

WEST LINCOLN HIGH SCHOOL

Rebel Bands

2019 - 2020 HANDBOOK

THIS HANDBOOK CONTAINS VITAL INFORMATION FOR ALL STUDENTS AND THEIR PARENTS PARTICIPATING IN ALL ASPECTS OF THE WEST LINCOLN HIGH SCHOOL BAND PROGRAM. ALL STUDENTS (AND THEIR PARENTS) ARE EXPECTED TO CAREFULLY READ THE HANDBOOK PRIOR TO PARTICIPATION. STUDENTS ENTERING THE REBEL REGIMENT MUST READ AND SIGN (ALONG WITH THEIR PARENTS) THE MARCHING BAND AGREEMENT FORM AND OTHER PAPERWORK AT THE BACK OF THIS HANDBOOK PRIOR TO ADMISSION TO THE MARCHING BAND AT WEST LINCOLN.

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STUDENT'S NAME

SECTION/POSITION

Dear Parents/Guardians,

I would like to welcome you to the West Lincoln High School Band program. I am very excited about the upcoming school year and the great things in store for the Rebel Bands!

The following handbook is designed to be a resource for students, parents/guardians, and the director. Contained in this handbook is information about required materials, grading policies, attendance, fundraising, helpful resources, a band calendar, and many other items. Parents/guardians, please read the contained information and go over it with your child.

Please feel free to contact me at any time with questions, comments, or concerns. I want this to be a positive and safe experience for every child in the program.

Sincerely,

Jacob A. Brittain
Director of Bands

ATTENDANCE

The performance schedule is set well in advance, allowing students to plan other activities and obligations around the established schedule. The Director should be notified **IN ADVANCE** if a student is going to be absent from a performance. Absences from band performances/rehearsals are unexcused unless due to (a) viable personal illness (parent request), (b) death in the family, (c) an emergency, or (d) special permission of the Director(s) obtained in advance by the parent/guardian. Students must exhibit consistent responsibility in these areas.

WORK IS NEVER CONSIDERED AN EXCUSED ABSENCE. YOU HAVE A CALENDAR OF EVENTS, PLEASE USE IT.

Students missing a performance (excused or unexcused), will complete an alternate assignment. The assignment will be due two (2) weeks after the missed performance. The student may choose one of the following two assignments:

- For excused absences: Perform all missed performance music individually for the director(s).
- For unexcused absences: Write a 6 page (typed, double spaced, 12 point font) biography of a composer. The student may choose a composer from the performance material of the missed performance.

ATTENDANCE AT ALL PERFORMANCES AND REHEARSALS IS MANDATORY.

CLASSROOM RULES AND PROCEDURES

The following is a list of classroom rules that ALL students are expected to follow.

1. No talking or playing out of turn when the director is working. Actively participate in class!
2. No food, gum, or drinks (other than water) in the band room unless approved by the directors.
3. **No electronic devices are to be out without director approval.**
4. Follow all WLHS rules and be actively engaged at all times.

The following is a list of procedures that students should follow everyday as part of our class.

1. Students should enter the classroom and immediately get out all required materials – instrument, pencil, binders, flip folders, method books, valve oil, reeds, etc. Leave all other materials in the storage closet.
2. Any personal items that will not fit in the instrument closet are to be left out of the way of rehearsal.
3. Students must be in the stated area with all materials and ready to warm-up within 5 minutes of the class bell ringing.
4. Ask before leaving the band setup for any reason.
5. At the end of class make sure you put all of your equipment away and clean your area.

**IF YOU DO NOT HAVE THE RIGHT ATTITUDE FOR HARD WORK, GETTING ALONG WITH YOUR PEERS, TEACHERS AND OTHER STAFF; AND, IF YOU ARE NOT WILLING TO WORK TO BE THE ABSOLUTE BEST THAT YOU CAN BE... THEN BAND IS NOT FOR YOU!
BAND IS A PRIVILEGE! TREAT IT AS SUCH**

Lincoln County Schools has a No Tolerance policy for Bullying.

Being a bully or harassing others has no place in our band.

Over the past few years there have been increasing issues with students “picking” and “name calling” in the name of “fun.” This can often be considered BULLYING and/or HARASSMENT. These are offences that are taken very seriously and can result in suspension from school, being removed from band, and even legal charges. The best rule to follow is “keep your hands to yourself” and avoid saying things to or about anyone that is unkind, rude and/or mean.

Practices must begin on time. If you are late for any reason, you will be required to give back your tardiness at the end of practice with a fitting consequence (push-ups, laps, etc.). These are not punishments (they are reminders), it is simply a rule that applies to everyone. Marching Band is a physical activity and therefore have physical consequences such as push-ups or laps.

Gum, food or drinks on the field in marching band will result in laps at the end of rehearsal, or cleaning duty. Students are encouraged to bring a water bottle to every rehearsal.

Lack of respect for the Director, Staff, or student leaders may result in punishments such as laps, cleaning duties, or extra marching basics. If negative actions continue with a student, then the student will be considered insubordinate and may be removed from the marching band.

Band Rehearsals: Announcements and other business will be conducted at the completion of practice. Boosters and students are asked to keep announcements and any business brief so that students may get out as quickly as possible. There may be an occasion when a practice goes slightly over the time. In this case, it may be the necessary moment that is needed to finish that final touch, or it may be because a special guest helping the band has taken more time than expected. Be assured that the band director is aware of the time and that students need to get out of night practices as close to time as possible. However, there may be the time that a slight (5 to 10 minutes) overtime may occur. The reasoning behind the holdup, if it does exist, is very important. the band director realizes everyone’s time is important. **If a practice is scheduled to end at 6:30 please allow at least 15 min for students to put away equipment and help get all materials inside.** Marching Band has lots of equipment and needs everyone to help!

Exact departure and return from trips with a large group can be difficult to time accurately. Mass feeding at fast food restaurants or contests that drag on longer than planned can often make arrival time back at WLHS difficult to estimate. Parents, please be understanding and patient. The students may use the band room phone when they return. However, please do not wait too long before you come to pick up your child. The best way to keep from having to wait in the parking lot late at night for the buses to return is to go with the band and support the young people. You will really like it! We have lots of supportive parents.

NO TOBACCO (SMOKING, CHEWING, DIPPING), DRUGS, OR ALCOHOL AT ANY BAND FUNCTION! If tobacco, drugs, or alcohol are found, it is IMMEDIATELY out of the band director’s hands and becomes a matter for the high school administration.

Respect: the band director, staff, and chaperones realize that you are young people and need to have fun. You must, however, show all of the adults involved with our program the utmost respect. This IS a requirement!

Keep your hands to yourself! Band sweethearts are well and good, but please remember where and who you are. Besides, no one else wants to see public displays of affection. Chaperones and staff have the right to separate couples on the bus and in other situations when this rule is being broken.

ON BUSES, or in any other location, NO TWO PERSONS TOGETHER UNDER A BLANKET IS ALLOWED!!!! Storage and practice rooms in band facility are not for couples to hangout.

Take pride in your equipment, instrument, and uniform. Always have yourself and what you work with looking and sounding the best possible. Marching Low Brass and Mellophones are provided to students. However, students are responsible for any careless damage. UNIFORMS ARE TO BE WORN CORRECTLY (NEVER ANY OTHER WAY)!

School dress code applies to band functions! Also, no T-shirts with anything that could be taken negatively (No alcohol related shirts, no tobacco/drug related shirts).

Failure to adhere to rules and expectations of the band program may result in consequences from the band director or staff, and continual abuse of rules will result in a student being removed from the band entirely.

THE BANDS OF WEST LINCOLN HIGH SCHOOL

The Bands of West Lincoln are a mix of classroom instruction and co-curricular activities. It includes:

Wind Ensemble
Marching Band
Colorguard
Winterguard

Small Ensembles
Pep Band
Soloist Opportunities
Winter Percussion

WLHS CURRICULAR BAND OFFERINGS

FALL SEMESTER BAND CLASSES

WIND ENSEMBLE

Intermediate/Advanced Levels - Honors Credit (for marching members only)

The Wind Ensemble includes all of the wind players from our marching and concert band. Each member is expected to act as mature gentlemen and ladies. This ensemble will perform concerts including, but not limited to: a Fall Concert, Holiday Concert and the Elementary Christmas Concert Tour. **Students are required to attend all outside-of-class performances and rehearsals.**

For concerts, a uniform will be chosen by the director and will be the student's responsibility to purchase or acquire. Normally, this ensemble will perform in dress "black". This means black slacks, black shirt, plain black tie, black dress shoes and long black socks for gentleman and then either an appropriate length black dress or black pants and black top for ladies.

COLORGUARD

Proficient/Advanced Levels - Honors Credit
(students must be in this class if they are in the Marching Band Colorguard)

All colorguard members of the WLHS Rebel Regiment are required to take this class. This class is **ONLY** made up of those students in the WLHS Rebel Regiment Colorguard. Guard members meet during block schedule with the band director and the Guard Instructors. This class **DOES RECEIVE HONORS CREDIT!**

PERCUSSION ENSEMBLE

Proficient/Advanced Levels - Honors Credit (for marching members only)

This class is for those students who are percussionists during the Fall Semester. This ensemble will perform concerts including, but not limited to: the Fall Concert, the Holiday Concert and on the Elementary Christmas Concert Tour. They work hard on specific percussion fundamentals, percussion ensemble music, and concert band music throughout the semester.

SPRING SEMESTER BAND CLASSES

WIND ENSEMBLE

Proficient/Advanced Levels - Honors Credit

The Wind Ensemble includes all of the wind players from our “top” performing concert band. Each member is expected to act as mature gentlemen and ladies. This ensemble will perform concerts including, but not limited to: Pre-MPA, NC MPA Event (Music Performance Assessment), Showcase of Bands, Spring Concert, and occasional assemblies. **Students are required to attend all outside-of-class performances and rehearsals.**

For concerts, a uniform will be chosen by the director and will be the student’s responsibility to purchase or acquire. Normally, this ensemble will perform in dress “black”. This means black slacks, black shirt, plain black tie, black dress shoes and long black socks for gentleman and then either an appropriate length black dress or black pants and black top for ladies.

PERCUSSION ENSEMBLE

Proficient/Advanced Levels - Honors Credit

This class is for those students who are percussionists during the Spring Semester. The Percussion Ensemble performs on concerts including, but not limited to: Pre-MPA, NC MPA Event (Music Performance Assessment), Showcase of Bands, Spring Concert, and occasional assemblies. This group works hard on specific percussion fundamentals, percussion ensemble music and concert band music throughout the semester. This group may be asked to do other small performances throughout the semester. **Students are required to attend all outside-of-class performances and rehearsals.**

For concerts, a uniform will be chosen by the director and will be the student’s responsibility to purchase or acquire. Normally, this ensemble will perform in dress “black”. This means black slacks, black shirt, plain black tie, black dress shoes and long black socks for gentleman and then either an appropriate length black dress or black pants and black top for ladies.

NOTE: The NC Department of Education has approved the Essential Standards for Arts Education. All students will be assigned in classes as Beginning, Intermediate, Proficient or Advanced. These levels will apply within the organized classes already at WLHS. When students participate in *Marching Band (Fall)* and *Wind Ensemble (Spring)*, Honors Credit will be applied to these courses.

EXTRA AND CO-CURRICULAR OFFERINGS BY THE WLHS BAND

REBEL REGIMENT

The Rebel Regiment is considered **Co-Curricular** as music is taught in class AND as an extended part of the school day. The main sections of the marching band are the Wind Players, Percussionists and Colorguard members. All of these students are considered to be a part of the marching band unit. Because of its’ nature, marching band requires the most after school rehearsals, performances, time, and money. Much of marching band is extra-curricular. However, music is learned and polished in class time. ***Credit for all outside-of-class work is reflected in the student’s band class grade which receives honors weight.*** Rehearsals are Tuesdays/Thursdays 3:30 till 6:30 after school. Tuesday and Thursday afternoon practices continue for the entire marching season. There may be a case where an afternoon rehearsal needs to be moved to an evening, or evening to afternoon due to conflicts. Additional rehearsals may also be necessary at times. In this event, information will be given at least one week in advance, if possible.

Competitions take place on Saturdays from the last weekend in September to the first Saturday in November. A detailed competition schedule will be given to students at Band Camp, and a tentative schedule is included in this handbook. The band may not compete every Saturday during the season (though the students usually want to). It is normal to compete on 4-5 Saturdays. Events such as the Lincoln County Marching Band Preview, Lincoln Christmas Parade, Cat Square Parade and other local community functions are also **REQUIRED**. Any overnight trips will be announced prior to the season starting so that plans can be made. Fundraising events for large trips will be provided.

Students must attend all rehearsals and performances! When a member is out, it reflects negatively in the performance and in the judge's scores. At rehearsals, it is difficult to practice with "holes" in the show. Therefore, only in extreme cases should students miss (**PLEASE DO NOT PLAN VACATIONS DURING BAND CAMP OR THE MARCHING SEASON!**). If an absence is unavoidable, an Absence Request Form must be given to the band director, prior to the absence (at least 2 weeks). Since this is an extracurricular activity, too many missed rehearsals and performances will result in the student being removed from marching band.

SCHEDULING DRIVER'S EDUCATION CLASSES OR DRIVING DURING BAND CAMP OR THE MARCHING BAND SEASON SHOULD BE AVOIDED AT ALL COSTS.

COLORGUARD AND WINTERGUARD

The Colorguard in the marching band is a vital part of the "Rebel Regiment" entire show concept and package. They are considered another section of the band. These young people must take the same serious attitude about performance that the instrumental ensembles have in their playing. Those in the Fall Colorguard must be enrolled in a Fall band class that is specifically designed for Colorguard members. See the above section about Fall Semester Band Classes.

Winterguard begins about one week after marching band ends and meets throughout the Spring Semester with rehearsals totally outside of the school day; rehearsals will be limited to three times per week. This group will travel and compete at local, state, regional, and national level contests. The WLHS Guard Instructors and assistants will instruct the winterguard groups.

Parents who can assist with sewing flags, helping with makeup and hair, and other assistance at rehearsals and performances are needed to volunteer their time, both during the Fall marching season and during Winterguard.

Small Ensembles and Solo Opportunities

Many students choose to participate in small ensembles in their free time. Rehearsal space and some music will be provided. Assistance from directors and staff will also be available when possible. But, primarily, this is a great chance for students to experience musical growth on their own, with their peers. The South Central District Solo and Ensemble Festival will be held in the Spring. Fees for these activities are held to a minimum and may be set by the state organization.

Private Lessons

All students are strongly urged to study privately on their instruments! This is one of the best ways to become a stronger performer, thus improving the quality of the band program. There are several private teachers in the area available on most instruments. See the band director if you would like a list of available instructors.

West Lincoln High School Band Boosters Association, Inc.

Our WLHS Band Booster Association consists of parents, family, friends and alumni of the West Lincoln Band program. This organization's purpose is to provide support for the West Lincoln Band Program and staff. **EVERY band parent SHOULD participate!** Emails, Remind 101's, phone calls, and updates are sent to members concerning the band and band booster's activities. A supportive group of boosters is an absolute "MUST" for the success of any high school band program of quality.

Budget: The West Lincoln Band Budget has one source in the 2019-2020 school year:

Funds provided by WLHS Band Boosters and Band Fees are our main source of income to support the band program at West Lincoln High School for all band functions. The Booster Organization covers the costs of the band from year to year including: Band Camp, extra staff for the entire year, supplies, colorguard equipment, props, competition expenses (entries and activity bus travel), and large items such as equipment trailer, band truck, and large band instruments (tubas, percussion, etc...). Marching Band is the largest expense of the band program, however we do use our band budget for our concert bands and for classroom materials. These materials include new music for all ensembles, method books, concert band performance registrations, concert band performance venues, concert band travel, new instruments, repair costs for existing instruments, etc.

Chaperone Guidelines

The WLHS Band Boosters also provide chaperones for all band events.

Chaperones must be at least 21 years of age. Chaperones must ride the bus and assist with any duties requested by the head chaperone. This includes assisting with getting the band ready to perform when we arrive at the competition site (pinning gauntlets, issuing plumes, unloading the truck, serving water/snacks, etc.). Chaperones cannot be supervising any children under middle school age during the trip. Frequently we receive a limited number of passes for the competitions and these will be given to the chaperones when available. Be aware that we may not always receive sufficient passes for everyone and you may have to pay the entrance fee to watch the band perform. These fees can range anywhere from \$5 at smaller competitions to \$15 at regional competitions.

If there is ever a question about ANYTHING, the band director IS ALWAYS THE FINAL AUTHORITY.

*CHAPERONES AND ALL OTHER VOLUNTEERS HAVING DIRECT CONTACT WITH STUDENTS MUST FILL OUT A BACKGROUND AUTHORIZATION THAT WILL BE PROVIDED TO LINCOLN COUNTY SCHOOLS SO THEY HAVE A RECORD OF YOUR HELPING WITH OUR STUDENTS ON FILE. This form will be distributed at meetings and by email in August.

General Chaperone Guidelines:

1. Although you may be assigned a specific group of students for whom you will serve as primary chaperone, ALL chaperones are to help with ALL students, as needed.
2. Chaperones are expected to enforce the WLHS Student Handbook including rules of conduct and dress code.
3. Chaperones are to set an appropriate example for students at all times by exhibiting model behavior. Be on time and at appropriate checkpoints as designated by the band director.
4. Listen to all announcements by the band director to ensure you hear any changes or updates to the itinerary.
5. Chaperones are not to administer any medications including pain relievers such as Tylenol to students. All medications to be given to students must have been included on the student's medical form. the band director must administer any medicine listed on the form. If a student needs non-emergency medical attention please refer them to the head chaperone.
6. Chaperones should not allow any situation to get out of control. If a situation cannot be resolved quickly by speaking (NOT YELLING) with the student the chaperone should seek assistance from the head chaperone, a member of the staff or the band director. Do not become engaged in an argument with any student. Students are expected to treat all chaperones with respect and comply with any instructions given by the Chaperones.
7. Chaperones are expected to treat students with respect. Our first priority must be the safety of the student and others in band. Chaperones should avoid making sarcastic or derogatory comments toward students. The West Lincoln Band has a code of conduct and high expectations regarding student behavior, which will not be compromised. If you encounter a student who refuses to comply with a reasonable request, immediately seek assistance from the head chaperone, a member of the staff or the band director.

Bus Trip Guidelines:

1. Chaperones and the Student Bus Captain will check the roll on each bus and count students before leaving any place the band may be (food stops, bathroom breaks, competition sites, etc.). The Student Bus Captain will check the roll by name. One chaperone will independently count the number of students and adults and confirm with the Bus Captain to ensure that numbers match. The buses do NOT roll until every passenger is accounted for.
2. Chaperones on each bus have the right to request the buses stop at the next safe pull off if necessary to deal with discipline or safety issues.
3. Chaperones are expected to maintain order on the buses. Please distribute yourselves evenly throughout the bus. You may want to find opportunities to occasionally get up and move through the bus.
 - Students should remain seated when the bus is in motion.
 - Students will ride the same bus for the duration of the trip.
 - Maintain reasonable noise levels for the situation. They need to be allowed to socialize and enjoy the trip but it shouldn't get so loud as to be disruptive to the driver. When maneuvering into a parking spot or backing absolute quiet is essential so the driver can focus and hear any instructions or warnings.
 - Be sure any group activities which get underway on the bus reflect behavior that is respectful of each other.
 - Every student must have a seat. No student is allowed to sit on another student's lap. No student is to be standing or sitting in the aisles of the bus.
 - Bags, purses, etc. are to be stowed in the overhead compartments or under the seat NOT IN THE BUS AISLES.
4. If the buses separate for lunch/dinner, the chaperone(s) is required to dismiss the students in the following order: Seniors, Juniors, Sophomores, Freshmen, Other.
5. When exiting the bus, one chaperone will do a final check and walk down the bus checking the lavatory (if applicable) to ensure all students have exited the bus.
6. Check the bus at the end of the day for any items left behind in the overhead areas or under the seats. Purses, CD players, instruments, etc., left on the bus may not be there when the students return later.
 - Report any issues you don't know how to handle to the head chaperone or the director.
 - Be sure you get the cell phone numbers of other chaperones on the other buses for that day before you leave the school.
 - Report notable behavior issues to the head chaperone or the band director at the end of the trip. This will allow the band director to address these issues with the band or applicable student before the next trip.

All performing students will ride with the band TO all events. This is non-negotiable. However, students are allowed to leave band events with approved persons after getting approval from the band director.

The adult picking up the student must check the student out with the Band Director at the buses.

Students are not allowed to check-out until all required obligations are completed (performance, marching out of stadium, loading truck, award ceremonies, etc.). Not following these simple procedures can result in much confusion. This action is necessary for the safety and protection of all students.

MARCHING BAND FEES

In order for our program to compete, perform and participate in the way that we have become accustomed, we must charge fees for individuals to participate in the extra-curricular ensembles. The next few pages explain these fees and provide explanations as to the purpose. The West Lincoln Band Boosters Association works very hard to provide for all students and to keep the fees to the lowest possible amount. The band director and the WLHS Band program believe that NO child will be left out because of money issues. **Therefore, it is very important that all students and their parents participate in fundraisers and supporting efforts of the band and boosters to ensure that our fees remain reasonable.**

The WLHS Band Booster Association has a Financial Aid System that can be applied to individuals needing assistance. A financial aid form may be filled out to request a reduction of band fees. However, any “tangible” fees (specific products such as: shoes, gloves, extra show shirts, etc.) are NOT eligible for reduction.

FEE EXPLANATION

FIRST TIME MARCHER BAND FEE - \$300 (Includes one personalized band jacket and the show shirt)

VETERAN MARCHING BAND FEE - \$260 (compared to most competitive bands, this is **VERY** low - this also includes one show shirt)

There is no fee to participate in a band class at West Lincoln High School. However, to be a part of the Marching Band, the most costly organization due to size, travel, and its’ competitive nature, a membership fee is necessary. This fee assists in paying for extra staffing for specialized section work, props, flags, effects, drill design, consultant fees, and other general costs of the show and operation of a large traveling group. Marching Band Fees actually only cover about 2/3 of the cost per student. The other 1/3 is raised by Band Boosters.

Band Uniform and Costuming Fee is included in the Marching Band Fee for all wind, colorguard and percussion students. Uniforms are provided for hornline, front ensemble, colorguard and percussionists. These uniforms are to be cared for and **DRY CLEANED** (not home-washed/dried) by the student as needed. Any excessive damage will result in a charge. If a student loses any of the uniform parts, he/she will be charged for the item. An additional fee will not be charged to marching band students for the spring semester. The show t-shirt and band jacket will be worn at a variety of functions, including Pep Bands. (Optional: You can purchase extra show T-Shirts since we wear them so often.)

Uniform parts for all members to be purchased by students:

Black Band Shoes will be ordered through THE BAND ROOM (a band supply company) and must be paid for at the time of ordering (normally \$35 - \$40). More information about the shoes will be available at the band camp in August. Shoes may NOT be purchased elsewhere. We do have a collection of “used band shoes” available for any students with need. Graduating band students and those who outgrow their shoes are asked to donate their used band shoes for this purpose.

Black long wrist cotton gloves must be purchased from THE BAND ROOM at \$5 a pair (available in the fall).

Black (and ONLY black) socks must be crew style (NOT ankle socks – the socks must go up on the leg so that no skin shows when sitting).

ALL BAND MEMBERS must have an official **BAND SHOW T-SHIRT** – these are included in band fees – extras usually cost about \$10-\$15.

Miscellaneous Costs

Reeds, sticks, and extra mouthpieces are the responsibility of individual players. Marching percussionist will be required to purchase their own sticks.

Required Payment Schedule:

- Contract Signing and Parent/Student Meeting (May 14th) - **\$50.00 Deposit** (Non-Refundable)
- June 7th Payment - **\$70.00 (Veteran) / \$90.00 (First-time marcher)**
- July 9th Payment - **\$70.00 (Veteran) / \$80.00 (First-time marcher)**
- August 10th Payment - **\$70.00 (Veteran) / \$80.00 (First-time marcher)**

How to Make a Payment

All checks for fees must be made payable to: **WEST LINCOLN HIGH SCHOOL**

DROPBOX: Students can drop payment in the “Drop Box” in the band director’s Office. Student name, fee being paid and amount **MUST** be clearly labeled on the outside of the envelope (this is especially important if paying by cash!).

P.O. BOX: Checks can be mailed to our Band Booster Association mail box at the following address:

**WLHS Band Boosters
PO Box 1254
Lincolnton, NC 28093**

Financial Aid Program

The West Lincoln Band Boosters provides a financial aid plan for those students and their families who may have difficulty paying the Marching Band Fee. A form is available (as an attachment in this handbook or in the band director’s office) to apply for Financial Aid through our Band Boosters. This form is based on qualifications for Free/Reduced Lunch Assistance available from Lincoln County Schools. Only the band director and the Band Booster Executive Board will be aware of students that have applied for this assistance. Using this system allows every student to participate in band activities, regardless of economic status.

While we are glad to provide this service to those needing assistance, we do expect that students (and their families) receiving Financial Aid be respectful of the system by participating in ALL fundraising activities. the band director expects all students to do their part in assisting the band organization as well as performing their part.

All financial aid forms must be turned in no later than MAY 28th! No Exceptions!!!!

If approved, you will be contacted individually and notified of your payment schedule.

Sibling Discount

If multiple children residing in the same household are participating in Marching Band, each student will receive a \$25.00 credit to their account. All payments should be made per the payment schedule above. The Sibling Discount will be reflected in the last payment in August.

FUNDRAISING

Throughout the calendar year, the WLHS Band will participate in various fundraising events to support the operations of the band. Each fundraising event will be designated for either the General Band Budget or for Individual Student Credits. A complete calendar of fundraising events will be available at the General Band Booster Meeting in August (during band camp).

Successful fundraisers are dependent upon participation of the ENTIRE band. All students are REQUIRED to participate in all fundraisers. As a band program, we must keep records of all fundraising activities and logs of participation from each student. Because fundraising is essential to keeping our fees as low as possible, if any student is NOT consistently participating and pulling their weight in the fundraisers, they may not be eligible to march in future years. Our Band is a team effort in **ALL** instances, including our fundraising efforts!

“Individual commitment to a group effort is what makes our team work.”

YOU must be that committed individual - our Band is that Team!!

Individual Student Credit fundraisers are optional for students wanting to build credit within their account. See below for how credit can be used within the band program:

CREDIT USAGE:

1. Apply to any future Marching Band/Winterguard fees
2. Transfer to sibling accounts
3. Pay for Registration Fees for All-District/All-County/Honor Bands/SEMPA
4. All credits are non-refundable

CALENDAR

Please reference the calendar tab at westlincolnband.org for an updated calendar of events.

NOTES:

- Full Band will attend all Lincoln County games
- There are often community functions that arise where the band is asked to perform. Notice will be given enough in advance for proper plans to be made.

GRADING POLICY

All students in a curricular course listed above will receive a grade for that course.

-Formative Assignments: 40% (playing tests, small performances, classwork/homework, class participation, etc.)

-Summative Assignments: 60% (concerts, competitions, larger performances, etc.)

NOTE: Grades will be updated in Powerschool at least every two weeks. Please continually check student grades.

Forms

All parents/guardians **MUST** fill out and sign the attached forms or the student will **NOT** be allowed to participate in Marching Band. **The Marching Band Agreement, Contact and Medical Form and Request to Administer Medication form (if needed) must be turned in no later than May 7th.** In accordance with Lincoln County policy, all medical/health forms and release forms necessary for trips must be turned in prior to the season.

Medications at Band Practice and Band Events

If your child must have medication of any type (prescription or over-the-counter) given at band practice or during any band event, the parent or guardian may choose to:

Come to the practice or event and give the medication to your child as prescribed by your doctor or health care provider.

OR

1. Provide a medication administration form for both prescription (including inhalers) and over-the-counter medications, filled out by the health care provider with complete instructions and directions for administration. **This form must be signed by the health care provider AND parent.**
2. Prescription medication must be brought to school and given to the band director or the Band Booster Head Chaperone by the **parent**, in a pharmacy labeled bottle with your child's name, dosage, and instructions. It will be counted at the time you bring it to school, with you and the person counting verifying the count.
3. If you wish to supply over-the-counter medications (cough syrup, Tums, Tylenol, Calamine Lotion, etc.), they must be in the original containers and labeled with your child's name. The medication administration form from the health care provider must be on file before medication can be dispensed. **This means that your health care provider must sign the form for over-the-counter medications. We cannot give your child ANY pain relievers without this form! We cannot give ANY medicines without a health care provider's signature!**
4. Once the proper forms are provided, the Band Staff or Band Boosters Chaperone will be able to administer the medications to your child. **These criteria are mandates of North Carolina Law.**

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Lincoln County School System Employees

Director of Bands – Jacob Brittain

Assistant Director of Marching Band and WLMS Band Director – David Parsons

Assistant Director of Marching Band and WLHS Choral Director - Robert Helma

Adjunct Staff – hired by WLHS Band Booster's Association and approved by LCS

HANDBOOK AGREEMENT CONTRACT

I have read the 2019-2020 handbook, and I understand the classroom policies, instructor's expectations, and rules (Ex: rehearsal requirements, grading system, attendance policy, academic, assignment responsibilities, test policies, etc.) as stated in the handbook for this course. If I have any questions or concerns, I will contact Mr. Brittain for further explanation.

I understand that I am responsible to practice all music including but not limited to: Ensemble fundamentals, sight reading, etudes, concert music, rhythm charts, etc. I am responsible to communicate at least 2 weeks in advance all conflicts of required events. I agree to be prepared and actively engaged in each ensemble rehearsal. I understand that if I do not meet the requirements of this course, that I may be removed from future Ensembles of the West Lincoln High School Band (i.e. Marching Band, Winter Concert Band, Small Ensembles, etc.)

PRINT NAME (Student) : _____

SIGNED (Student) : _____

DATE: _____

I, the **parent/guardian** of _____ agree to hold my child accountable to all classroom policies, instructor's expectations, and rules (Ex: rehearsal requirements, grading system, attendance policy, academic, assignment responsibilities, test policies, etc.) as stated in the handbook for this course. If I have any questions or concerns, I will contact Mr. Brittain for further explanation.

Furthermore, I understand that as the parent/guardian of _____ I am responsible to allow my child a space to practice their instrument on a daily basis in order to meet all requirements outlined in this syllabus. I also agree to make sure my child is present at all After School Rehearsals as well as required Performances and Events outlined in the syllabus. If an issue is to arise regarding transportation, I will contact the instructor immediately to investigate alternative options.

PRINT NAME (parent/guardian) : _____

SIGNED (parent/guardian) : _____

DATE: _____

YOU MUST RETURN THE HANDBOOK AGREEMENT CONTRACT AND THE MEDICAL INFORMATION FORM TO MR. BRITTAIN BY 8/16/19