



WELCOME TO THE LAKE HIGHLANDS HS BAND!

There is a place for everyone in the Lake Highlands Band! All we ask is that you are willing to try your best and show a positive attitude. We have band students who also participate in all sports, Choir, Orchestra, Highlandettes, Cheerleading, Theater, Wranglers, Academic Decathlon, and many different clubs.

It might surprise you to know that most LH Band members find that their grades go up during marching season! Our organization has a reputation for academic success! In previous years, several Lake Highlands Valedictorians and Salutatorians have been band members. Many band members graduate in the top 10 percent of their class every year at LH. Honors credit in band is available for students that are interested in raising their GPA. Colleges recognize band as an important activity and view it favorably on applications. Colleges have many people who qualify for admission based on grades and SAT scores, but many times participation in band makes the difference in being accepted to the college of your choice. Almost all Wildcat Band alumni attend a four year university and many students continue to play their instruments while in college. Those who do not major in music can still receive music scholarships. More money is given nationally in college scholarships to musicians than any other single category. You will receive the required fine arts credit and a waiver for PE by being a member of the LH Wildcat Marching Band.

The Lake Highlands Bands have performed in Chicago, Orlando, San Antonio, Galveston, Honolulu, Houston, and Corpus Christi. The LH Wind Ensemble has won every major award in Texas for concert band, including being named the Class 6A State Honor Band. In addition, the LH Wind Ensemble has been named the Featured Band at the Midwest International Band Clinic and Convention in Chicago five times. The Midwest Clinic and Convention is the most prestigious venue for high school bands in the country and the Lake Highlands Band holds the record for most invitations. The Wildcat Marching Band has won numerous local, state and national awards, and has competed at the State Marching Contest.

Lake Highlands High School is much larger than your junior high. By being a member of the band, you will have over 200 band friends when school begins. These students form a positive peer group around you, giving you friends that are striving to do their best academically, socially and musically.

For more information please see our website:



LHABC.org

COMMONLY ASKED QUESTIONS ABOUT BAND AT LAKE HIGHLANDS

1. What band classes are offered at LH?

Students are placed in one of four band periods based on an audition in May. These classes are Wind Ensemble, Symphonic Band, Concert Band 1, and Concert Band 2. Our primary objective is to place students with others that play on their level. Jazz 1 is also offered during the school day as a class and Jazz 2 meets outside of the school day. Marching band rehearses outside of the school day and consists of students from all band periods.

2. If a student is in athletics and cannot march what happens?

That student plays in their band class and does all other band activities. Students with rehearsal/practice conflicts go to the games and play with the band in the stands. We handle student scheduling on a case by case basis.

3. When does marching band practice?

Once school starts, the marching band practices Monday through Friday morning 6:45am-8:15am. Morning practices are great because of the heat in the afternoons in August and September and students have enough time to attend tutorials after marching rehearsal. We purposely end at 8:15am so that students can even go see teachers to get help before the school day begins.

4. Does marching band fulfill PE requirements?

Yes, students who participate in marching band will fulfill their PE requirement and can use that class period for another elective. In other words, students earn fine arts academic credit for band and by marching receive a waiver for the PE requirement.

5. What are the rehearsal dates before the end of the school year?

The full Wildcat Band will rehearse:

June 1st from 8AM-4PM

June 2nd from 1PM-5PM

June 4th from 8AM-4PM

*Wildcat Band Leadership also meet on June 5th and 6th from 8AM-Noon

*On Tuesdays in June/July, the Band Hall will be open for private lessons. It is **highly** recommended that you continue your private lessons during the summer!

8. When does summer band begin and when are performances?

We start working with the marching band as a whole on July 30th. Our calendar for August is below and contains the most up to date information we have.

July 30th – August 3rd : 7AM-4PM

August 6th – August 10th : 7AM-4PM

August 13th – 17th : TBA based on director's back to school training and meeting schedule. There is a kick off performance at the end of this week.

Marching contest performances : September 29th, October 13th, October 17th, October 27th

9. What are the most important things for a student to do now to be in band?

As students fill out an enrollment card they need to write in band as an elective for next year. It is not important which specific band class they write in. We will work with the counselors after auditions to place students in the correct band. **Even if you did NOT indicate Band for next year's schedule that can easily be changed.**