



## **Lake Highlands High School Wildcat Band**

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# **LHHS Symphonic Band Syllabus**

As a member of the Lake Highlands High School Symphonic Band, it is very important that we all understand what responsibilities are expected of us. Outlined below are the expectations and commitments required of being in the Symphonic Band here at LHHS. Please feel free to email or call Ms. Atkinson at these places:  
office - 469-593-1059 or email - [kristin.atkinson@risd.org](mailto:kristin.atkinson@risd.org)

### 1. Supplies

- 2 sharpened pencils
- Notebook with all music, warm-ups, and fingering chart
- Valve oil, maintenance supplies, and at least 3 extra reeds for woodwinds.
- Instrument in working condition
- Korg TM 40 tuner/metronome combo
- Flip folder with name clearly marked
- Lyre (flute, clarinet, sax, trombone)
- Band calendar in your binder
- Band syllabus in your binder
- Student level instrument in top playing condition!

### 2. Attendance, rehearsals, and concerts

- Attendance is mandatory for all events. Missing rehearsals and performances is grounds for band reassignment
- Advance notice when possible is always the right decision.  
**Communicate** with Ms. Atkinson!
- Sectionals will be weekday mornings from 7-8am in the spring, or after school from 4:30-5:30 pm.
- The Symphonic Band class period is from 9:55 am – 10:50 am.
  - a. Excessive tardies is grounds for band reassignment

- b. Concert attire is concert black.
    - Ladies- long black gowns
    - Men- black pants, jacket, shoes, black socks, bow tie, with a white tuxedo shirt
  - c. All rehearsals are exactly that. **Rehearsals, not individuals figuring out their parts.** All parts are expected to be worked on at home and blended and balanced in class.
3. Expectations
- a. It is expected that every musician in the Symphonic Band at LHHS will comply with the band handbook.
  - b. Talking during class will not be allowed.
  - c. When the director is working with other sections, all members not being worked with are expected to finger through parts or mark music.
  - d. No books or distractions will be allowed during rehearsal.
  - e. Cell phones are to be turned off and stored away from the band setup during all performances and rehearsals. **Do not leave cell phones on your music stand!**
  - f. Be on time, prepared, and attentive. **If you are going to be absent for any reason, please notify Ms. Atkinson via email or phone.**
  - g. Warm up and tune immediately when you come into band. When the conductor gives the first down beat, every musician must have already warmed up and tuned themselves using a tuner. Do not wait for the director to tune you.
  - h. It is highly suggested that every member participate in the All Region audition process. 9<sup>th</sup> graders are strongly encouraged to audition for the 9<sup>th</sup> grade All-Region Band.
  - i. Every member must participate in the Chamber Music Festival.
  - j. Every member must remain eligible for the entire year. Losing eligibility or not passing classes is grounds for band reassignment.

Being a member of the LHHS Symphonic Band is a privilege and an honor. Every member will adhere to the highest musical standards set forth by the band staff.

Making music at the highest level is our goal!

Again if you need to contact Ms. Atkinson, by email at [kristin.atkinson@risd.org](mailto:kristin.atkinson@risd.org) **OR** by phone at 469-593-1059.