



Lebanon Bands

**Lebanon Junior High School
2010-11
Student Handbook**

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Introduction

Welcome to the 2010-11 Lebanon Band Program. The Lebanon Bands have gained a very favorable reputation and we must do our best to live up to this reputation. We must strive at all times to maintain this excellent image that the band has attained. You will be treated as mature young adults. You are expected to accept this responsibility.

Citizenship

A Lebanon Band Member is courteous, kind, hard working, and responsible. The success of the band is dependent upon your 100% cooperation. Please remember that everywhere you go we are judged as a group, not as individuals, and when you are with the band you are conspicuous whether in or out of uniform.

People have formed a positive opinion of our community, our school, your parents, and yourselves from your behavior. You can continue to help make the Lebanon Band and Lebanon City Schools look very good by your actions at band functions, in restaurants, or on buses.

When on any school function, all school rules apply and violations will be handled according to the Lebanon City Schools Code of Conduct. If an unfortunate incident does occur your membership in the group may be terminated.

Remember:

People will forget about how good you are...they'll never forget how you act.

Lebanon City Schools: A Simple Band Philosophy

Our band program can be summed up in a single phrase:

“Be the Best You Can Be”

This happens whenever you are part of live music taking place. It can include, but not be limited to :

1. A practice room
2. The band room
3. A football field
4. A gymnasium
5. An auditorium
6. A parade, etc...

Please note that our expectations do not include beating other bands, taking home first place, or being the best in the area. Those are areas that you cannot control.

Live for the enjoyment of performing, the thrill of the artistic moment, and the exhilaration of the human spirit through music and movement.

Remember:

DO YOUR BEST AND DON'T WORRY ABOUT THE REST

Assertive Discipline Plan:

All Lebanon Bands, Grades 7-12

Our Rules

- 1. Show Respect*
- 2. Be Prepared*
- 3. Be on Time*

For Example:

- Not talking during class shows respect for your classmates and directors.
- Keeping equipment and supplies in good condition shows respect for what you are given or what you have earned.
- Being on time to rehearsal shows respect for the directors and the goals of the ensemble.
- Speaking in a positive manner about others shows respect for other people's feelings.
- Speaking appropriately to adults shows respect for authority.
- Staying away from tobacco, drugs, or alcohol shows respect for the image of the school, the image of the band, and, most importantly, the image of yourself.

The Rewards of Positive Behavior

1. Pride in having a band that demonstrates the best in performance and behavior.
2. Receiving comments to you personally or in front of the group about your performance and/or attitude.
3. Having positive notes or phone calls to your parents at home.

Results if we are late, show disrespect, or are unprepared (listed in order of occurrence)

1. An underachieving band, personal discussion with the directors.
2. An underachieving band, personal discussion with the directors, phone call home, loss of daily points, possible detention
3. An underachieving band, personal discussion with the directors, phone call home, loss of daily points, possible detention, office referral
4. An underachieving band, phone call home, loss of daily points, possible detention, office referral, discussion about future in the ensemble.

Band Member Expectations

Thoughts on Discipline

There is no group that can be considered successful unless they have discipline. Your success as a group will be determined not on trophies or placement, but how you arrive at your destination.

Public Display of Affection

Public display of affection will not be tolerated at any time, whether around the band room or if on a band function.

Performances

All performances are MANDATORY. It is essential that if there are any conflicts with our schedule that you communicate these problems IMMEDIATELY! Almost every conflict can be worked out to everyone's satisfaction if we communicate. **Any performance missed unexcused could result in that person being dismissed from the ensemble.**

Warming Up

Stay on YOUR instrument and warm up the way you have been taught.

Materials to Have Every Day

- All instrument parts, including reeds (woodwinds only), mallets/sticks (percussion only), and mutes (brass only).
- Pencils
- Maintenance materials (Valve oil, key oil, etc)

Percussion Needs

All percussionists are expected to have the following:

- Stick bag
- Vic Firth SD1 General Concert Sticks
- VIC FIRTH M5 MEDIUM HARD RUBBER KEYBOARD Mallet

Posture

You have all been taught the proper posture for the ensemble and it needs to be used at all times.

BAND AND PRACTICE ROOM MAINTENANCE

This is YOUR ROOM and your department. Take care of it, keep it clean, pick up your mess.

HANDOUTS

Every week I send home a newsletter called the ***Tuesday Band Bulletin***. You are expected to take this (and all other handouts) home to your parents. We also have a web site: www.lhsbandroom.org, and a Twitter page: www.twitter.com/lhsbandroom, and edline.net These are all ways to stay up with what is going on with your band!

Buses, Instruments, and Uniforms

Bus Behavior

Our relationship with the bus garage needs to be a positive one. In order to maintain this we need to keep the buses we use in good order. The following rules are in affect for the buses, effective immediately:

- ❑ NO FOOD OR DRINKS...*THIS IS STATE LAW.*
- ❑ Voices must stay at or below normal volume levels and **language and actions must be kept clean.**
- ❑ No music playing without headphones. The bus driver may put on music for himself or herself if they wish.
- ❑ Thank bus drivers and treat them with respect each time we see them.

Instrument Maintenance

Any student using a school owned instrument will be charged \$50 for a maintenance plan payable to the Lebanon Band Parent Association. (this is a DEAL because you normally rent instruments like the one's we use for at least \$30 a MONTH!) This fee pays for the **General Upkeep** of the instrument. (Percussion is not required to pay but **MUST** replace their own broken heads and mallets). If you have any questions or problems with paying the fee please contact Mr. Iannelli!

Any repairs above this during the school year are the **RESPONSIBILITY OF THE STUDENT.** Any repairs that are a result of neglect are the responsibility of the student.

POLO SHIRTS.

All Junior High Students will be purchasing POLO SHIRTS for their concert uniform. Info will be passed out on the first day of class. You also are expected to wear black pants and black shoes (and black socks) with the polos at concerts.

Performances and Other Bands

8th GRADE BAND NIGHT WITH THE MARCHING BAND-MANDATORY!

First, we have a **mandatory practice** with the band on **Thursday, September 23rd from 3:00-4:00**. Students will be able to take the bus from LJHS to LHS after school. (I will write them a note if they need it!) Then, on **Friday, September 24th** the 8th Grade is going to join the Marching Band for JUNIOR HIGH BAND NIGHT! We march out with the band at Pre-Game and halftime, play a couple tunes, and have a great time. The evening lasts from 4:30 p.m. until about 10:00 p.m., (if you have to pick up your kids earlier they can be picked up after they are done with halftime at around 8:45, but most of the kids want to stay the entire game). More info to come!

JAZZ BAND!

After careful consideration I have decided that we will give this a try again this year. However, we will only do so **AFTER we have a MANDATORY STUDENT AND PARENT INFO MEETING in November shortly before or after Thanksgiving.** BE WATCHING FOR INFO.

Once students agree to participate they MUST agree to attend EVERY REHEARSAL AND PERFORMANCE unless ill from school. If ANY rehearsals are missed unexcused the student will be asked to leave the ensemble...NO EXCEPTIONS. In addition, parents and students will sign a commitment form that says the student WILL NOT QUIT the ensemble at any point. Students will not be permitted in the ensemble without this form.

I apologize if this sounds direct but I want to assure finish what we start this year!

SOLO AND ENSEMBLE

This event is something for everyone to get involved in! While it is not mandatory it is something that is **HIGHLY ENCOURAGED** for everyone to do! We will talk much more about this as the year goes on!

DISTRICT 13 HONOR BAND

Tryouts for this **PRESTIGIOUS** group are on the first Saturday in December. I will have tryout materials in early November. **EVERYONE** benefits from trying out!

Handbook Compliance Form

_____ (Print student name here)

I agree to do my best to comply with the guidelines set forth in the Band Handbook 2010-11.

Signed,

_____ (student)

_____ (date)

I agree to do my best to comply with the guidelines set forth in the Band Handbook 2010-11.

Signed,

_____ (parent)

_____ (date)