

Symphonic Band Disclosure Document

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Introduction

Welcome to the Symphonic Band at Lehi High School! The Symphonic Band serves as the auditioned intermediate band that participates in several concerts, festivals and performances throughout the year. Participation in the ensemble requires significant personal preparation outside of the classroom. Students will be required to achieve a high level of musicianship. Significant personal practice is mandatory and expected.

Course Materials

All Classes (Required):

Brass Players- oil, polishing cloth, cleaning kit, mutes (as instructed), music

Clarinets/Saxes- Four working reeds, reed guard, swab, music

Flutes-cleaning rod, cleaning cloth, polishing cloth, music

Recommended for all: Private lessons, metronome and tuner.

Music

Music will be provided for each ensemble. The music will be checked out to the student. Each student is expected to keep the music in good condition. Each student will be issued a folder that will help the students keep the music in good condition. Students will be fined \$5 for each part that is not returned to cover the replacement cost and \$2 for each part that is returned late to cover the cost of special processing. Any music that is returned tattered, wrinkled, torn, or written on excessively or with pen will also need to be replaced at the \$5.00 replacement cost.

Fees

Class Participation Fee \$50

Concert Black Fee \$104 (This is a one time purchase. Returning students will not be assessed this fee if their concert attire is still serviceable.)

Method Book: \$10

Instrument Rental (if applicable) \$70.00 per semester

Grading

The students will be graded on the following:

- **Participation/Sectionals 40%:** Students are expected to participate in class each day. Those students who are missing their instruments, their music, or who are non-

cooperative during class will lose participation points. Students with excessive absences will be required to make up days they have missed by an alternate assignment during remediation time. Students are also required to participate in a weekly 45-minute sectional rehearsal outside of class, at a time determined by the membership of the section. They will be assigned a weekly grade for both participation and sectional attendance.

Students are expected to be prepared with all necessary materials in class each day. Random preparation checks will take place about once a week to make sure each student has all the necessary materials and will count towards the class participation grade. This includes music preparation.

- **Concerts 50%:** Attendance and participation in concerts are mandatory. Students who come late, are not appropriately dressed, or do not stay for the entire performance will not receive full credit.

Concerts are the assessment for the musical groups at Lehi High School. Since each performer in an ensemble is unique and important to the performance, attendance of the dress rehearsal and concert are mandatory. Missing a performance will result in an F grade in that concert. Students are required to stay for the entire dress rehearsal and performance. Late arrival or leaving early will result in the student not earning full points. **Only under rare and special circumstances with approval** can a performance or a dress rehearsal be missed. Approval should be requested as early as possible and must be **more than two weeks** before the performance date, except in cases of emergency. Approval is up to the conductor of the concert.

- **Playing Tests/Pass-offs 10%:** On a regular basis every student will have a playing test on their instrument. Each test will be worth 20 points. These playing tests will either be in class, or in sectionals, and will assess student's progress and count toward the final grade.
- **Grade Scale:** Grading scale will be based off the district grading scale.
- **Extra Credit:** Extra Credit is available to all students who take private music lessons. Other extra credit may be given for different musical activities on a case-by-case basis.
- **Late Work:** Late work will not receive full credit. Students will be docked 10% for each class period the assignment is late.
- **Remediation:** Remediation will be available for students who may need it. Remediation should be student initiated and include a conference with the parent or guardian, the signing of a contract and prompt make-up work. If a student needs accommodations for any reason, please contact Mr. Reynolds to discuss those accommodations.

Concert Attire

Concert attire for performances at Lehi HS will be Concert Black unless otherwise instructed. **Students who are not properly dressed may not be allowed to perform and will receive a reduced grade for the concert.** Concert Black consists of the following:

Men: Black dress shoes (tennis shoes are NOT acceptable), Black socks, Black slacks, White tuxedo shirt, Black tuxedo tie and cummerbund, black tuxedo jacket.

Women: Black dress or black skirt or black dress pants with a black blouse from our Concert Black provider. Black dress shoes (flip flops are NOT acceptable).

Rules

There are three main rules in the band room:

1. Be prepared and present. This means no cell phones, no doing homework for other classes, and participating fully in the class.
2. Treat each other with respect. The band room should be a safe place for students to try new techniques and skills without fear of ridicule.
3. Treat the equipment and facilities with respect. This means leaving gum, food, and drinks (except water) outside the band room. Percussion instruments are to be played ONLY by those who are assigned to play them.

Acceptance of Policies

- Please print and sign the “Acceptance of Policies” form below and return it to the school on or before Monday, August 25, 2014.

