

INFORMATION ABOUT THE LIBERTY BAND PROGRAM

The Liberty Band Program offers a variety of musical experiences for students including:

CONCERT BAND PROGRAM

- ◆ Wind Ensemble, Symphonic Band, Concert Band 1, and Concert Band 2
 - Concert Band 2 is open to beginners!!
- ◆ Participation in various festivals and competitions
- ◆ CBA State Qualifying Event
- ◆ Superior Ratings at State contest
- ◆ Travel Opportunities- Dallas (2019, 2023), Indianapolis (2017, 2015) *[future travel opportunities under consideration]*

JAZZ ENSEMBLE

- ◆ Must be in a concert band to participate in Jazz Band (Guitar, Bass, Piano at Director's discretion)
- ◆ Performance opportunities around the state at various festivals and competitions
- ◆ Perform with Guest Artists
- ◆ Jazz Swingin' Sweets
- ◆ ASD20 Jazz Night

MARCHING BAND

- ◆ State Championship "Pride of the Lancers" Marching Band (2016)
- ◆ Class 4A 8th Place finish at 2022 CBA State Marching Finals
- ◆ Perform at numerous competitions throughout Colorado
- ◆ Travel Opportunities (i.e. Bands of America Super Regional in St. Louis 2014, 2016, 2017, 2019) *[future travel opportunities under consideration]*

COLOR GUARD

- ◆ Members of the Liberty Marching Band
- ◆ Dance Opportunities
- ◆ Growing program!!

VARIOUS OTHER MUSICAL OPPORTUNITIES

- ◆ **CLASSES** – Instrumental Ensemble (chamber music), Beginning & Intermediate Music Theory, Music Appreciation
- ◆ Honor Bands
- ◆ Solos
- ◆ Small/Chamber Ensembles
- ◆ LHS Musical (pit orchestra)
- ◆ Pep Band

LIBERTY BAND PROGRAM MISSION STATEMENT

The mission of the Liberty High School Band Program is to provide a quality instrumental music education for all students. Numerous course offerings (Wind Ensemble, Symphonic Band, Concert Band, Jazz Band, Marching Band, Small Ensembles, Solo Experiences, Pit Orchestra, Pep Band, etc.) give every student a place to be successful while striving to achieve high-level musical expectations. In addition to increased musicianship and performance skills, the band program will serve to develop overall character, self-discipline, a sense of belonging, teamwork, time management, dedication, individual and group leadership skills, cooperation, and responsibility.

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

IS BAND A FULL YEAR CLASS?

YES! These classes meet both semesters. Students will *register* for “Concert Band 2” and will be placed in Wind Ensemble, Symphonic Band, Concert Band 1, or Concert Band 2 following auditions. Students will audition for placement into the band that they will be most successful for the 2023-2024 school year. **Audition music will be released in early February and auditions will be held the week of March 20th. Materials and audition sign-up can be found on the Liberty Bands webpage: liberty.band beginning on Feb. 21st.**

DO I HAVE TO AUDITION TO BE IN THE CONCERT BAND PROGRAM?

ALL students who wish to be in a Concert Band will be placed in an ensemble. Directors want to hear EVERYONE play and will place students in the appropriate group based on their playing abilities & development. In order to be eligible for Symphonic Band or Wind Ensemble, a student must play BOTH excerpts of the audition material.

DO I HAVE TO TRY OUT FOR JAZZ BAND?

YES! Jazz Band is a “by audition only” class.

DO I NEED TO BE IN THE CONCERT BAND PROGRAM TO BE IN THE JAZZ PROGRAM?

YES! The core of the Liberty Band Program is the Concert Band Program. So much of what we do in Jazz Band directly relates to the fundamentals that are addressed in the Concert Band Program. If scheduling becomes an issue, please talk to the band directors about options. **Students who play Guitar, Bass, or Piano may audition to be in a jazz band, even if not enrolled in a Concert Band. In this instance, admission to a Jazz Band is at Director discretion. An audition is required.**

DO I HAVE TO DO MARCHING BAND?

No. Marching band is optional. (But it is A LOT OF FUN!!!)

WHEN DO THE VARIOUS CONCERT BANDS MEET?

Wind Ensemble, Symphonic Band, and both Concert Bands all meet during the school day at various class times. Students in these classes are also expected to participate in some outside school sectionals as well as concerts and festivals, both during the school day, evenings, and some Saturdays.

4-YEAR BAND SCHEDULE

Attached is a 4-year plan for kids who would like to be in more than one band class per year during the school day i.e. a concert band and jazz band (this does not count marching band because it is an after-school class). Some band kids take some classes over the summer in order to participate in the classes they want to. Many band kids take PE or a foreign language over the summer. This is just another option, but not necessary.

CAN I PARTICIPATE IN SPORTS AND BE IN BAND?

Yes and no. If you are participating in the Concert Program, the answer is yes. Any conflicts would involve sports practice/games and band concerts. If these conflicts are brought to the Band Director’s attention in a timely fashion (as far in advance as possible), they will try everything to come up with a compromise of some kind. *But remember that Band is a class.*

If you are participating in Marching Band and want to play a Fall sport, the answer is more complicated. Some coaches are willing to work with a marching band student and others will not. Unfortunately, some students will need to make a choice.

ARE THERE FEES INVOLVED WITH BEING IN BAND AT LHS?

Yes. These fees help pay for contest/festival registration costs, music, equipment, instruments, and transportation. A District-wide Student Enrichment Fee of \$35.00 is required of ALL students enrolled in any band class. This is a one-time fee per student, NOT per band class.

There is also a Marching Band fee of **\$600**. This fee helps pay for music, drill, color guard routine, costumes, props, transportation, trucks, competition entry fees, and uniform purchase/maintenance. The directors do everything in their power to keep these fees as low as possible without sacrificing musical opportunities. A payment schedule will be included in the marching band packet given to students after Spring Break. Any student who is unable to pay the fees should talk with the director immediately. ***The fee should NOT be a reason not to participate in marching band.*** The band program will work with families to find a solution that is in the student's best interest. There is a scholarship opportunity set up through the Liberty Band Boosters for marching band participation. More information can be found on the Band Booster tab on the Liberty Bands website (liberty.band)

CAN I TAKE BAND, MARCHING BAND, AND HONORS CLASSES?

Yes. Again, it is a matter of staying organized, keeping track of your calendar, and turning in your homework on time. You will be busy, but most band kids take honors and AP courses and do great.

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