

The Lane Tech General Band Contract & Rules 2015 – 2016

Please read all information below, both parent & student must sign the bottom and send back by Friday. Feel free to contact me if you have any questions. This form along with the new instrument contract must be returned before we can issue the band instruments.

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Fees Associated with Band Program:

All students joining either Band, Choir, Orchestra or Music Appreciation will pay a \$100.00 fee at quick start which goes into the general music budget. In addition, all band students (who need to rent an instrument) will pay a \$50.00 yearly rental fee along with signing a new contract the first week of school. If you own your own, you do not need to rent.

Also in February, students will pay a \$10.00 solo contest fee which goes to pay judges etc for Lane's Solo Contest.

Students in Symphonic and Concert band will need to purchase a uniform although there is a way that it can be paid for through fundraising which will be explained once school is underway.

Fundraisers:

All band students are involved with fund raising for the band. This is where the bulk of our money comes from and how we are able to keep costs low. This is also how we keep our instrumental rental fee so low. If a student decides to opt out of fund raising their instrument rental fee would be \$25.00 per month.

Homework is Practicing:

All band classes are "performance based" classes. This means that the student's grade is based mostly on how well they are playing. They will receive written exams on terms and musical symbols and an occasional paper, but mostly on performing. Practicing the instrument is imperative to the success of the musician as well as their grade. Instruments can go home with students to practice at anytime and is highly encouraged. The student also has the option of practicing after school in one of our 6 practice studios at Lane.

General Class Rules and Guidelines

Leaving Any Ensemble: In order for band, choir and orchestra to grow in terms of quality and musicianship, there must be consistency within the program in regards to membership. Simply put, no ensemble member is allowed to quit one ensemble to join another (ex: quit band to join choir, or quit orchestra to join band etc). An ensemble member CAN use one of their electives to be in more than one ensemble at a time. The only exception would be if a student is placed in the wrong class by accident and needs to be switched.

School ID:

School ID's are to be worn at all times. While many students may not like to wear them, they are in place for your safety and a rule that will be upheld in band.

Punctuality:

You must be to class on time. Consistent tardiness will absolutely result in grades being lowered. Once in the band room, students have 2 minutes to get their instruments, book and get seated. If you are late to class, you must have a pass or tardy slip.

Behavior:

Any behavior not becoming of a Lane Tech student or band student will in no way be tolerated. Any negative comments about race, religion, ethnicity, sex, vulgarity or any other behavior deemed negative will be dealt with immediately and brought to an abrupt end.

Band Instruments:

Nobody is to play or touch any other instruments in the band room except their own. While it is tempting to go hit the drums, only percussionists are allowed to. Remember, if you break it, you will pay for it. Do not play on piano unless a director has given you permission. No student should for any reason touch any of the director's musical scores at the podium.

Band Book/Sheet Music:

Students are responsible for their band books and sheet music. If you lose your band book a replacement fee of \$10.00 will incur (\$15.00 for percussion)

Band Lockers and Instrument Storage:

All students will pick a band locker for themselves where ONLY their instrument and music should be kept. No food, beverages, clothes etc will be kept in band lockers. Band instruments will be placed in their case before going into lockers.

Performances:

All performances which include concerts and contests (both solo and band contest) are mandatory and a large part of your grade. Any missed performance will result in a zero. The only excuses allowed will be verifiable medical or emergency excuses as well as funerals.

Concert Attire:

While the advanced ensembles have outfits they wear, the beginning band will adhere to the following concert attire. Boys will wear black dress pants and dress shoes, white long sleeve button up shirt and long black tie.

Girls will wear an ankle length to mid-calf black skirt, no prints, black dress shoes and a white button up blouse either long or short sleeve. No jeans, gym shoes or prints are acceptable. If you are not prepared for the concert you will not go onstage.

Parents Signature _____

Student Signature _____ Period _____ Date _____