

Course: Band 1,2,3,4

Prerequisites: Junior High Band; Each previous year of HS band

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Overview:

The Lindale High School Band, also known as the “Pride of Lindale,” has over 200 members made up of students in grades 9-12. The band performs at a wide range of activities including football games, parades, concerts, and UIL events. Band students also have several opportunities to compete individually as well as in small groups. Senior members have the opportunity to earn scholarships that help pay for their college educations.

Textbook:

Fall semester: Marching music. Each student is given a folder of marching music that contains approximately 20 pieces of music. If a student loses a piece of music, they will be charged \$1.00 to replace it. If the student loses the entire folder, they will need to pay \$5.00 to have it replaced. Everyone is responsible for keeping up with their music! The music being used for UIL Marching Contest as well as football games will be played for grades throughout the semester.

Students are also given materials for Master Classes that are held every Wednesday, and are given All Region music and other materials that will be used in class and played for grades.

Spring semester: Various music. Each student is given a folder of music pertaining to their individual placement in Wind Ensemble, Symphonic Winds, Symphonic Band, or Concert Band. They will be given specific materials that must be played off for grades during each six weeks.

Materials:

Instrument, lyre, flip folder, music, reeds, valve oil, band shirt, band shoes, long white socks (to be worn with the uniform)

Tutorial Times:

Directors have sign-up sheets on their doors where students can sign up for individual help on music. Drum majors and squad leaders are available to help students before and after school with music and/or marching.

Grading Policy:

All music playoffs, rehearsals, and public performances (games, parades, concerts, etc.) are counted as grades. Music playoffs and performances count as test grades; rehearsals count as daily grades. Music playoffs are done in person to the directors.

Fall Semester:

Marching fundamentals: due in summer band

Music playoffs:

due by August 6th – Sinfonians Fanfare 2026

due by August 13th – Northwind

due by August 20th – Ponderoso

due by August 27th – Cyrus the Great Intro, 1st, 2nd Strain

due by September 3rd – Cyrus the Great – Trio to End

due by September 10th – Battle Hymn Closer 2026

***** Students who do not play off their music can be pulled from the contest group and placed in the “alternate block”. Once they have played off, a student **MAY** regain a place in the contest block **IF** one becomes available.

See **Schedule of Events** below for dates of rehearsals and performances.

Spring Semester:

The 4th 6 weeks will focus on solo and ensemble. Those who do not sign up to participate in solo and ensemble contest will be given a solo to work on and play for grades during that 6 weeks. Those playoff dates are TBA.

UIL Concert music will be due the 5th and 6th 6 weeks. Dates are TBA.

Spring Concert music and Theory and Composition will be due in the 6th 6 weeks. Dates are TBA.

Late Work Policy:

5 points is counted off every day that the music is played off late.

If the music is not played by memory, the grade is automatically a 70.

Music that is played for a 70 must be replayed.

Absences:

All absences must be excused by Mr. Fisher. If you know in advance that you will be missing a rehearsal or performance, please let a director know. Also, please bring a note from a parent if you miss a rehearsal or performance. If you were out because of illness or injury, a note from the doctor is expected. **UNEXCUSED ABSENCES MAY RESULT IN BEING PLACED IN THE ALTERNATE BLOCK.**

LHS Band Rules and Infractions:

Infractions that occur during the school day will be handled through the LHS disciplinary policies. Infractions that occur outside the school day will result in a Band Hall D Hall.

School Day Infractions: (Examples)

Instrument not put away correctly.

Music not in a flip folder.

Not bringing everything to class (music, instrument, shoes, reeds, etc.)

Phone out; ear buds in use during class.

No food, drink, gum, or candy in the band hall.

Outside School Day Infractions: Two infractions result in a Band Hall D Hall. (Examples)

Tardy to rehearsal (starts at 7:45 am)

Late to Monday night or Wednesday afternoon rehearsal.

Late to Friday call time.

Out of uniform. (Long white socks, band t-shirt, etc.)

Not bringing everything to the game (Flip folder, instrument, etc.)

Late coming back to 4th quarter.

Uniform not put away properly or not taken care of during and after a performance.

On phone in stands. Using ear buds in stands.

No food, drink, gum, or candy in the stands or in the band hall unless designated by a director.

Band Hall D Hall:

Must be served the week it is assigned unless it is assigned on Friday night. Students will sign in, pick up the appropriate notebook, and practice the assigned material for 20 minutes. Failure to serve the Band Hall D Hall will result in a school D Hall.

See the LHS Band Handbook and the LHS School Policies for all rules and guidelines.

Alternate Block:

Students who are struggling with marching fundamentals will be pulled from the contest drill and placed in the alternate block where they will be given individualized and detailed help. Once the student can perform the fundamentals at a “contest acceptable” level, they will be moved to the “Stand By” block, where they **MAY** regain a place in the contest block **IF** one becomes available. Places in the block become available because of eligibility issues and/or injuries. Students who do not play off music can also be placed in this block.

UNEXCUSED ABSENCES MAY RESULT IN THE STUDENT BEING PLACED IN THE ALTERNATE OR STAND BY BLOCK.

Schedule of Events:

1st Six Weeks: Monday Rehearsals 6:30-8:30 pm

August 17th – LHS MAC

August 24th – LHS MAC

August 31st – LHS MAC

September 14th – LHS MAC

Wednesday Rehearsals at LHS 3:30-5:00 pm

August 26th – Chair Test Prep/Marching Sectionals - LHS

September 2nd – Chair Test Prep/Marching Sectionals - LHS

September 9th – Chair Test Prep/Marching Sectionals - LHS

September 16th – Chair Test Prep/Marching Sectionals - LHS

Games:

August 14th – Meet the Eagles – Lindale Stadium

August 28th – Hallsville – There

September 4th – Whitehouse – Lindale Stadium

September 11th – Van -- There

September 18th – Chapel Hill – Lindale Stadium

2nd Six Weeks: Monday Rehearsals:

September 21st – LHS MAC

September 28th – Eagle Stadium

October 5th – Eagle Stadium

October 12th – Eagle Stadium

October 19th – Eagle Stadium

October 26th – Eagle Stadium

Wednesday Rehearsals:

September 23rd – Chair Test Prep/Marching Sectionals - LHS

September 30th – Chair Test Prep/Marching Sectionals - LHS

October 7th – Marching Sectionals - LHS

October 14th – Marching Sectionals – LHS

October 21st – Marching Sectionals – LHS

CHAIR TESTS

October 5th – October 8th -- **Chair Tests – These are test grades!**

Games:

September 25th – Henderson –There

October 2nd – Bullard – Eagle Stadium

October 16th – Pine Tree -- There

October 23rd – Kilgore – Eagle Stadium

October 30th – Palestine – There

Other Performances:

October 3rd – Melissa Marching Invitational

October 17th – UIL Marching Contest at Hallsville High School

October 19th – Potentially Parent Preview Night for UIL State Contest

October 26th – Potentially Leave for State Marching Contest

October 27th – UIL 4A State Military Marching Contest @ Baylor

3rd Six Weeks: Wednesday Rehearsals:

None – Students doing all-region will need to be signed up on a director's door.

Games:

November 5th – Jacksonville – Lindale Stadium – Senior Night

November 13, 20 -- Potential playoff games are Thursday, Friday, or Saturday. Everyone is expected to attend.

Other Performances / Auditions:

November 11th – UIL Twirling Contest at Bullard

December 12th – All Region Auditions at Henderson MS

December 14th – Christmas Concerts at PAC

December 15th – Christmas Concert Tour at other campuses

December 4, 11, 18 – Potential Playoff Games

4th Six Weeks: Monday Night Rehearsal:

Concert Band: 5:00-6:00 pm

Symphonic Band: 5:00-6:00 pm

Symphonic Winds: 6:00-7:00 pm

Wind Ensemble: 7:00-8:30 pm

No Monday Night Rehearsals

Other Performances/Auditions

January 9th – Area Tryouts (only those who qualify)

January 16th – ATSSB Clinic/Concert (only those who qualify)

January 23rd – Potentially Act 15

January 29th – LHS Drum Major Clinic for those interested

February 5th and 6th – UIL Solo and Ensemble Contest - LHS

5TH Six Weeks: Monday Night Rehearsals:

February 16th -- Tues

February 22nd

March 1st

March 15th

March 22nd

March 30th—Tues

April 5th

Other Performances:

March 18th – Pre-UIL Concert – PAC – During school

April 6th – Pre-UIL Parent Performance – LHS PAC

Important Dates:

TBA – Bullard Pre-UIL Contest

February 26th – LHS Drum Major Clinic

March 19th – LHS Drum Major Clinic

March 14th – Twirler Auditions Aux Gym

March 28th – Drum Major Clinic

6th Six Weeks: Monday Night Rehearsal:

April 12th

Other Performances:

April 14th – 15th – UIL Concert and Sightreading Evaluation - Bullard

May 10th – Spring Concert

May 24th – TSSEC State Solo and Ensemble

TBA Festival Performances

Important Dates:

April 19th – 23rd – Squad Leader Interviews

April 26th – 29th – Drum Major Clinics

April 30th – Drum Major Auditions

