

# LAWRENCE TOWNSHIP

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## WINTER PERCUSSION

### 2021 - 2022 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.

#### LCWP Staff

Percussion Directors: *Jesse Mack*

*Additional Staff: Alexis Rodriguez*

#### Expectations

**Be On Time:** Members should arrive to rehearsal at least 15 minutes early in order to set up necessary instruments, equipment and props 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, etc... 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. You represent this ensemble and your school at all times, but especially when together and at shows. Choose to be respectful, and professional in all situations.

## **Eligibility**

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

**Wind players can participate** under special circumstances and cleared by a band director.

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

LCWP 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.

LCWP 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 LCWP with past band debt of any kind.***

## **Attendance Policy**

You have made a commitment to be in the LT Winter Percussion Ensemble for the 2021/2022 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 percussion director!

### **Legitimate Excuses:**

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

To be excused from a future rehearsal or 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. Mack or a band director well before the event occurs. Ideally all requests should be made on the member contract before signing.

## **Financial Commitment**

Running a competitive winter ensemble is costly. 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, all staff and instructors, musical arrangements, drill 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. Financial burdens on students and families should NOT prevent students from participating in LCWP.**

The fee for the 2022 winter percussion season is: **\$150**

**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 "LNPA"

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

### **Credit Card Payments:**

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

**LN Students:** [www.lnband.com](http://www.lnband.com) - click payments in top right hand corner

### **Payment Options:**

**1. Full Payment - On or before February 1st**

**2. Payment Plan (2 payments)**

\$75 – Tuesday, February 1st 2022

\$75 – Tuesday, March 1st 2022

**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 LCWP.

## Contact 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](http://www.lcpaa.org)

For updates on all things LCWP join the **Band App** (scan QR code to the right) or use this link - <https://band.us/n/a0af6e12f051>

Add the **LCWP Google Calendar** to your personal calendar for updates to rehearsals and show day schedules. You can use this [link](#) or look on the marching pride website



## Volunteers

We need YOU! Similar to MPLT, LCWP cannot function at its fullest without the help from parent volunteers. The following list of jobs covers almost everything we need help with. Each job has specifics to go over so if you are interested, please speak up right away! Look for the link to sign up for volunteer jobs sent out by directors very soon on the Band App.

**Volunteer Coordinator, Meal Plan, Chaperones, Crew, Props, Uniform Fitting, Wash Crew, Medical, Video/Photo, Spirit Wear, and more!**

I, \_\_\_\_\_, have read the attendance policy and understand the expectations of the ensemble. I have read and cross-checked the LCWP 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 or alternate plan approved by directors. I commit to prepare and perform at my highest possible level of excellence every day.

List all conflicts you have with the 2022 LCWP schedule: \_\_\_\_\_

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Circle this if you 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 a band director. 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 2022 LCWP
- The student does not meet all requirements and is not offered membership in the 2022 LCWP season.