Letter for Future LCHS Panthers, Parents, and Families,

We are thrilled that you are interested in the LCHS band program! This document is designed to answer as many questions as possible about the LCHS band program. There is an informational/interest meeting for all new members and families on **May 4th at 6pm in the LCHS Band Room**. The marching band is an option for 8th grade students as well, so if you are an incoming eighth grader or freshman, we encourage you to attend. We hope to see you there! If you'd like to view the presentation that was shown in class, it can be found Here

The first thing in this document is **The Band Handbook** contains the rules and expectations for members of the LCHS band. Participating students are expected to read the handbook and sign the final page within their first few weeks of joining the program.

Secondly, **The Summer Band Camp Schedule** outlines the rehearsals required before the beginning of the school year. If students have scheduling conflicts with band camp, please let Mr. Slimp or Ms. Allen know as soon as possible.

The last few pages of this document are the required **medical form** and **parent consent transportation form**. These are required for any student participating in marching band.

It is important to note that students are only permitted one elective class their freshman year. However, students who participate in BOTH marching band and concert band are exempt from the "Freshman Seminar/ Gym" class, because of the athletic requirements of marching band. This allows freshman students to participate in band year-round. For students interested in this option, please tell Mr. Slimp or Ms. Allen, so it can be communicated through the correct channels.

As we start a new season, the best thing any upcoming band student can do is show up on time on the first day of band camp.

Mr. Slimp and Ms. Allen

LCHS Band Directors



Lenoir City High School

Band Handbook

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Welcome to Band, Panthers!

Welcome to the Lenoir City High School Band program! You are now an integral part of an award winning organization that has a long tradition of excellence in musical performance. There are few organizations of any kind, so rich in tradition and success, which also include valuable real world experiences for students and parents alike. This school year gives us all the opportunity to carry on this outstanding tradition of excellence.

The cornerstone of the Lenoir City High School Band program is striving for excellence through dedication, learning, experience, and team effort from students, boosters, and staff. The success of the band is a result of all of these people working in unison towards the same goal. We spend many hours together preparing for success and always learning and reaching to improve. We realize that winning is not represented in the trophies we receive, but in the determination, dedication, and hardships we endure together trying to reach our goals.

This handbook is intended to be used by students, parents, administrators, staff, and directors as a convenient source of information encompassing all aspects of the Lenoir City High School Band program. The activities, responsibilities, and expectations that are required in band cannot be compared to any other academic class. We have tried to cover as thoroughly as possible every facet of the program; however, no handbook could possibly address every situation that might arise. In the event a situation arises that is not covered in this handbook, school policy and the judgment of the director and administration will prevail.

Students and parents should read this handbook very carefully. **Students must sign and return the handbook agreement, at the end of the book, within the first few days of attending band camp or participating in band.** Members are expected to understand and abide by all the rules, regulations, and procedures set forth in this book.

This will certainly be an exciting year, although it will take some work and patience, I hope you will look back one day and say it was all worth it and that you learned more than just music while you were a member of the LCHS Band.

Ensembles and Participation Requirements

Membership/Participation in the Lenoir City High School Band Program:

This band program is open to ALL interested students who demonstrate the desire, ability, and proper attitude to be a member of the group. In order to participate and be a member of the LCHS Marching Band, students are highly recommended to have at least one year of prior experience on their instrument, whether that is in middle school or otherwise. Membership in all of the band programs requires a GPA of 2.0 or higher, along with dedication and a strong work ethic for each of the ensembles that the student decides to participate in.

Ensemble Descriptions

Marching Band: This program is only offered in the fall. This group focuses on football games and marching competitions throughout the fall semester. The focus is to transfer music from a standard indoor ensemble onto the field with visual representations.

Concert Band: This ensemble starts at the end of fall and continues into spring. This group is composed of students from 9^{th}-12^{th} grade with previous instruction on wind instruments. The group consists of modern band instrumentation and provides information and instruction on common practice in the 20^{th} century wind literature. The Symphonic Band performs two or three concerts and they also attend one contest in the spring semester.

Colorguard: This group is an integral part of the marching band, and members should be registered for the marching band class, offered in the fall semester. Entering members will begin with a small introductory guard camp (at the beginning of band camp). Members will learn techniques in dancing as well as with flags, sabers, rifles, and various props. This group provides the visual and eurythmic aspect to the marching band in order to improve overall musical achievement in the band. Members will attend all football games and contests that are required of the marching band as well.

Winterguard: As an extension of the band, this club is only offered during the spring semester. All members of the color guard during the fall semester are encouraged to participate in the Winterguard during the spring. Any members that were part of the marching band in the fall are eligible to participate in this ensemble during the spring. This group will focus on a wide range of dance and performance techniques with auxiliary equipment indoors. They will compete in district and state competitions and will give performances for peers, family, and the community.

Class Rules and Procedures

When students are in the band classroom or on the practice field, they should not behave differently from when they are in any other classes or in front of other adults. Students are expected to conduct themselves in a way that is appropriate for a classroom and in a polite manner at all times. The way that students conduct themselves in this program reflects directly on the band's image both in and outside the community. As a band, we will be traveling. All rules and procedures that are expected and upheld in the classroom will be followed when traveling. We will continue to hold a good reputation among schools within our county, district, state, and country. It is expected that students will behave properly with their words and actions in order to reflect a positive representation of the band as a whole.

When entering the band room, students will keep talking low as they assemble their instruments and equipment and gather what they need before rehearsal starts. We have a limited amount of time to rehearse together, therefore being ready to go at the beginning of class is necessary. Students should have their instrument or equipment, music, pencil, and water bottle out and ready to go when the bell rings or when the rehearsal is scheduled to start.

As a general rule, cell phones are not permitted during the class unless being used as a tuning device or are allowed out at the directors' discretion. If you are found on your phone, it is at the band directors' discretion to hold on to it for the remainder of the class period and you may retrieve it after class.

Students are not permitted to have possession of or use any drugs, alcohol, or tobacco when participating with this band program (on and off campus, at ALL times). If students are found in possession of or using drugs, alcohol, or tobacco, then disciplinary action will be taken, such as removal from the band program.

All standard rules found in the Lenoir City High School Student Handbook are in effect in and outside the band classroom. These rules will be followed closely and any refusal to follow these rules will result in disciplinary action at the discretion of the director and administrator.

Students will listen and respect their teachers, staff, colleagues, and administration at all times. Bullying is unacceptable and will result in disciplinary action. If students are disrespectful and found not in compliance with the behavior and conduct policies, then disciplinary actions will be taken. This may include alternative work or assignments, being dismissed early from a rehearsal, event, or activity, counselor and teacher intervention, contact and meetings with a parent or guardian, in-school suspension, out-of-school suspension, removal from the band program, or expulsion, at administration's discretion.

Grading Policy

The vast majority of work for students takes place during group rehearsals as we put forth all our efforts towards performances. Students are actively engaged in learning activities throughout the entirety of the rehearsal and therefore, their participation is necessary and accounts for a large part of their academic grade. The attendance, preparation, and contribution of each and every student in rehearsals and performances is vital to their learning experiences as they work towards excellence. Students within the band program will be evaluated and graded based on four different criteria. The Grading Policy Breakdown for all Ensembles includes:

- **20% Class Preparation:** Pencil, Music Folder, Sheet Music, Water Bottle, Appropriate shoes and attire, and Working Instruments and Equipment on a daily basis.
    - Students who fail to prepare for class will be unable to rehearse with the group and may be asked to complete alternate assignments in the back of the room. If this becomes a continuous occurrence, removal from performances with the ensemble, teacher-parent conferences, and removal from the band program itself may be implemented at the director's discretion.
- **20% Rehearsal Participation:** Participating in the ensemble during and after school (both have required attendance policies).
    - Rehearsals are where we learn skills, techniques, music, and marching skills that are necessary to assemble a show that is worthy of public performance. We learn as a group in these settings; therefore, we are only as strong as our weakest link. It is the student's responsibility to learn by watching, listening, modeling, assessing, and supporting one another. We all work together to make this band and therefore we need to all participate and be at attendance with the intent to work hard and learn at each and every rehearsal.
- **40% Performance Participation:** Concerts, contests, athletic events (games), and parades are all events that have required attendance and participation policies.
    - Performances are the most important events and are required for all students to attend. This is where students execute and exhibit the hard work they have put into the program. Every performance is equally important as we showcase the student's abilities, and it is what we prepare for throughout the year. Each member of the ensemble plays an important role that cannot be replaced or made up during a performance, therefore attendance is required and necessary for a successful musical experience!
    - **CONTEST DATES (REQUIRED): September 19th, October 17th, October 24th**
- **20% Playing Tests/ Pass Offs:** These will be as assigned by the director.
    - There will be memorization playing/performance exams for Marching and Concert Band. All ensemble members will be asked to play several scales and musical excerpts throughout the semester.

Attendance Policy

"To be early is to be on time, to be on time is to be late, and to be late is to be left behind."

With such a busy schedule and many important musical performances to attend and be a part of the Marching Band will not accept unexcused tardiness or absences. Our time is precious in order to accomplish all that needs to be done in the year, and therefore students are expected to respect each other and the teacher by respecting time constraints and strict schedules. Students are expected and required to attend all rehearsals (during and after school), all contests, games, parades, and other events or performances. Because a significant percentage of the overall grade is based on attendance and participation, repeated unexcused absences may result in a lower grade.

If a student will be absent from a performance, advance communication from a parent or guardian to the directors is required for the absence to be excused. Unexcused performance absences will be graded as zero. Repeated unexcused absences will result in a call home.

Obviously, there are the occasional circumstances out of one's control. These will be handled on a case by case basis.

Uniform Procedures

Marching Uniform information:

- Students are required to be in full uniform, which is mostly provided by the school, at all times during events, unless instructed otherwise by the director. Students will not take their uniforms home or off campus on non-game day or non-competition weekends. Students will be required to hang up the uniform following all performances on the correct racks, assigned at the beginning of the semester, and as directed by staff and boosters.
- Students will be required to purchase parts of the uniform that are considered personal items that can be reused in following seasons. These items may include but are not limited to: white gloves, black socks, custom guard uniforms, black marching shoes (drill masters), and khaki shorts. Some of these materials are available through Rush's music or online.
- Tennis shoes are encouraged for marching rehearsal, due to the longevity and intensity of rehearsal. It is recommended that students wear sunscreen, baseball hats, sunglasses, or any weather protective gear they deem necessary for rehearsals.
- Students are provided a band polo their freshman year, which can be exchanged for larger sizes as needed. However, if lost, an additional polo costs $15

Concert Uniform information:

- When dressed in concert attire, students are expected to be aligned with one of the following dress code options:
    - Masculine Attire: LCHS Band provided black suit Jacket and bow tie. Students must provide long black dress pants, long dark socks, white button down, and black dress shoes (Marching shoes can be used in a pinch)
    - Feminine Attire: All Black attire, with sleeves (no tank-tops or spaghetti straps), and dresses/skirts must be ankle length .

Instrument Rentals, Procedures, and Care

The most important aspect to any band program is the instruments and equipment we use! For those that cannot provide their own instrument, we thankfully work closely with our local music store, Rush's Music, to rent instruments for our program. Information on how to rent an instrument from Rush's can be found on their website or in their store! Another option is to rent an instrument from the band program itself. We are lucky enough to have a few school owned instruments that we can rent for student use every year. Information on how to rent out a school owned instrument for the year will be provided to students upon arrival. Generally speaking, there is a $40 fee per semester for use of a school owned instrument.

It is essential that every member has a horn that works properly and is in good playing condition. If you already own your own horn, that is wonderful!

It is preferred that every member of the band own their own mouthpieces, reeds, and drumsticks. For those who play instruments that require reeds, you are responsible for purchasing reeds from Rushes, online, or Ms. Allen.

We cannot march or play with broken or uncared for instruments. We need everyone playing and participating. Therefore, there are several policies in place in order to help maintain and keep personal, school-owned, and rented instruments in great condition.

- Individually owned instruments are private property. If it is not yours, then do not touch it. Respect this idea and respect your peers by leaving their instruments and equipment alone.
- All instruments that are owned by the LCHS Band Program should be treated as if they were your own. You would not throw or mishandle an expensive phone, laptop or ipad, so please take this same care with our instruments. This includes keeping up with regular care and maintenance of the instrument. You will sign a contract stating that you are responsible for anything that happens to the instrument. Therefore, it is your

responsibility to make sure it returns home safe and in better condition than it was given to you by the end of the semester. Failure to do so may result in repair fees.

- Instruments will ALWAYS be stored in their cases and in their assigned lockers.
- Non-Percussion or Non-Guard members should not be touching any of the percussion or guard equipment unless instructed to do so otherwise. Remember, if it is not yours, then leave it alone

Financial Obligations

The LCHS Marching Band loves to have the highest quality instruments and equipment for our group on top of also being able to travel to games, contests and fun musical trips (like Disney or Six Flags)! These opportunities cost large amounts of money though when you take into consideration the cost to cover transportation, hotels, instrument purchases, repairs, uniform cleaning, uniform repairs/replacements, music purchases, clinicians, and guard or percussion equipment. To put it in another perspective, each student would have to pay $400 or more in order to cover these costs and participate in band. However, we are fortunate enough to have a wonderful fundraising system and a supportive community in order to earn sponsorships and donations. In order to ensure these possibilities for each and every student, it is imperative that we work together, and everyone participates to raise money through activity fees and fundraising events.

Each member of the band is required to pay a $200 marching band fee every year they participate. This fee is due by August 17th. We understand that every member of our ensemble is different, and…

no student will be denied participation in this band due to financial difficulties.

Please contact the director if you are in this situation. However, there are several opportunities to combat the payment of this fee, if needed.

Keep in mind, students will still may need to pay for uniform parts (gloves, socks, shorts, etc.), certain marching equipment, and all maintenance and supplies needed for their instruments or equipment in addition to the fee.

Each student is expected to be involved in and participate in fundraising events! This includes Fruit Sales, Cookie Sales, Car Washes, Etc. These events tend to be fun and get students involved in the band program as well as with the community! We encourage every band member to sign up and participate in these fundraising events throughout the school year, and we ask our parents/guardians/families to support their students and this program by getting involved too! Let's continue to strive for excellence and raise the money that we need to do so.

Band Boosters

Parents, Guardians and Families of Band Students: WE NEED YOU!!! We cannot do this without the help of our wonderful parents. If you have any skills or experience in virtually any area, we can use your help! Whether it is the beginning of the year during marching band or towards the end during our band banquet, it is never too late or early to get involved! If you can only help at the event itself, let us know, if you want to actually plan the event let us know too! The more help we get the better and more efficient our program will become!

All parents that are involved with the program are considered part of the “band boosters” and without our boosters, the band would not be able to operate efficiently. Those who would like to be a part of the Booster Committee should reach out to those in current committee positions or the band director in order to get involved!

Band Camp 2026

July 13th-14th (Monday and Tuesday)

- Who:
  - ALL Freshmen (9th) and 8th Grade Marchers (Woodwinds and brass)
  - ALL Color Guard (9th-12th graders)
  - ALL Percussion (8th-12th graders)
- **When:**
  - **8:00 AM - 12:00 PM**
- Where:
  - LCHS Band Room

July 15th-17th (Wednesday-Friday)

- Who:
  - **ALL LCHS Band Members** (all 8th-12th grade marchers: woodwinds, brass, percussion, and color guard)
- **When:**
  - **8:00 AM - 4:00 PM**
    - Lunch: 11:30 AM-1:00 PM
      - All members will need to bring a packed lunch or have something delivered, no students will be allowed to leave campus for lunch.
- Where:
  - LCHS Band Room/Practice Field

July 20th-24th (Monday-Friday)

- Who:
  - **ALL LCHS Band Members** (all 8th-12th grade marchers: woodwinds, brass, percussion, and color guard)
- **When:**
  - **8:00 AM - 8:00 PM**
    - Lunch: 11:30 AM-1:00 PM
      - All members will need to bring a packed lunch or have something delivered, no students will be allowed to leave campus for lunch.
    - Dinner: 4:00 PM-5:30 PM

        - Students will be allowed to leave campus for dinner break (with a family member, or in their own vehicle if the student drives), but may choose to stay on campus and bring food with them or have it delivered.
- Where:
    - LCHS Band Room/Practice Field

What is Band Camp?

Band Camp is a series of required rehearsals throughout the month of July which teaches the basics of marching band, how to march, setting drill and coordinates, learning show music, and gaining a strong rapport with fellow members in the band. Full band rehearsals are held at Lenoir City High School.

As a member of the marching band, attendance and participation at Band Camp is mandatory. Please plan all vacations/absences around band camp. Students are expected to attend every day. It is imperative that you come to Band Camp every day prepared to handle the hours of work.

What To Bring

Bring all music equipment. This includes instruments, drum sticks, flags, rifles, etc. If you need an instrument, please communicate that to a director prior to full band camp

A flip folder with pages (These are instrument specific and available through rushes music, and need to be acquired ahead of time)

Wear sunscreen

Think about insect repellent or bug spray

Bring a LARGE insulated container of water each day. It is very important that you stay hydrated in the heat. You'll get breaks during camp to replenish the fluid you will be losing. You must drink during these brief breaks.

Bring Pencils (you will need them at every rehearsal.)

Bring a small washcloth or hand towel to wipe down hands/face/cool down from activity (optional)

Wear athletic clothes designed for warm temperatures. T shirts, athletic shorts, hats, and tennis shoes are recommended. Close-toe shoes are required. No sandals or flip flops

Plan to arrive at least 15 minutes before the start of camp to prepare themselves to be in place when camp begins.

Be sure you come to camp ready to march and play in summer temperatures. Get a good night sleep and eat a hearty breakfast each day. Taking those two steps will improve your experience greatly.

Band Camp Meals

We will be taking breaks for lunch and for dinner. During lunch, the students can either bring their meal to camp or have it delivered by a parent or family member. Students are NOT allowed to leave campus during their lunch break. *Once students are on campus, they must remain on campus until dinner*. During dinner, students are welcome to eat on campus or travel off campus to eat. They are required to arrive back with plenty of time to prepare for rehearsal at 6. Any student who leaves campus is required to be with a family member or member of the band, AKA the buddy system.

Final Thoughts

Expect to work really hard and to feel uncomfortable at times.

Keep cool-physically and mentally – Keep hydrated and don't overheat. Also keep a calm mind. So you can't hit the note at first, keep trying and listen graciously to advice and it WILL eventually come. We are here to help.

Show Respect – For the director, staff, leadership, parents that are around to help and your other team members.

All families and members of the Lenoir City High School Band program are required to sign and agree to all the terms outlined in our handbook. Being a member of the LCHS Band program is a choice you have made. Remaining a part of the program is a privilege and an honor. Any severe infraction of any of our rules can be grounds for dismissal from the program. Your signature and your parent's signature below is an agreement to all terms of this handbook. Communication with the band staff will alleviate the vast majority of conflicts. This handbook is meant to set structure so the band program can serve the needs of all students so that they may learn in a highly structured and quality environment.

_____ _____

Student Signature Date

_____ _____

Parent Signature Date

Lenoir City High School Band
Medical Form

Student Name_____ Birth Date___/___/____
Last First MI

Address_____
Street / Apt # City State Zip

Home Phone_____ Social Security #_____

Grade _____

Emergency Notification

Father's Name_____ *Home Phone*_____

*Work*_____ *Cell Phone* _____

Mother's Name_____ *Home Phone*_____

*Work*_____ *Cell Phone* _____

Alternate Emergency Notification

The following persons are authorized to act in my behalf if I cannot be reached in the event of an emergency.

(1) Name _____ Relationship _____

Phones: Home _____ Work _____ Cell _____

(2) Name _____ Relationship _____

Phones: Home _____ Work _____ Cell _____

Physician Information

Physician's Name _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Office Number _____ Answering Service # _____

THE INFORMATION FURNISHED ON THIS FORM IS ACCURATE. I, the undersigned, being the parent, legal next of kin, or legal guardian hereby authorize any necessary medical treatment for _____ while he/she is participating with the Lenoir City High School Band. I also guarantee payment of all charges incurred during this medical treatment (physician, hospital, x-ray, lab, medication, ambulance, etc.)

_____
Signature of Parent / Legal Guardian

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Signature of Parent / Legal Guardian

Student Name: _____

Lenoir City High School Band
Parent/Guardian Informed Consent and Student Medical Information for Field Trip

The following information is provided to aide the band staff and volunteers in assisting your child with any medical issues that may arise during a field trip. This information will be shared with the chaperones on the trip.

Medical Information

The following special health problems should be noted and adequate precautions taken *(list such items as unusually severe reaction to bee stings, other severe allergies, hemophilia, diabetes, heart disease, etc.):*

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The following medications, prescriptions, or special diets are needed:

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*** ALL MEDICATIONS (PRESCRIPTION AND OVER THE COUNTER) MUST BE IN THEIR ORIGINAL CONTAINER AND GIVEN TO THE BAND DIRECTOR PRIOR TO THE FIELD TRIP.**

Does the student carry an Epi-Pen ?	Yes	No
Does the student have asthma?	Yes	No
Do they carry an inhaler?	Yes	No
Do they have a Latex allergy?	Yes	No

If deemed necessary, my child may receive the following medication:

____ Acetaminophen/Tylenol	____ Diarrhea Medicine	____ Nausea Medicine
____ Ibuprofen/Motrin	____ Benadryl/Anti-Histamine	____ Tums/Pepto-Bismol

Lenoir City Schools is not obligated to maintain a supply of medicines, and these medicines may not always be available.

Emergency Contact Information *(in order of preference)*

(#1) Name _____ Phone (___)_____ Relationship _____

(#2) Name _____ Phone (___)_____ Relationship _____

(#3) Name _____ Phone (___)_____ Relationship _____

I hereby grant permission for my child to participate in band activities and for the band staff to obtain necessary medical treatment for my child if deemed necessary. I hereby guarantee payment of all charges incurred including but not limited to ambulance, emergency room, physician, x-ray, labs, medication, and procedures.

Signature of Parent/Guardian_____ Date _____

Lenoir City High School Band
Parent/Guardian Informed Consent and Student Medical Information for Field Trips

Student Name_____ Date_____

General Information

The Lenoir City High School Band will be taking several field trips this school year. The purpose of these trips will be to perform at local schools, sporting events, community events, regional competitions and festivals, and to participate in regional band events. These activities provide a learning experience for the students and allow them an opportunity to apply their classroom learning.

All of these field trips are Board approved and are listed in the band handbook. School personnel and parent volunteers will supervise all field trips.

If you have questions or concerns about this activity, please contact the band director.

Type of Transportation

Depending on the nature of the trip and the number of students involved, the band will utilize district owned school buses, commercial transportation, and personal vehicles for these trips.

Any staff member or parent using their personal vehicle during a field trip must submit proof of insurance which complies with LCBOE Policy 3.404 prior to transporting students on a field trip.

Photographic Consent

Pictures and videos may be made during the field trip. Please check one of the following statements:

☐ *I allow for my child's picture to be taken and possibly be used for the school website, school media productions, school yearbook and/or newspaper articles.*

☐ *I do not want my child photographed.*

Although I understand that the school district will make reasonable effort to provide a safe environment, I am fully aware that leaving school property poses additional risks. Being fully aware of the risks, I hereby give consent for my child to participate in these activities.

Parent/Guardian Name _____ Day Phone (____)_____

Home Address _____ Evening Phone (____)_____

Signature of Parent/Guardian_____ Date _____

Parent/Guardian signature reflects their knowledge and approval of the activity described above. This form must be returned to school before the student is involved in the activity.

Upcoming Marching Band Parents and Families,

For those that missed the meeting on May 4th, or for those who want additional information, below are two QR codes.

The first (On the left) is a large document with a ton of information, which is summarized in a welcome letter on the first page.

The second QR code is the presentation we gave at the meeting, which is a lot of the same information, but may be easier to digest.

Feel free to reach out to Mr. Slimp or Ms. Allen with any questions.

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