



**Winter Percussion
Handbook
2019**

Program Philosophy

Our goal is to perform at our highest artistic level 100% of the time. This means practicing outside of rehearsal, coming to rehearsals overly prepared with the assigned music and pushing yourself and other peers around you to excellence every chance you get. Trophies and awards, when they happen, are “frosting on the cake” and enjoyable, but they are not our goal. We strive for consistency and to always be better than we were yesterday.

Expectations

Be On Time: members should arrive at least 15 minutes early to rehearsals in order to set up necessary instruments and be physically and mentally ready to start a productive rehearsal.

Be Prepared: I will always assign digestible amounts of show music as we go. However, if you don't put in the weekly time to keep up with musical assignments, the amount of music needing to be learned becomes impossible to complete and perform at a high level. Be overly prepared! Organize your own sub-sectionals. Be proactive in your musical investment.

Be Respectful: Show respect for our instruments, facilities, mallets, buses, trucks... Also, take time to thank the parents who volunteer and support us so much. Show respect for staff and other students at all times. Students will react positively to staff instruction. Realize that everyone involved is invested and loves music. Do not say or post anything negative to other competing IPA/WGI groups in person or on social media sites.

Be Great Students: Students are required to maintain a clean school disciplinary record (no referrals) and a cumulative GPA of a 2.5 or higher. Students in the LTWP will conduct themselves in exemplary fashion at all times and will be role models for the student body. Students who have left an LT performing ensemble in bad standing will not be eligible for membership in LTWP (ex. Quitting mid-season).

ALL MSD OF LAWRENCE TOWNSHIP RULES AND POLICIES ARE IN EFFECT AT ALL TIMES.

Students having trouble in any of these areas may have their performance eligibility revoked at any time.

Attendance Policy

You have made a **commitment** to be in the LT Winter Percussion Ensemble for the 2019 season. Everyone is counting on you. In order to have successful rehearsals and performances, it is essential that we have full attendance. **The absence of one person affects the entire group.** The critical factors of uniformity, balance, precision, spacing and alignment cannot be improved or maintained with absences. **If you have a conflict with a competition date, you cannot be in the group.**

Unexcused Absence: Unexcused absence from a performance is unacceptable and results in automatic dismissal from the ensemble. Unexcused absence from a rehearsal will result in removal from the next performance on the first offense. A second unexcused absence from rehearsal will result in automatic dismissal from the ensemble. Absences, tardiness or leaving early because of work or homework are **not excused.** Plan ahead!

Legitimate Excuses: Legitimate excuses for rehearsal absences include: *illness, accident/emergency, serious illness/death in the family, and doctor's appointments.* If possible call or email me with details prior to an absence from a rehearsal or performance. You must email me the details with a parent copied on the email in order to be excused from a future event. You must email me at least **ten days prior** to the date. The request will either be denied or excused pending the legitimacy of the case presented.

Ask: If you are not sure or have a request, problem, or question, **ask** Mr. Titus/Mr. Entin **before** the event occurs.

Financial Commitment

Running a complete winter group is not cheap. Student fees cover our applications to 1 Indiana Percussion Association contest, State Prelims, Finals, 3 WGI Regionals and WGI Championships. This fee also pays for transportation to and from events, instructors, musical arrangements, equipment, props, uniforms and your meal plan. Each member must fulfill their financial responsibilities ON TIME or make arrangements in writing through the LC or LN band office. We want to work with you to allow all students to participate fully in the Lawrence Township Winter Percussion program.

The fee for the 2019 winter percussion season is: **\$700**

***All fees must be paid from previous winter percussion or marching seasons or you must have an active payment plan in place to participate. You cannot participate in LTWP with past band debt of any kind. No exceptions!**

**All payments will be made through your home school's booster organization:
Please include student's full name and reason for payment on the memo line.**

Checks:

LC Students: to "**LCPAA**"

Mailed to: LCHS, attn. Sue Feli, 7300 East 56th Street, Indianapolis, IN 46226

LN Students: to "**LN Band**"

Mailed to: LNHS, attn. Jen Jansen, 7802 N. Hague Road, Indianapolis, IN 46256

Payments can also be turned in to the PA Office at each home school.

Credit Card Payments: Visa, Mastercard and Discover payments can be made at:

LC: In the Performing Arts Office, or call 317.964.7553

LN: Go to Inband.com and follow link to Pay Fees in the top right corner of the home page.

Payment Options:

1. Full Payment (\$700) on or before December 15th

2. Payment Plan (5 payments)

\$150 – Saturday, December 15th 2018

\$150 – Tuesday, January 8th 2019

\$150 – Wednesday, February 6th 2019

\$150 – Tuesday, March 5th 2019

\$100 – Tuesday, April 2nd 2019

3. Alternative Payment Plan

I will discuss options with my home school performing arts secretary.

Payment Plans & Financial Assistance:

- Payment plans and financial assistance opportunities may be arranged with your home school secretaries.
- Fundraiser details are available on your home school's websites, newsletters and through booster organizations.
- Fundraising opportunities are in place for students to defer a portion of their WP fees.
- All students and their parents will be expected to volunteer for events and participate in fundraisers, especially if requesting financial assistance.
- All students will be held financially responsible for their participation in LTWP.

Contact Information

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Volunteer Chairs

Volunteer Coordinator -

Meal Plan -

Chaperones -

Crew - David Williams dawcwilliams@comcast.net

Props - Jeff Martin jeff@centerlinestudio.net

Uniforms -

Wash Crew -
Assistant Chair -

Video/Photo - Greg Roach Gregoryproach@gmail.com

Merchandise -

Websites: For information about all performing arts activities and events, including performances and rehearsal schedules, itineraries, forms, fundraisers and volunteer opportunities go to:

www.marchingpride.org or www.lnband.com

E-Mail List serves: There is a link on each band's website to add your email address to the LTWP List Serve recipient list. During the winter season and the school year this is the primary method of communication that the group utilizes to provide important time-sensitive information about upcoming events and activities. WE STRONGLY ENCOURAGE ALL PARENTS, GUARDIANS AND STUDENTS TO SIGN ON TO THE LIST SERVE.

Season Schedule :

*We will rehearse at LN in the morning on Saturday show days. A rehearsal time will be announced after our performance time is confirmed (usually one week in advanced).

The full LTWP calendar is posted on each school's website at www.marchingpride.org and www.lnband.com and is subject to change.

Please check regularly for updates and changes.

Competition itineraries will be available the week of the competition for students to pick-up, posted to the websites and emailed using the LTWP listserv.

2019 Lawrence Township Winter Percussion Contract

I have read the attendance policy and understand the expectations of the ensemble. I have also read and cross-checked the calendar for any personal conflicts and have noted all of them below. I understand that as a member of the Lawrence Township Winter Percussion Ensemble, I am expected to attend all rehearsals and performances listed on the calendar unless a conflict(s) has been communicated and approved in writing by Mr. Titus.

I, _____, agree to follow all school rules & MSDLT board policies and expectations as stated above when at any LT Winter Percussion function; I also fully commit to the rehearsal and performance schedule. I am able to commit financially to the fee schedule provided. I commit to prepare and perform at my highest possible level of excellence every day.

List all conflicts you have with the 2018 LTWP schedule: _____

Circle one: Are you applying to be a **section leader** or a member of the **leadership council**?

Please circle your payment option:

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Member Signature _____

Parent/Guardian Signature (Required) _____

*Return signed form to Mr. Titus. This form is needed during your individual audition.

----- (For staff use only)-----

Financial – The student has a \$0 balance and has committed to a payment plan. _____

GPA _____ (GPA meets the 2.5 or higher requirement)

Attitude/Maturity _____

Conflict Issues? _____

Ability – Music Ensemble _____

Music Individual _____

Visual _____

- The student meets all requirements and is offered membership in the 2019 LTWP
- The student does not meet all requirements and is not offered membership in the 2019 LTWP season.