high school band hall unless otherwise called by the head band director.

CHAPERONES

Parents may be selected as chaperones based on an application process, if selected by the director of bands. A predetermined amount of chaperones for big trips will be set by the director. All adults serving as chaperones must follow school policies, have a background check and will not be allowed to drink alcohol, smoke, or participate in any activity not allowed on school property. Preference will be given to school employees, nurses, and civic officials for spots on trips.

CHAPERONE RESPONSIBILITIES

Chaperones are partners with the school and shall:

- Respect and support the band program, band members, and other parents/chaperones.
- Support the student's commitments to the school, community and herself/himself.
- Monitor student behavior when on trips and traveling on the bus.
- Be an extension of the director in enforcing all band rules/regulations set forth in this handbook.
- Set an example of good sportsmanship at all activities.
- Take attendance/call roll to account for all students.

Sign and return THIS page.

LONE OAK BAND

Handbook Signature Page

This handbook is provided to help ensure that the band program will be an enjoyable and rewarding educational experience for all its members. Clear expectations that are established at the beginning of each school year will help make that possible. This handbook contains information about general rules and regulations of the program along with academic rules, UIL rules for competition, school owned equipment, individual equipment, alternates, concerts, bands, band hall policies, uniform procedures, and attendance policies. It also serves as a travel permission slip for any and all band trips. Please do not be overwhelmed by the information, especially if you are new to the high school band. The band experience should be a positive one and this can be achieved through cooperative teamwork among directors, parents, band members and the community.

I have read and discussed the Lone Oak Band handbook with my son/daughter/student and we will abide by the rules and regulations set forth in this handbook. We understand the responsibilities that come with being a member of the Lone Oak Buffalo Band Program and will accept the decisions of the Band Director(s).

Student's Name (Print) Student's Signature & Date

Parent's Name (Print) Parent's Signature & Date

ALL COMMUNICATION WITH PARENTS AND STUDENTS WILL BE THROUGH THE BAND APP OR YOU CAN EMAIL Mr. Cheek and/or Miss. Coronado directly.

Robert Cheek, Director of Bands
rcheek@loisd.net

Marina Coronado, Assistant Band Director
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MEDICAL FORM

_____ (student name) has my permission to go on all band sponsored trips for the 2025-2026 school year. I assume all responsibility for my child while traveling as well as at any event. I understand the consequences of the possession or use of drugs or alcohol during any band trip.

Medical Release Statement:

If, in the judgment of any representative of the school, the above student should need immediate care and treatment as a result of any injury or sickness, I do hereby request, authorize, and consent to such care and treatment as may be given said student by any physician, trainer, nurse, or school representative. I hereby release the University Interscholastic League and the Lone Oak Independent School District, its Trustees, Superintendent, Principals, Teachers, and employees together with all persons, both employees and volunteers, including parents assisting with any phase of such trips and activities from all liability and responsibility in connection with such trips and activities and hereby release all of said parties from all liability by reason of any accident, injuries or losses suffered by said student while on said trip or participating in such activities including athletic events, related activities, including travel, and I agree to indemnify and hold all of said parties harmless from all claims hereafter made or asserted by or on behalf of the above named student and his/her parents, heirs, or assigns.

☐ I give directors and staff permission to administer over the counter medicine such as Ibuprofen, Advil and Benadryl to my student as needed.

☐ I **DO NOT** give directors and staff permission to administer over the counter medicine such as Ibuprofen, Advil and Benadryl to my student as needed.

Signature of parent _____ Date _____

Phone number - Home _____ Phone Number- Work _____

Emergency Contact _____

Emergency contact Phone number _____

<u>Medical Information</u>

Doctor_____ Doctor Phone Number _____

Allergies_____

(Please list any allergies including food or over the counter medications)

Daily Medication _____

Additional Information _____

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LONE OAK BUFFALO BAND MEMBERSHIP FORM

Student Information

Last Name _____ First Name _____

Address_____

City_____ State _____ Zip Code _____

Gender_____ DOB_____

Home Phone Number _____ Student Cell _____

Parent Information

Mother's Name _____

Mother's Address _____

Mother's Cell _____

Father's Name _____

Father's Address_____

Father's Cell _____

Band Booster Level (Officer, Member, etc.) _____

Student Email _____

Parent or Guardian's email address _____

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Social Media Statement and Release

As a member of the Lone Oak Band, there is a high expectation to conduct yourself in a respectable manner at all times. This includes, internet post, profile, blog, or website connected to you or about you. It is important that you think twice about what you post, and that you are aware of your online reputation. Your social media is an extension of you and directly affects and reflects upon the Lone Oak High School Band and Color Guard programs.

Please be aware of the following:

- Make sure your profiles are password protected. Your password should be unique and original
- Communicate with your guardians about your social media profiles
- Do not post inappropriate pictures (alcohol, smoking, adult content, etc.)
- Avoid posts with foul language and explicit comments
- Do not bully others online
- Do not post negative content/comments related to the Lone Oak Band, guard, instructors, members, etc

I, _____, have read and understood the Social Media policies. As a Lone Oak Band member, I will be mindful of what I post and share online as it not only reflects on me, but also my program and school.

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Student Signature Date

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PARENT/STUDENT UIL MARCHING BAND
ACKNOWLEDGEMENT FORM
Updated 2025

No student may be required to attend a marching band related practice for more than eight hours outside the academic school day per calendar week (Sunday through Saturday). This provision applies to students in all components of the marching band. **Exceptions:** For schools that begin instruction prior to the fourth Monday in August the limit of eight hours of rehearsal outside of the academic school day per calendar week shall begin on the Tuesday immediately following Labor Day. Schools under this exception shall be limited to eight hours of rehearsal outside of the academic day per school week (12:01 AM on the first day of school of the calendar week through the end of the school day on the last day of instruction of the school week) until the Tuesday immediately following Labor Day. For any calendar week consisting of less than five school days a marching band may rehearse one additional hour beyond eight hours for each non-school day, provided the school week limitation of eight hours is not exceeded.

On performance days (football games, competitions and other public performances) bands may hold up to one additional hour of warm-up and practice beyond the scheduled warm-up time. Multiple performances on the same day do not allow for additional practice and/or warm-up time.

Examples of Activities Subject to the UIL Marching Band Eight Hour Rule.

- Marching Band Rehearsal (Both Full Band and Components)
- Any Marching Band Group Instructional Activity
- Breaks
- Announcements
- Debriefing and Viewing Marching Band Videos
- Passing Off Marching Band Music
- Marching Band Sectionals (Both Director and Student Led)
- Clinics for The Marching Band or Any of its Components

The Following Activities Are Not Included in the Eight Hour Time Allotment:

- Travel Time to and From Rehearsals and/or Performances
- Rehearsal Set-Up Time
- Pep Rallies, Parades and Other Public Performances
- Instruction and Practice For Music Activities Other Than Marching Band And Its Components

NOTE: More information about Marching Band practice limitations can be found at:
www.uiltexas.org/music/marching-band

"We have read and understand the Eight-Hour Rule for Marching Band as stated above and agree to abide by these regulations."

Parent Signature_____ Date_____

Parent Printed Name_____

Student Signature_____Date_____

Student Printed Name_____

This form is to be kept on file by the local school district.