

Membership Policy

for High School-Age Students

Loveland Concert Band

Accepted by the Board of Directors – April 29, 2019

The Loveland Concert Band has two concert seasons: school-year and summer. The opportunity for high school students to participate with the Loveland Concert Band is almost entirely restricted to the summer concert season.

Throughout the year, the Loveland Concert Band performs the best literature at the highest possible level. We hope to send a message to all students that music doesn't have to stop at the end of high school, and that adults in all professions can continue to enjoy and excel at playing an instrument.

Summer Season

The summer season provides an opportunity for students entering their junior or senior year in high school to continue their instrumental music performance with the Loveland Concert Band. We open the LCB to all such students, but believe the student should be a very good musician and have good sight-reading abilities in order to succeed with the band. Exceptions for younger students may be made by LCB's director and board of directors. Our invitation to high school musicians takes place by sending a letter and informational flyers to the high school band directors and asking them to distribute them to their better upperclassmen.

Regular Concert Season

The regular concert season (from September to June) is designed for the adults in the Northern Colorado area. The purpose of the band during this time is NOT to provide a performance outlet for the high school-age students, since they already have one at their home school. From time to time, the Loveland Concert Band may need to use a high school student, or one may approach the group, who would genuinely profit from membership in the group. When this situation occurs, the following guidelines will help to assure that the Loveland Concert Band remains in good standing with the public schools, and still maintains its necessary performance integrity.

1. Student must receive permission AND a recommendation from their high school director if they want to become a member of the Loveland Concert Band. The director of the LCB or their LCB section leader may request that the student perform an audition. The director and section leader have the right to decide at any time and for any reason that the student is not a good fit with the Loveland Concert Band.
2. Student MUST be a member of their high school concert band. The Loveland Concert Band may not be used for the student who cannot fit band into their schedule because they want to take a different elective, or for students who are not participating in band because of personality conflicts.
3. If a student is home schooled or there is no concert band at their private school, they should have made an effort to participate in the local high school band program, AND must be taking private lessons. This student may be asked to show proof that they tried to work something out with their local high school, and must have a recommendation from their private teacher. They are subject to the same audition and "fit" requirements as in section 1. Above.
4. If the director of the Loveland Concert Band needs to fill a critical instrumentation opening and wishes to use a high school student, Loveland Concert Band's director will make contact with the high school student's band director to receive advance permission and to ask the high school band director to discuss playing with the LCB with the student. If a conflict of rehearsals or performances occurs in this situation, the student's school event will always take precedence over the Loveland Concert Band commitment. It is expected that such student involvement would be for one concert but could extend beyond that.