

Lakeside High School Band Handbook 2011-12



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Band Policy

In order to help band members and parents understand their areas of responsibility, a statement of band policy is set forth. Becoming familiar with this policy will allow each band member to better understand the importance of the overall program and become a better musician.

It is imperative that each band member continues to improve him/herself through regular habits of practice and work. We will strive to conduct the band program in a manner that will encourage each student to achieve his/her goal.

A. Band members' responsibility to the band program:

1. Be regular in attendance and account for all absences.
2. Participate in all performances and complete all assignments as scheduled.
3. Make an honest effort to improve daily.
4. Be responsible for his/her actions and be willing to accept the consequences for those actions.
5. Be respectful and courteous to those in authority.
6. Follow all classroom rules, Lakeside High School policies and instructions.
7. Be honest and fair with others concerning equipment, music and band life in general.

B. Band's responsibility to the student

1. Provide the band members with material that is considered educationally necessary in aiding the development of the students' comprehensive musical abilities.
2. Plan each day's assignments and the year's program to encourage and foster progress of the band and its individual members.
3. Provide the band with a full music education experience through rehearsal, performance, listening, teaching and assessment.
4. Effectively discipline any uncooperative member of the program. (Verbal warning, suspension, parent conference, dismissal from group)
5. Supervise the student in class and on school sponsored band trips.
6. Evaluate the progress of each member on his/her instrument.

Achieving Musicianship

Two important keys to achieving a high level of musicianship are **attitude** and **discipline**. It is virtually impossible to obtain your goals with a poor attitude. It is important that each band member be proud of the band program and work with a "good" attitude to improve it. This takes discipline from every member. Discipline begins in your regular practice time. It extends to the classroom setting where we all work together to

achieve our goals and pours out onto the practice field where discipline is undoubtedly necessary.

Because the band members are constantly on display, each band member must always be aware of the importance of good behavior. The student should remember that he/she represents the organization, school and community whenever he/she appears or performs in public. Any misconduct by a band member casts a direct reflection on the program and may well undo the good work of hundreds of other loyal students.

Band Equipment

It is every band member's responsibility to show the utmost of care for **ALL** band equipment, instruments, music, uniforms, folders, chairs, music stands, etc. School owned instruments will be assigned to the band members as necessary by the band director. The band member will be held responsible for the overall care and maintenance of that instrument and its accessories. Any and all repairs must be brought to the attention of Mr. Tau. He will then decide what measures should be taken for repair. Repairs should be taken to:

Portman's Music Superstore
www.portman'smusic.com
4020 Washington Rd
Augusta, GA 30907
706-738-1651

General Maintenance

Brass Instruments:	Oil valves regularly (daily) Lubricate tuning slides regularly (monthly) Flush out with water (twice a year)
Woodwind Instruments:	Oil with bore oil twice a year Swab out instrument every time you play
Percussion:	Keep equipment clean at all times Purchase all mallets and sticks necessary Replace all lost or stolen equipment under your care (cost to be shared by entire percussion section)

Uniforms

A band jacket and hat will be provided for each band student. Each student will be responsible to purchase his/her own pair of black bibbers. Students will also purchase the official band t-shirt, black gloves and shoes. These items are yours to keep. Band dues will be collected each year and the money from these dues is used to provide financial

support for the entire band program. An additional fee will be charged to replace any portion of the uniform not returned.

Jacket	250.00
Hat/Hat Box	30.00
Gauntlets	50.00
Flag Uniform	100.00

Each student is to show pride in the Lakeside Band Uniform by wearing it properly and keeping it clean. No medals can be worn on the uniform. No jewelry is to be worn while you are in uniform. (This includes earrings, watches, rings, necklaces that are visible with the exception of the guard who will accessorize alike) Make-up is to be kept to the bare minimum. (No bright lipstick or fingernail polish) No unnatural hair colors will be permitted and all hair must be secured inside the hat.

The band t-shirt is considered part of the uniform and must be worn under the band jacket at all times. The band t-shirt must be tucked in at all times and the bib straps pulled over the shoulder as well.

During cold weather it will be permissible for the band students to wear the official Lakeside letterman's jacket or the Lakeside Band Hoodie. No other jackets will be allowed. Letterman's jackets can be purchased from local sports stores. The band hoodie can be purchased during uniform fitting times.

For marching band rehearsals, students should wear light colored t-shirts and shorts. No flip flops/sandals will be permitted. Columbia County dress codes are in effect for after school rehearsals. Hats and camelbacks or similar type water containers are recommended.

Proper shoes must be worn at all times

Music

Show care and respect for all music issued to you. You may mark on your music as needed in pencil only. You will also be given a folder in which to keep your music. Please understand that the music issued to you is your textbook. Each student will be responsible to pay for any lost or damaged music.

Band Room

Our beautiful band room is to be kept neat and in order by all students. Chairs, stands and equipment should be kept in their proper place. All trash is to be discarded in the appropriate containers.

Instrument Storage Room

The instrument storage room is to be used for the storage of instruments and music folders. All other items are to be kept in the student's locker. Instruments are to be put in their cases and closed while in the storage room.

Attendance Requirements

1. Membership in the Lakeside High School Band automatically includes required attendance at all performances and rehearsals.
2. Absences due to illness will be honored in accordance with the Lakeside High School regular attendance policies. However, except in the case of an emergency, the band director must be notified in advance of an absence.
3. Specific arrangements must be made in advance if there is a conflict with another school sponsored activity.
4. Unexcused absences will result in a failing grade for that particular performance. There will be no opportunity to make up that grade.
5. Excused absences must be made up within the next week. The student will be required to play all music performed at that event and possibly a sight reading piece.

Requirements to Letter in Band

1. Must participate fully in the band program (Marching and Concert)
2. Must meet all attendance requirements (No unexcused absences throughout the year)
3. Must maintain a 90 average or higher in band
4. Must participate in one of the following;
District Honor Band Auditions
Solo and Ensemble Festival
5. Must have no major discipline problems

Class Rules

1. No food or drink in the band room (water only)
2. Equipment/instruments must be put away at the end of period
3. Phone in band office is for after school use only
4. If it's not yours, don't touch it!!!

Grading Policy

40%	Performances	Every student must participate in all performances throughout the grading period. Each performance carries equal weight.
30%	Class Participation	Attendance at all rehearsals during school and after,

prepared with instrument and music, cooperation in the classroom and practice field

30% Tests/Projects

Playing tests, scale tests, pass offs, paperwork, etc

Private Instruction

Although the Lakeside High School Band Program strives to give the best instruction possible in the band classroom, private instruction can supplement and enhance the individual student's performance level. It has been proven that well over 90 % of the students making All State band are involved in some type of private study. This is not to say that a student can not manage this achievement without private lessons, but it is certainly helpful. When a student begins learning to play, he/she generally is provided with a student model horn. It is a good idea to look into investing in a better quality instrument to enhance the abilities of your child.

Names of quality instructors can be obtained at Augusta State University, Fort Gordon Signal Corps Band and local music stores. If you are unable to find an adequate instructor, please contact the band director for a list of possibilities.

Financial Obligations

The cost of operating a successful active band program is high. Only a small portion of this cost is covered by the Columbia County School System. The remaining budget is from the yearly band dues, fund raising activities and charitable donations. For this reason, we ask that you take an active part in helping us provide the best possible band experience for your child. We have a great group of students and we need strong parental support.