

LAWRENCE TOWNSHIP

WINTER PERCUSSION

2020 - 2021 Handbook

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.

LTWP Staff

Directors: *Alex Entin & Jesse Mack*

Expectations

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

Be Prepared: We will always assign digestible amounts of show music as we go. However, if you don't put in time throughout the week 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. Members 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.

Eligibility

ALL percussionists from any band class are eligible to audition and participate.

Wind players can participate if they have participated in a previous LTWP season.

Students who have left an LT performing ensemble in bad standing will not be eligible for membership in LTWP (ex. Quitting mid-season).

LTWP members are required to maintain a clean school disciplinary record (no referrals) and a cumulative GPA of a 2.5 or higher. Members will conduct themselves in an exemplary fashion at all times, and will be role models for the student body.

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

LTWP members who are unable or unwilling to comply with the above policies may have their performance eligibility revoked at any time.

***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!**

Attendance Policy

You have made a commitment to be in the LT Winter Percussion Ensemble for the 2020 season. Everyone is counting on you. The critical factors of uniformity, balance, precision, spacing and alignment cannot be improved or maintained with absences. **Full ensemble attendance is essential to have successful rehearsals and performances. The absence of one person affects the entire group.**

Unexcused Absences:

Unexcused absence from a *performance* is unacceptable and may result in dismissal from the ensemble.

Unexcused absence from a *rehearsal* may result in removal from the next performance on the first offense. A second unexcused absence from rehearsal may result in dismissal from the ensemble.

Unauthorized absences, tardiness, or leaving early because of work or homework are not excused. Plan ahead, and communicate with your director!

Legitimate Excuses:

Legitimate excuses for rehearsal absences include: *illness, accident/emergency, serious illness/death in the family, and doctor's appointments*. When possible, call or email Mr. Entin and Mr. Mack with details prior to an absence.

To be excused from a future event, members must email Mr. Entin and Mr. Mack the reason for the absence at least ten days prior to the event, with a parent copied on the email. 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. Entin and Mr. Mack before the event occurs.

Financial Commitment

Running a competitive winter ensemble is very expensive. The LT Winter Percussion ensemble is supported financially solely from member quota fees. Student fees help cover the cost of our applications to Indiana Percussion Association (IPA) contests, State Prelims, and State Finals. This fee also pays for transportation to and from events, instructors, musical arrangements, equipment, props, meal plan, and all other incidental costs that occur throughout the season.

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 in the Lawrence Township Winter Percussion program.**

The fee for the 2020 winter percussion season is: **\$300**

All payments will be made through your home school's booster organization.

Checks:

Check payments may be dropped off in your school's Performing Arts office, or mailed to the address listed below.

LC Students: Please make checks payable to "LCPAA"

Mailed to: LCHS, attn: Perf Arts office, 7300 East 56th Street, Indianapolis, IN 46226

LN Students: Please make checks payable to "LN Band"

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

Credit Card Payments:

LC Students: <http://www.lcpaa.org/online-payments/>

LN Students: www.lnband.com

Payment Options:

- 1. Full Payment - On or before November 4th**
- 2. Payment Plan (6 payments)**

\$50 – Wednesday, November 4th 2020

\$50 – Wednesday, December 2nd 2020

\$50 – Tuesday, January 5th 2021

\$50 – Tuesday, February 2nd 2021

\$50 – Tuesday, March 2nd 2021

\$50 – Tuesday, March 23rd 2021

3. Alternative Payment Plan

I will discuss the available options with my home school's PA office.

Payment Plans & Financial Assistance:

Payment plans and financial assistance opportunities may be arranged with your home school. All students and their parents are 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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LCPAA Performing Arts Office | LC Performing Arts Assistant | Student Accounts & General Information

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Stay Informed

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

<https://marchingpride.org/winter-percussion/>

For school specific information: www.lcpaa.org or www.lnband.com

Remind 101: All LTWP members are required to sign up for Remind 101 to receive important updates and messages. Parents should also sign up to receive timely information throughout the season, including weekly itineraries and schedule changes.

To sign up, text @ltwp20 to 81010

Volunteer Chairs

Volunteer Coordinator -

Meal Plan -

Chaperones -

Crew -

Props -

Uniforms –

Wash Crew -

Video/Photo -

Spirit Wear -

Season Schedule

For the most updated LTWP calendar, visit <https://marchingpride.org/calendars/> and select 'Winter Percussion' in the menu bar on the right.

2021 Lawrence Township Winter Percussion Contract

I have read the attendance policy and understand the expectations of the ensemble. I have read and cross-checked the LTWP calendar for any personal conflicts and have noted 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 has been communicated and approved in writing (email) by Mr. Entin and Mr. Mack.

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 2021 LTWP schedule: _____

Circle this (if applicable): Are you applying to be a **section leader?**

Please circle your payment option:

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Member Signature (Required) _____

Parent/Guardian Signature (Required) _____

*Return signed form to Mr. Entin. 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** _____

- o The student meets all requirements and is offered membership in the 2021 LTWP
- o The student does not meet all requirements and is not offered membership in the 2021 LTWP season.