

THE HANDBOOK

East Limestone Bands 2005-06

Introduction

Welcome to the East Limestone Band program. This handbook will cover all aspects of the music program including beginner, intermediate, and marching bands. Don't forget .if you are on the dance, flag, or majorette line you are considered marching band.

Booster Meetings

The booster organization(that's the parents) meets on the first Tuesday of each month from 7:00p.m. to 8:00p.m. in the bandroom. While parents are not required to attend it is strongly encouraged! The band will only be as good as its support group. **The meetings last one hour. You are welcome to come early and stay late to discuss your darlings!**

No Pass/No Play

No pass/No play states that no student will be allowed to participate in any after-school, extracurricular activities unless they meet the following requirements:

1. An overall "C" average from all classes combined.
2. **At** least a "C" average in all core classes.

This is from the State Board of Education! Students will' be held responsible for debts/items ordered if they are ruled **ineligible**.

Beginner Band

Beginner band is open to any student in grades 6-8. In beginner band students will learn how to read music and rhythms, basic **vocabulary**, proper maintenance of the instrument, and how to be part of a team. We will **work** towards an appreciation of music and musicians. Students will also learn a skill that they can use for the rest of their lives. They will **become musicians**.

There is a one time \$40.00 fee' to cover books, supplies, and a band shirt. A portion of this fee also goes into the band's savings account. This fee is due before the students can receive their books, supplies, or T-shirt.

The beginner band will perform 2 concerts, one each semester. Attendance is required.

Intermediate Band

Intermediate band is open to any student grade 6-8 with one year experience in band on that instrument. We will continue where beginner band leaves off. The students may skip intermediate band by auditioning for Jr. High band.

There is a one time \$50.00 fee to cover books, supplies, and a band shirt. A portion of this fee also goes into the band's savings account. This fee is due before the students can receive their books, supplies, or T-shirt. This fee is a little more than beginner band because of the increased costs of books.

The intermediate band will perform 2 concerts, one each semester. Attendance is required. They will also go to Six Flags! Attendance is not required. More information will be given as the time nears

Frequently Asked Questions

1. What supplies do the instrumentalists need?

1. Black Band Shoes .you will be fitted for these during band camp.

DO NOT BUY THEM ON YOUR OWN. We all wear the same kind.

2. Flip—folder and lyre .you may *buy* these from us. \$5.00 each except for flutes. Those are \$16.95.

2. Is Bandcamp mandatory? All performances and rehearsals are mandatory. This includes games, contests, and bandcamp!

3. What do I need for band camp?

1. A towel to sit on 2. SunBlock spf2000

3. Flip—folder and lyre 4. Hat

5. Tennis Shoes 6. Deodorant

7. Extra Socks ... 8. PENCILS

9. FOOD 10. A cup for water breaks

11. Prayers 12. Patience

13. Can of Good Attitude 14. frisbee

4. How do my parents become band boosters? They are! If you are in the band, your parents are too!!!!
The support meetings are the 1st Tuesday of each month at 7:00pm in the bandroom. We are only as good as our support is strong!

5. When are the forms due? July 28th.

6. What do I need to do if am going to be late? Call and leave a message!

509-3872 or 233-6662 or phone a friend. If you don't, everyone will run.

7. How do fundraisers work? Some are student oriented where the money goes into their trip accounts. Some go to the general fund. 10% of all fundraisers go into the uniform/savings account.

8. Is it important for parents to come to the booster meetings?

YES!!!!!! The kids need you. It's also fun. You *will* get to see that you are not the only person being driven crazy by your child. You can meet other people in your situation and fuss about your children!!!! It's also nice to see that you are making a difference in your child's life by helping them accomplish a goal! The mark you make will be seen for generations to come. You can tell your grandkids you helped build this band. You can then tell your kids to go to the meetings like you did!!!!

9. How do I get in touch with Mrs. Sam?

Email eastanceteam@yahoo.com or Jennifer.janzen@lcsk12.org

Call-233-6662 or 509-3872

10. When does my child start camp?

JULY 25th Guard-3p -6p, Winds-6p-9:30p, Percussion- 5p-8:30p

Marching/Concert Band

The East Limestone Marching Band has worked hard since its conception to maintain a level of excellence and a tradition of success. Members, including students, aides, parents, and director are expected to give 100%, 100% of the time. Try your best and the excellence will continue. Strive to make yourself proud!

Band Fees -\$100.00

All participants are required to pay a \$100.00 board sanctioned band fee. A portion of the money goes to uniform cleaning and maintenance, school instrument repair~, band camp and additional instructors, band ca4 supplies, transportation to and from games and competitions, uniform supplies, bandroom supplies, entrance fees to competitions, band director's gift, and the savings account. I was kidding about the directors gift! Just wanted to see if you were paying attention!!!! Jennifer Janzen(that's me) does not see a penny of the fees collected!!!! I don't even want to touch the ~hecks you bring in!!!! Band fees are due by July 26.

Rental Fees \$50.00 per semester

This fee is for students using school owned instruments including low brass, percussion, and

mellophones. The money is used for maintenance and replacement parts. You would be amazed at the amount of money

we spend each year on drum heads alone(the average cost per head is \$50.00 and it takes two heads per drum!).

Guard Fees

Guard' includes dance team, majorettes, and flag line.

1. Camp- \$285.00.
2. Band Fee -\$100.00
3. Camp wear -\$60.00
4. Sweat Jacket -\$35.00
5. Wind Jacket -\$45.00
6. 'Ights x 3 -\$60.00
7. Uniform -\$150.00

8. Boots -\$47.00 Majorettes and Dance
9. Shoes -\$35.00 Flags
10. Twirling shoes -\$35.00-majorettes only
11. Guard Bags-\$35.00
12. Accessories hair, make-up, jewelry, gloves \$50.00

13. Majorette lessons -\$25.00 per month.

All money is due August f, 2005. Camp money is due to Spirit Camp not the band. Each girl is responsible for her wn PLAIN WHITE TENNIS SHOES. Spend as much or as little as you like, just make sure they are plain white. These re for pep rallies.

Percussion Fees

Due to the growth of our program we are short on uniforms. Percussionist wear a different uniform from ie rest of the band. This uniform will be picked by the director and students during bandcamp each marching season. ist year the cost was \$70.00 for pants, hat, T-shirt, and boots.

Grading

All three bands are graded based on participation in class and attendance at rehearsals and performances. Class participation/rehearsal attendance .%50

Performance Attendance .%50

Failure to attend a performance will also result in suspension from the band program. Failure to attend rehearsal may also result in suspension from the band. Students will not be counted off in the grade book for not being able to play or not knowing the routine. They will, however, be held accountable on the performance field in the form of suspension from the performance. If a student does not know the music or routine, they will not be allowed to perform. They are, however, expected to be at the performance in blue jeans and band shirts to help move equipment and load/unload. If the student does not attend, the grade for that performance will be 0.

Absences

Sometimes absences are unavoidable. Students will be required to make up all absences of any kind. They will be required to practice or write reports. Assignments will be given at the discretion of the Band Director. The standard is 2 pages, hand written per hour missed and/or garbage duty after the home games. Unexcused absences will result in performance suspension.

Conflicts

Students involved in special activities need to make arrangements with the director as soon as possible! Unexcused absences will result in performance suspension.

Acceptable/Unacceptable Behavior

This is the rules section of the handbook .READ CAREFULLY.

Expectations

1. Please do not talk when director, instructors, or staff is giving instruction.

2. No Gum/Food/Drink(other than water)/Cell phones in rehearsal please.
3. Respect others and you will earn their respect. Respect includes no outbursts on the field.
4. Truth only. Tell the truth and accept responsibility and the punishment will be less.
5. Be on time. If rehearsal starts at 3:20 be ready to play at 3:20.
6. Please use rehearsal time wisely .work not talk!

Consequences

Consequences range from *garbage* duty, bus cleaning, bandroom cleaning, letters of apology, writing sentences, and suspension from performances. All of these duty are considered volunteer activities. Each member knows what is expected of them and how to behave. Any unacceptable behavior will therefore be seen as ~volunteering~ for these duties. Garbage duty includes the football field after all home games. Because we run the concession stand, we are responsible for cleaning the field. If you have any objections to any of our volunteer duties, please see me, and we will come up with an alternative.

Traveling Policies

Each year the band goes on no fewer than 9 trips! Please follow these rules, and they will all be enjoyable!

1. All performing members are required to ride the bus to all performances with the exception of Christmas, winter, and spring concerts.
2. Students can check out after awards with a parent/guardian to avoid riding the bus home.

The parent/guardian **MUST SIGN THE STUDENT OUT ON THE BUS LIST BEFORE YOU LEAVE**. Failure to sign the student out will result in the band stopping by your house ‘to visit’ after we have spent 2 hours looking for the kid that is at home watching TV!!!! Please remember to sign out the child!

3. A student can only check out with an adult. I have to confirm any check outs with a parent/guardian. Notes **WILL NOT** suffice! Without conformation, the student will not be allowed to check out with that adult.
4. Only screw top drinks on **the** bus. Only food deemed acceptable by the director’ will be allowed on the bus.
5. Parents are always welcome to ride the bus as long as there is room. We will need at least 6 chaperones per bus. If you are available please let the booster officers know!
6. Respect all chaperones, drivers, and staff or you will be volunteering!

The Band takes a “big trip” every other year. This’ is to help the parents Out! If child is suspended from school they will be ineligible for this trip.

Uniform Etiquette

Students are either in uniform or not. Any performer caught in public half way in or out of uniform or breaking any of the following rules will be volunteering for garbage duty. The uniform should be worn with respect. Wear it with respect and your audience will give you respect. Please follow these

rules when wearing any of the uniforms:

1. Only hats that belong with the uniform should be worn with the uniforms.
2. Only approved shoes will be worn with the uniforms.
3. Black pants, black shoes **BLACK SOCKS!** Black, long socks are required with the horn line uniform.
4. **No** nail polish or jewelry will be worn with the uniform unless approved by Mrs. Sam.

Uniform Etiquette

Band camp is required for all members of the band. The dates and times will be on the calendar.

Failure to attend camp will result in removal from the band. The following are suggestions for band camp.

1. SUN SCREEN spf 1000
2. Hats
3. No sandals of any kind except inside.
4. **Sun Glasses**
5. Towel to sit on during the breaks
6. Deodorant
7. Fresh socks for after lunch
8. Patience

we ask that everyone bring a sleeve of at least 75 coffee size cups. We also ask that kids bring fruit. That is what we have at the breaks! No fruit, no food!

"NEW SICK LEAVE POLICY"

SICKNESS:

No excuse. We will no longer accept your doctor's statement as proof, as we believe that if you are able to go to the doctor, you are able to come to work.

DEATH (Other Than Your Own):

This is no excuse. There is nothing you can do for them, and we are sure that some one else in a lesser position can attend to the arrangements. However, if the funeral can be held late in the afternoon, we will be glad to let you off one hour early, provided that your share of work is ahead enough to keep the job going in your absence.

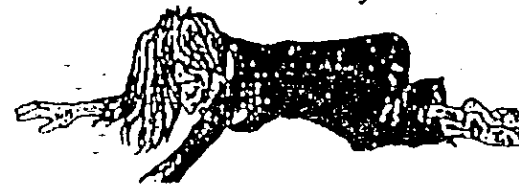
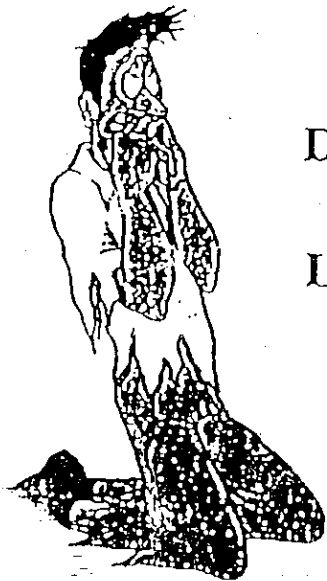
DEATH (Your Own):

This will be accepted as an excuse, but we would like a two-week notice, as we feel it is your duty to teach someone else your job.

LEAVE OF ABSENCE (For An Operation):

We are no longer allowing this practice. We wish to discourage any thought that you may have about needing an operation. We believe that as long as you are employed here, you will need all of whatever you have and should not consider having anything removed. We hired you as you are and to have anything removed would certainly make you less than we bargained for.

"Too much time is being spent in the Rest Room. In the future, we will follow the practice of going to the Rest Room in alphabetical order. For instance, those whose names begin with "A" will go from 8 am to 8:05 am, "B" will go from 8:05 am to 8:10 am, and so on. If you are unable to go at your time, it will be necessary to wait until the day when your turn comes again."



The Form

East Limestone Band

Student Name _____ Birthdate _____

Address _____

Home phone _____ Student Cell number _____

Guardian name _____ wk number _____ cell _____

Guardian name _____ wk number _____ cell _____

email address to send important information _____

Emergency contact _____ work/cell _____

Medical Information

Allergies/Medications _____

Insurance Information

Insurance company _____

Policy number _____

Name of Insured _____ Insured's Birthdate _____

Insured's Employer _____

Other concerns:

Please answer yes or no

_____ My child has permission to swim on band trips.

_____ My child has permission to take over the counter medications on band trips.

Please list any limitations _____

_____ Mrs. Sam has permission to smack my child if he/she needs it. JUST KIDDING! Seeing if you were paying attention again.

Please return this form by July 28th.

Student Contract Agreement

I, _____ have read, understand, and agree to follow all guidelines set forth in this handbook. My parents/guardians have also read, understood, and have agreed to follow these rules. All parties understand that I may have to pick up garbage, do various exercises, be suspended, or may be removed from the program if I chose to break the rules or do not know my material(music or routines).

Sign and return this form by July 28th.

Student Signature

Parent Signature

date