

Lakewood High School Instrumental Music Handbook 2009-2010

Mission Statement:

The goal of the Lakewood High School Instrumental Music Program is to provide students with an opportunity to participate in a variety of quality musical experiences while fostering an appreciation for fine arts.

About the program:

The instrumental music program is comprised of a marching band, 2 orchestras, 2 concert bands, 2 jazz bands, winter guard, and winter percussion. We employ 7 instructors and numerous clinicians to help the students with different aspects of our music program. The instrumental music program has a very active parent booster organization (Lakewood Performing Arts Council, LPAC) that aids with every facet of the program. LHS ensembles have a history of excellence. In 2007, the Full Orchestra was honored with an invitation to perform at the Broadmoor Hotel in Colorado Springs for the Colorado Music Educators Association convention.

Fundraising:

Fundraising is a critical component of any instrumental music program. We could not provide our ensembles with everything they need to be successful on the budget provided by the school. Lakewood Performing Arts Council (LPAC) raises over \$100,000 annually. This money provides instruments, instructors and clinicians, transportation, food, entry fees, music, etc... LPAC began running its first Bingo operation in March, 2005 at Slammer's, a brand new Bingo hall which opened in Lakewood that year. LPAC's success in raising funds through Bingo has grown and now the Bingo operation is LPAC's highest-producing fundraiser. To maintain Bingo revenue, it is critical for students and parents to continue to work sessions. Please feel free to contact any of the LPAC board members for more information.

The 2009-2010 LPAC Board:

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Classroom guidelines and expectations:

1. **Respect**
2. RESPONSIBILITY (take responsibility for your actions, don't make excuses or blame others)
3. No food, drinks, or gum in the music room.
4. Be on time (this means being in your seat, ready to play when the bell rings).
5. Be prepared (have all of your music, pencil, everything you need to play your instrument).
6. Clean up after yourself.

Grading:

The hardest thing for a music director to do is to grade the students. Band and orchestra are co-curricular classes, so students are evaluated by participation during the school day and outside of class time. Band and orchestra are performance-based classes and grades are directly related to participation in rehearsals, performances and competitions. Students can make up missed activities only if they have an excused absence. Excused absences must be cleared with Mr. Stephen **in advance**. If you wait until the last minute to get it cleared, it may be counted as an unexcused absence. Unexcused absences cannot be made up. **It is the student's responsibility** to contact Mr. Stephen if they have to make up work. The work needs to be made up no later than 2 weeks after the absence. If a student has an excused absence and fails to make up the work, it will count the same as an unexcused absence. Missing a festival or competition will automatically count as an unexcused absence and **will** lower the student's grade. This is because these performances count as a big portion of the student's grade. Here is the grading scale:

90-100	A
80-89	B
70-79	C
60-69	D
59- Lower	F

Students earn points toward their grade for the following:

Playing Tests (each group will have one playing test per 9 weeks.)

Written assignments

Concerts/ festivals/ competitions

Attendance at rehearsals

Attitude

Daily participation

Punctuality (be in your seat ready to play when the bell rings)

Preparation (knowing the music, having all items for a good rehearsal)

I do not do extra credit

Items everyone needs to have:

Strings: Cleaning cloth, rosin

Woodwinds: Cork grease, swab and at least **2 playable reeds** at all times. I do not sell reeds at the school, so please plan ahead

Brass: Valve oil, slide grease

Percussion: 1 pair of CONCERT snare sticks-size 2B or Vic Firth Generals. Most other mallets are provided.

Everyone: A copy of the music you play, do not share music with another player, and a pencil

Band Students: Buy a copy of the book “Essential Musicianship For Band; Ensemble Concepts” by Eddie Green, John Benzer, David Bertman

Discipline problems:

Any disruptive behavior that makes it difficult for others to learn or hinders the teacher’s ability to teach effectively is considered a discipline problem. This kind of behavior will not be tolerated and will be dealt with immediately.

First offense: Student receives a warning from the teacher

Second offense: Student is pulled aside and talked to about their behavior and parents are called

Third offense: A parent conference is requested (to set up consequences) and administration is notified

Fourth offense: Administrative intervention will be used

Any major infraction of school policy will not be tolerated and the student will be sent immediately to Student Relations

All school rules and policies are in affect during any band/orchestra trips.

Care of Instruments:

Brass and woodwind students who own their own instruments should bring them to a music store to be checked out by a professional at least once a year. This will hopefully prevent any major repairs because little problems will be spotted early. Woodwind instruments are very vulnerable to having little problems becoming big ones because of all of the keys and pads. Woodwind instruments should be re-padded every other year (maybe more depending on how much you play). Brass players should give their instruments a bath once every 2 months (if you don’t know how to do this, ask Mr. Stephen or your section leader). Strings should wipe down their instruments with a soft clean cloth after playing to get rid of rosin dust, smudges, and finger prints.

School owned instruments:

Students are required to pay a fee to use school instruments-this includes percussionists. The fee you pay to LHS is very cheap compared to what you would have to pay to rent the same

instrument from a music dealer. The fees paid go towards offsetting the cost of up-keep and repair. The fees paid do not even come close to covering the yearly cost of instrument repairs.

Uniforms:

Marching Band

Bengal Regiment Marching Uniforms are the property of the Jefferson County School District and are kept at the school. The uniforms are NEVER released to the students for taking or wearing home.

To complete their uniforms, students will be required to purchase shoes and gloves. The shoes, which are specially designed for marching, are available through Mr. Stephen and cost less than \$35. Students should wear their own athletic shoes for practices. Although the brand of marching shoe offered by Mr. Stephen may differ from year to year, it is perfectly acceptable to wear a previous year's "edition" if they still fit comfortably and look appropriate.

Gloves are also an important part of the uniform and are also available through Mr. Stephen for \$7.00 a pair. You will have to purchase two pairs in order to have the correct complement of one white and one black glove for performances. The leftover gloves can be used as replacements for worn-out ones.

A third purchase of a garment bag is required for storage of the uniform during the season. While the school does own clear bags for off-season storage, these should remain at the school. Students are asked to purchase an orange garment bag through Mr. Stephen for \$15. This will be their own property and will have storage capacity for the uniform, gauntlets, gloves and shoes, which the school bags do not. After marching season is ended and concert season is under way students use these bags for storing their tuxedos and gowns. The bags are very durable and should last far beyond the students' careers at LHS.

Payment for the shoes, gloves and garment bags is to LHS, not to LPAC.

Orchestra, Symphonic Band, Concert Band

Formal concert dress: tuxedos for the men and black concert gowns for the women. Tuxedos will be offered for sale in the \$100-\$120 range by Mr. Stephen before the beginning of winter concert season. Gowns will be offered for sale for about \$90 at the same time and are intended to be uniform throughout the ensemble. However, if a woman owns a slightly different style gown from a previous year it may be acceptable to continue using it. Payment for concert attire is to LHS and is not included in class enrollment fees.

Students who are wearing the proper attire will be allowed to perform in the concert. If you are going to have a problem getting these clothes, please see Mr. Stephen as soon as possible to solve any potential conflicts. If I do not hear from anyone, I will assume everyone has the proper attire for performances.

Lettering:

2009-2010 Band/Orchestra Letter Application

DEADLINE FOR APPLICATION RETURN: April 17, 2010

NAME _____ DATE _____ GRADE _____

BASIC REQUIREMENTS

Please check the criteria that you have met over the course of the school year.

All Required:

_____ Students who participate in marching band for the entire season will automatically receive a letter. Check here if you were in the marching band.

_____ 100% attendance at all concerts required for class (the only excused absences allowed are for emergencies or illness).

_____ **Work at least 3 Bingo games** (student work only – not participation by parents or friends). Check with Mr. Stephen if there is any reason that you cannot work the 3 Bingo games **(you must have completed your 3 Bingo's before the application deadline, April 17)**

_____ Selection to All-State Band, Orchestra, or Jazz (50 points)

_____ Pit Orchestra for Musical (50 pts)

_____ Selection to College Honor Orchestra or Band (50 points)

_____ Participation in Winter Percussion/Winter Guard Ensemble (50)

_____ Participation in All County Honor Orchestra-Band (30)

_____ Taking private lessons on a band-orchestra instrument: (5 pts per lesson)

Teacher's signature _____

_____ Participation in summer performance workshops NOT sponsored by LHS (on your major instrument) (point values vary).

_____ Perform in Solo & Ensemble Festival (20 pts)

_____ Outside music group (CYSO, DYAO, FRYS, Blue Knights Percussion, etc.): Name and Director's Signature (point values vary):

_____ Written review of a professional or university classical/jazz-type concert attended. Not of the student's own performance. Please also attach a program and/or ticket stub for each event (point values vary)

OTHER

Please list any other items that you feel are worth letter points. Include an adequate explanation of each item, as well as the number of points that you are requesting. (Use another sheet if more space is needed.)

If you have questions on any of the material within this handbook, please contact Mr. Stephen at the school: (303) 982-7096 cstephen@jeffco.k12.co.us

Calendar 2009-2010

9/11/09

Homecoming – BR

9/26/09

Friendship Cup-BR

9/29/09

Jeffco Marching Festival - BR

10/03/09

Pomona Marching Festival – BR

10/10/09

Arapahoe Festival-BR

10/12/09	<i>Regionals – BR</i>
10/17/09	<i>Douglas County Invitational-BR</i>
10/23/08	<i>State Quarterfinals - BR</i>
10/24/08	<i>State Semifinals and Finals – BR</i>
11/04/09	<i>Fall Concert-CB,SB,SO,CO</i>
12/9/09-12/11/09	<i>Holiday Concert- CB,SB,SO,CO</i>
2/02/10	<i>Area Band concert-CB, SB</i>
2/03/10	<i>Area Orchestra Concert-SO, CO</i>
2/24/10	<i>Empty Bowl Concert- CB,SB,SO,CO,JB</i>
4/14/10	<i>Spring Concert - 7PM, CB,SB,SO,CO</i>
4/23/10	<i>UNC Jazz Festival-JB</i>
4/24/10	<i>Solo and Ensemble Festival @ Creighton</i>
5/18/10-5/21/10	<i>Pops Concert, CB,SB,SO,CO</i>
5/29/10	<i>Graduation, TBA</i>

Key:

BR = Bengal Regiment;
 SO = Symphonic Orchestra;
 CO = Concert Orchestra;
 CB = Concert Band;
 SB = Symphonic Band
 JB = Jazz Band

Attendance is required for events on the calendar. Students will be given sufficient notice about changes to the schedule.

 We have read the material within this handbook and we understand all of the information that is covered.

Student Name (Please Print) _____ Date _____

Parent Signature _____

Students Signature _____

Please turn this form in to Mr. Stephen by September 4th

Students who turn this form in on time will earn points toward their first grade.