

Lakota East Marching Thunderhawks



Handbook 2009

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The Tradition Continues!

To all Lakota East Band Members:

Welcome!

We look forward to having you participate in one of the most active and exciting activities at Lakota East High School.

The Lakota East Thunderhawk Marching Band Mission Statement

The Thunderhawk Marching Band is dedicated to the development of self-esteem and self-reliance. It encourages teamwork, sportsmanship, civic pride and contributions of one's personal best to a group effort. These lessons are learned through a musical and marching activity in which there is a blending of the arts and athletics. Being a part of the East Marching Band is an experience of a lifetime. It is hard work, but the rewards and sense of accomplishment are second to none!

Welcome to the Lakota East Marching Band Program!

Accomplishments of the Thunderhawk Marching Band

State Marching Band Finals

Appearances - 12

Superior Rating at the OMEA State Marching Band Finals - 12

Local Contests

Number of Local Contests Entered – 47

Superior Ratings Earned at Local Contests – 47/ Grand Champion Awards – 25

First Place Finishes – 32 / Second Place Finishes – 12 / Third Place Finishes - 3

Best Music Awards – 31 / Best Marching Awards – 28/ Best General Effect Awards - 31

Best Auxiliary Awards – 26 / Best Percussion Awards – 21

Best-In-Class Awards – A LOT!!!!

Parade Participation

Pearl Harbor, Hawaii/ Waikiki Holiday Parade, Honolulu, Hawaii! / Pacific Life's Holiday Bowl Field Show (Superior Rating, 2nd Place Internationally), Parade and Half-Time Show, San Diego, CA / Disney World Electric Light Parade, Orlando, FL / Cedar Point / Mason Heritage Day Parade / Liberty Township 4th Of July Parade / Union Township Funfest Parade / West Chester Christmas Parade / West Chester Memorial Day Parade

What can you do to help add to our list of successes?

The “**Lakota East Thunderhawk Marching Band**” is comprised of *brass, woodwind, percussion, field commanders* and *guard* (auxiliary) members. Marching Band is the term that refers to ALL of these elements!

The Chain Of Command

THE DIRECTORS

THE FIELD COMMANDERS

THE SECTION LEADERS

THE LEADERSHIP TEAM

THE BAND/GUARD MEMBERS

Field Commanders

(The communicators of the band!)

Field Commanders will:

1. Be a positive role model for the band; Know as many members as humanly possible; Encourage all members to do their best; Work with those who are having difficulties with marching; Set up the field prior rehearsals and tear down afterwards (Construct and oversee a field crew); Get members to rehearsal on time! (If a director is running late to a rehearsal, start the band with the warm up promptly at 3:00); Take ACCURATE attendance from section leaders; Participate in fundamentals by either leading or marching with the band (Helping new marchers is also appropriate); Be available to take charge for those extra impromptu performances (bonfires, pep rallies, etc...); Direct the band!

Section Leaders

(The heart of our band)

Section Leaders will:

1. Be a positive role model for their section (be on time, have all the needed materials, be ready to rehearse, limit the excessive talking); Listen to and help out the field commanders; Know everyone in your section; Take accurate attendance; Be organized; Listen to your section playoff; Have patience with struggling marchers; Be at all impromptu performances (pep rallies, bonfires, etc...); Have an informal social event during the season for everyone in your section.

Leadership Team

(The soul of the band)

The Leadership Team will:

1. Be a positive role model; When asked, help the section leader(s); Help chart 4 to 5 members in your section; Work with those who are having difficulties with marching or learning the music; Look out for your original squad members; Help the new members learn the system (where and when to be places, how to hang up the uniform, where to keep stuff, how to read charts, learn music, etc...); Be a big brother or sister to new members in your section. Be at all impromptu performances (pep rallies, bonfires, etc...).

Band/Guard Members

(The backbone of the band)

Band and Guard Members will:

1. Be on time and at all rehearsals and events; Set up study times or meetings with teachers/administrators (if needed) on a Monday, Friday or from 2:30 until 2:50 Tuesday, Wednesday or Thursday; Have all the necessary items at each rehearsal (music, drill charts, pencil, charting chips, etc...); Have a water bottle at all rehearsals (there is no need to go in the school during an outdoor rehearsal); Know their music/routine and drill; Learn the style of marching and playing and then perfect them!

A BAND IS ONLY AS STRONG AS ITS WEAKEST LINK. Respect the CHAIN!

Band Council

The Band Council will be elected from the leadership team.

MARCHING BAND GUIDELINES

Attendance Policy

1. It is expected that you will attend every rehearsal and performance. Please schedule appointments for non-marching band days. See the calendar for the rehearsal schedule. Every time you miss a rehearsal or performance, you affect the band. We have an awesome band, BUT we can get better. We will not improve if we have members missing!
2. Please note the calendar and give the performance/rehearsal dates to your parents and if necessary to your employer. A conflict with a performance (ex: family wedding) should be reported at least three weeks in advance.
3. If you miss school, you miss marching band. There is no lowering of your grade for an excused school absence; HOWEVER, you will not march at the next event.
4. If you have an excused absence from marching band (missing school, medical emergency) your grade will not be lowered, HOWEVER, you will not march at the next event.
5. If you have an unexcused absence from marching band, your grade WILL be lowered and you will not march at the next event. Too many unexcused absences will result in your being removed from the band.
6. You must be at school in order to march! If you miss school on Friday, you won't be able to march the game or the event on the weekend.
7. If you miss a rehearsal, even if you were absent from school, fill out an absence form (see the directors for the form).
8. Report no earlier than 45 minutes prior to your assigned time for any rehearsal or performance. When you arrive, be sure to stay in the band room area only.

Make Up Rehearsals

You can possibly make up the time missed from a rehearsal at the directors' discretion. No unexcused absences can be made up.

Examples of unexcused absences (by no means is this a complete list):

1. Drivers Ed. You know the band schedule months ahead of the fall.
2. Work
3. Babysitting
4. Interviews
5. A bad day (you're at marching band; your day just got better!)
6. Too much homework
7. Club meetings or activities

Tardy

1. Tardy is defined as being ten minutes or less late to rehearsal. Three tardies equal an unexcused absence. See unexcused absence policy above for consequences.
2. Tardy=being late. Being late=individual error. Individual error=bad performances. Bad performances=unfulfilled performance/lower scores/ratings.
3. The only reason to be tardy to a rehearsal is because of a teacher help session or make up quizzes/tests. At some point in time you may require help from a teacher in one of your other subjects. Please try to arrange help sessions on non-band days or from 2:30 until 2:50. Most teachers will be glad to work with you so that you can get to rehearsal on time. Remember, without you the band is incomplete.

Leaving Early

1. Again, you affect the band when you are not there. Leaving early will affect you the same way as being tardy.

Music/Routine Playoffs

1. A schedule will be posted telling you when the music and auxiliary routines should be memorized. It's critical to our success that you follow this schedule and know your part.
2. Be prepared at all times. Keep practicing your music/routine and drill until its right. Then practice it again!

Shared Positions/Alternates

1. Since the number of members that perform the competition show is predetermined, a few members will be assigned a shared position. These students who show commitment and hard work will alternate performances. Factors that are considered when deciding who is to march in a performance includes: attendance at rehearsals; marching skills and music checks for the show being performed; willingness to follow marching band guidelines; general attitude.
2. All attempts will be made to alternate performances.
3. If another spot opens up in the band, a shared position person may be asked to fill that position.
4. We will have shared positions for the competition show only. All members in good standing will march at parades, pre-game and football half-time shows when we are not performing the contest show.

Grades

1. Marching Band is worth one-quarter credit.
2. Grades will be based on:
 - a) Attendance at rehearsals and performances.
 - b) Proficiency as determined by the directors.
 - c) Class participation.
 - d) Performance of assigned music and/or routines.
 - e) Cooperation in following established guidelines.
3. Those members, who are on time to all rehearsals, know their music and /or routine and are at every rehearsal and function will receive an A+, 100% for their marching band grade.

Facilities

1. You will be assigned a locker or shelf area.
2. Put things in their proper places. Please pick up after yourself.
3. School supplies are not to be kept in the instrument shelves or lockers.
4. Do not walk on the carpet with muddy shoes. When coming into the band room from outside, please use the sidewalk.
5. Music stands are not to be used as desks and chairs are meant to be sat in, not stood upon.
6. Defacing of any school property and/or equipment in the music area is forbidden. Removal from the band can result.
7. The band offices are for directors only. Please ask to use the phone or to borrow something. If you borrow something, please return it!
8. TAKE PRIDE IN OUR FACILITY!

School-Owned Instruments

1. There is a school instrument usage fee of \$30.00 per semester for a total of \$60 per year. This also includes percussion and students who play electric instruments. This fee is used to cover maintenance and up keep of the school-owned instruments. (If you play two different school owned instruments, you only pay once.)

Instrument Care

1. Have your name and school on your case (personal and school owned instruments)!
2. You are expected to keep your instrument in proper working order. Never be without reeds, oil, grease, etc.
3. Do not play other people's instrument. Learn to play your own first!

Private Lessons

When it comes to playing your instrument to the best of your ability, there is no substitute for private lessons with a competent teacher. The directors will be able to supply you with a list of qualified teachers. It is a proven fact that in most cases, students studying privately achieve a higher degree of proficiency on their instrument, thus enabling them to derive more musical benefits from their instrument and also to make a better contribution to the music program. See the website for a list of qualified teachers.

Uniforms

1. You must give our uniforms the best care at all times.
2. When in uniform, your full uniform must be worn unless otherwise instructed.
3. You will turn in your uniform after each performance. They must be hung properly and hats must be in your storage box.
4. **You may not be dismissed following a performance until your uniform has been checked.**
5. Have your name in your shoes. It sounds funny, but it works.
6. Keep your gloves clean, shoes polished, and your instrument or props shiny.
7. Any hair extending beyond the uniform collar must be pinned up or tucked under your hat.
8. **No facial hair is allowed** as part of our uniform appearance.
9. **No jewelry, including earrings,** is to be worn with the uniform.
10. Inspections will take place before every performance. Section Leaders will inspect their sections and directors will inspect Section Leaders.
11. **BLACK SOCKS MUST BE WORN AT EVERY PERFORMANCE.** You will not march if you do not have black socks. These socks must be **crew-length** or longer.
12. A plain white **T-shirt** (or show shirt) must be worn under the uniform jacket. **NO** sleeveless shirts, tank tops or camisoles are allowed.
13. You will be changing in front of others. Over your usual underwear, please wear boxers, bike shorts or other short gym shorts that will not create a bulky look under the uniform trousers.
14. In climate-weather Uniforms: The Marching Band performs in just about every kind of weather. However, we may not be wearing our uniforms. In the event of bad weather, the uniform will be blue jeans, black socks, marching band shoes, your band shirt, parkas and hat. If the weather looks threatening, or you are in doubt, **BE PREPARED BY BRINGING BOTH THE ALTERNATE UNIFORM** and your normal uniform.

Travel Rules

1. At the beginning of the season, you will sign a bus list. This will be your traveling assignment for the year. While on the bus, the chaperone is in direct charge. You must observe all rules in order to assure a safe trip.
2. Be on time. We will leave at the designated time **with or without** you.
3. **No food or drinks** will be allowed on the bus.
4. **Listen to the bus driver and chaperones.**
5. Be **silent** when crossing railroad tracks.
6. Use moderation when talking and singing.
7. Hands and arms must remain inside the bus at all times.
8. Stay seated when the bus is moving.
9. Reserve the front and rear seats for chaperones.
10. Do not board or load equipment on the bus until asked to do so.
11. Stay on the bus until asked to unload.
12. Leave windows up when leaving away football games unless told otherwise.
13. Take care of your uniform as instructed.
14. **Absolutely no exiting from the back door of the bus.** Exiting from the back of the bus is for emergencies only.
15. Don't ask to change bus assignments.
16. Don't forget to thank the bus driver and chaperones for their assistance in making our trip safe.
17. All students must travel **to and from** all activities on the bus.
18. In the event you need to go home with your parents, your parent(s) in person, must sign you out with the head chaperone of your bus.
19. You will not be permitted to go home from a performance with other students.

Football Games

1. Organization is the key to a good band. At football games the band is a vital part of school spirit. Be alert. Things happen quickly and you should be prepared to play the fight song after each East score.
2. Stay in full uniform at all times. No ball caps or other accessories are permitted.
3. We are a band therefore we will SIT together as a band. Only band members are allowed in our section of the bleachers. Do not invite other friends to sit in the band section.
4. Sitting in sections is important.
5. You must have your flip folder, with the current pep songs, in the stands.
6. When we play, we **WILL ALL PLAY!**
7. No experimenting with others' instruments!
8. **Do not leave the bandstands without the director's permission.**
9. Refreshment breaks come in the third quarter.
10. Take care of your instrument to prevent damage.
11. Make the best impression you can. Remember, you are wearing a Lakota East uniform, which stands for our school and community.
12. Be sure to be back when there are 2 minutes on the third quarter clock. We play between the third and fourth quarters.

Behavior

1. Proper conduct and good sportsmanship are expected at all times.
2. Students will at all times conduct themselves according to the Lakota East High School Handbook. All school rules will be enforced.
3. Treat people the way you want to be treated.
4. When you travel with the band you are not only representing our band, but our school, your parents and the community. Be courteous and respectful at all times; your actions speak louder than your words.
5. Public displays of affection will not be tolerated at any time.
6. At a school (band) related activity, possession/use of alcohol, illegal drugs or tobacco products, will not be tolerated. (Read the Lakota Board Policy later in this handbook.)

Discipline

1. As with any large organization, the directors cannot waste time on discipline problems. We will simply remove all students with discipline problems from the band. The administration says, and rightfully so, that athletes and band members should set the highest standards of behavior, a standard for the rest of the student body to follow.
2. Be sure to have a positive attitude.
3. A winning attitude produces a winning band.
4. Use common sense in all of your decisions.
5. If you know or think something is wrong, DON'T DO IT! Save us all a headache.

Consequences

1. In order to be successful, we need every one to work together. This is the only way we can achieve our goals. If you are constantly late, have any unexcused absences, talk excessively during rehearsals, chew gum, use profanity or do anything that detracts from our band, you may not march in certain performances or you may be asked to leave the organization. Keep in mind, negative behavior not only hurts you but our band as well.
2. The following offenses will make you miss our next performance:
 - a) Excessive tardiness.
 - b) Missed rehearsals or scheduled performances.
 - c) Inappropriate language.
 - d) Insubordination, lack of cooperation with the directors.
 - e) Suspension from school.
 - f) Any other offensive action the directors feel is inappropriate.
3. The following offenses will have you dismissed from the band:
 - a) Smoking or possession of, cigarettes during a band function.

- b) Involvement with any chemical substance at a band function.
- c) Destruction of school or private property.
- d) Not obeying the rules set forth by the directors on any trip.
- e) Physical action against another student or staff member.
- f) Any other offensive action the directors feel is inappropriate.

Cell Phones

Music rehearsals (sectionals or full band) and field rehearsals are not the time nor place for cell phones. Marching band is an extension of the school day therefore the same cell phone rules apply. Turn off your cell phones and keep them in your pocket during rehearsals. In other words: **No cell phones (cell phone functions) during marching band!**

Section Spirit Shirts

All section shirts must be approved by the band council. Those shirts that fail to get approval will not be allowed at school or any marching band function.

FORMS

Lakota Board Of Education Substance Abuse Policy

Attached you will find the Lakota Board Of Education's Substance Abuse Policy as well as a consequence page. There are two copies of the pledge. Please sign and return one copy and keep one for your records.

Emergency Medical Form

This form is required for band camp and all band activities, including games, competitions and trips. This form must be **notarized** and have a **current photograph** of your student attached (one of the small school photos would be perfect). Please write the student's full name on the back of the photo and attach it to the lower right corner of the emergency medical form. **Please turn in the emergency medical form by July 31 at the latest.**

Prescription and Over the Counter Medications

1. Students are not permitted to keep any over-the-counter medications or prescriptions with them at band camp or other band functions. Any student needing prescription medication or over-the-counter medication during band camp, trips, or other band activities, needs to have a medication permit signed by the parent and physician on file with the band nurse. This is Lakota policy and state law.
2. In this packet you will find a blank medication form to be used for prescription medications and over the counter medications not listed on the second form. This first form needs to be signed by a parent, filled in and signed by a physician and then turned in to the band nurse with the medication in the original container at band camp registration.
3. The second medication form in the packet is partially filled out with over-the-counter medications that the band nurse will have on hand at band camp, games, competitions, and trips. If you want your student to be able to take these medications while with the band, fill in the top portion and have your physician fill in and sign the middle section. Return the completed form to the band nurse at band camp registration (you do not need to bring the listed medications with your student; the band nurse will have them on hand).
4. Remember, all over-the-counter medications and prescriptions must have a medication form signed by a parent and physician on file with the band nurse. Without this form your student will not be able to receive any medication while on band activities.
5. The exception to this is, if your student needs to keep their inhaler with them. The band nurse needs to have a medication form filled out by you and your physician stating this. They also need to tell the band nurse each time they use their inhaler.

Wright State University Release Form

WSU is requiring every campers' guardian sign the attached release form at the end of the handbook.

Band Camp Info

1. Report to Wright State University on Sunday, August 16 at 3:00 p.m.
2. Closing ceremonies are on Friday, August 21 at 7:00 p.m.
3. Transportation both ways is your responsibility.
4. No students are permitted to drive to Wright State University.
5. Only parent visitors will be welcomed through the week.
6. All students must remain on campus.
- 7.

Packing List

1. **Instrument** -Have your music, lyre, reeds, oils, etc., a folding music stand, charts, chips and a pencil. Larger instruments and percussion will be on the band semi.
2. **Bedding** - The camp provides a single bed and a mattress. You supply everything else. A sleeping bag works best, but bed sheets and blankets are O.K. too. Bring your own pillow and pillow case. Roll bedding into one bundle and tie it securely.
3. **Suitcase and Other Bag should include -**
 - a) Underwear (take plenty), socks, tennis shoes, shorts, jeans (belt), shirts, pajamas, jacket or poncho (in case it rains), a hat.
 - b) A water bottle, well-marked with your name (no large cooler-type jugs, please)
 - c) Shower gear - Towels, soap, shampoo, toothbrush and toothpaste, deodorant, shaving gear, and hair dryer (because Mr. Thomas will not let you borrow his). Possibly you can share items with your roommates.
 - d) Drill charts and charting chips.
 - e) Radio, CDs, MP3 player.
 - f) Spending money – If you like, include coins for the pop machine.
 - g) One fairly nice outfit for the last night's dance and party.
 - h) Insect repellent, bug bite lotion, sunscreen.
 - i) Stationery, envelopes, stamps, pen - Let your parents know you are alive and well. Be sure to tell them how great the food is!

Do Not Bring - Too much money, cigarettes, any alcohol beverages, drugs, clothes with lewd sayings or drawings, fireworks, balloons, skateboards, firearms etc...

Closing Ceremonies

1. The summer band uniform will be worn for the Friday night closing ceremony. This consists of your show shirt (it will be given to you at band camp), black shorts, white socks and white tennis shoes. The guard uniform may be slightly different.
2. Closing ceremonies will begin promptly at 7:00 p.m. after which you are to gather your belongings and get out of Dodge (WSU)! The entire program should last approximately 45 minutes.

Directions to Wright State University (and the Woods Dorms the general area address is 1251 Springwood Lane, Fairborn, OH 45324)

I-75 north to I-675 north

I-675 north to North Fairfield Road (Exit 17) - Follow sign for North Fairfield Road (not WSU)

Turn left on North Fairfield Road; travel approximately 1/2 mile to Colonel Glenn Highway

Turn left on Colonel Glenn Highway

Turn right at the second traffic light onto University Blvd.

Turn left at Springwood Lane

Take Springwood Lane to the dorms marked BCM

Wright State University's phone number: 937-775-4864 (Boston Hall Conference Desk) / The Music Department: 937-775-2346.

Marching Band Fees Payment Schedule

1. Total cost is \$400.00 for instrumentalists, \$370.00 for auxiliary members and \$370 for field commanders. Checks are to be made payable to the Lakota East Upbeat Club (LEUC).
2. Payment Schedule: January 24th - \$150 non-refundable deposit due; May 1st - \$150; July 15th - \$100.00 balance due/Guard balance \$70. In accordance with the Upbeat Club check payment policy, the last date that personal checks can be accepted for band camp payment is August 1.
3. Rookies are issued charting chips on a ring and an equipment bag that are to be used throughout their marching band career. If either are lost or damaged and replacement is needed, it must be purchased at the student's expense. Other uniform expenses include: marching shoes (\$36), gloves (\$5), and sousaphone players' berets (\$25). Guard will have an additional uniform expense. All deposits are non refundable (unless the student moves out of the district).

All payments should be sent to: LEUC Treasurer, LEHS Summer Band Camp, P.O. Box 1686, West Chester, OH 45071 (Please put your student's name on the memo line of the check).

STUDENTS WILL NOT BE ADMITTED TO BAND CAMP IF THEIR MARCHING BAND FEES ARE NOT PAID IN FULL.

Major Marching Band Trips (Occur Once Every Three-Years)

For advanced planning, the next major marching band trip will be in 2011. Start saving now! This is not a major trip year, but we will be taking an over night trip to Cedar Point.

Lakota East Upbeat Club (LEUC)

The Upbeat Club is the parent support group for the bands. We could not survive without their support. The various committee members and officers spend countless hours working to insure the band's success. Never take them for granted and thank them whenever possible.

Upbeat Club Mailing Address

Lakota East Upbeat Club has a post office box. Our "official address" is P.O. Box 1686, West Chester, OH 45071. This is the address where the club receives invoices and other official business notices. Anyone can send payments and/or bills to this address. This address was set up to keep one permanent address—even when the officers change from year to year. You may also send money to school with your son or daughter to give to Mr. Tanis or Mr. Thomas. In the memo space of your check, identify what the check is for and the full name of the student.

Upbeat Club Student Account Policy

Student accounts have been established with the goal of allowing band members to earn money for major expenses such as band camp and overnight trips. Some of the revenue earned by individual students participating in designated fundraisers will be credited to the student's account for future use at his/her discretion. The designated fundraiser, and the student's percent of the revenue sharing for that particular fundraiser, will be determined by vote of the membership.

Upbeat Club Suggested Uses for Student Accounts

Band Camp fees
Guard/Field Commander camp fees
Overnight trip fees (not spending money for major trips or day trips)
Uniform expenses (shoes, Guard uniforms, assessment for loss, damage)
All State, Honor Band, Youth Symphony fees, etc.
Solo and Ensemble fees
Special assessments made by the Treasurer

Fund Raising

Although not the most fun thing in the world, an organization like ours takes lots of money to run. Therefore, we are asking you to do your part and support the bands with the following fund raisers (this is just a partial list, there may be more added):

1. Tag Day. Students canvass the Lakota district in groups of four with a parent chaperone. The funds collected are placed in the uniform fund.
2. Fruit Sale. The money goes to the Upbeat Club. 10% - 20% of the amount you sell goes into your student account.
3. Homearama (when available). Money earned from Homearama goes directly into your student account.
4. Kroger/Meijer Rewards Cards. Use these cards to give a percentage of your purchase to Upbeat at no additional cost to you!
5. Scrips. See the bands' website for information on the Scrips program.

Home Games Cookie Schedule

At home games, the East band invites the visiting team to the home side for refreshments and cookies. Our band members each supply the cookies (2-dozen). Store bought is acceptable, (but the directors really like homemade cookies!). Here is the cookie list:

Sept. 4	Glen Este	Field Commanders, Guard
Sept. 25	Princeton (Freshman Night)	Saxes, Clarinets, Baritones
Oct. 9	Middletown (Homecoming)	Horns, Trombones
Oct. 23	Sycamore (Senior Night)	Flutes, Percussion
Oct. 10	Lakota West	Trumpets, Sousaphones

2010 Memorial Day Parade

The 2010 Memorial Day Parade is part of this season's marching band's responsibilities. Be sure to mark your 2010 calendar. Everyone that is in town that day is expected to be at the parade. **THIS INCLUDES ALL SENIORS!**

Wrap-Up

Our hope is that this handbook covers most anything you need to know about the Lakota East Marching Thunderhawks. Certain unforeseen circumstances must be handled with basic common sense. Communication with the directors and student leaders is essential. Let's make this edition of the Lakota East Marching Thunderhawks a memorable one!!!

After reading the entire contents of this handbook, please fill out the forms. Both you and one of your parents must sign the marching band contract.

These documents are due before band camp:

1. Wright State Assumption of Risk and Release form
2. Lakota East Marching Thunderhawk contract
3. 2-Student Pledge forms about substance abuse (1-Students/Parents/1-Band Directors)
4. Lakota District Emergency Medical Authorization Form, Notarized (only when an out of state trip is planned) /Student Photo included
5. 2-School Medication Permits, if applicable, Signed by Physician (1-School/1-Band Records)
6. Lakota East Upbeat Club Information Sheet

The staff is looking forward to a great year of musical growth!

P.S. Parents, please fill out the Lakota East Upbeat Club information sheet.

WRIGHT STATE UNIVERSITY ASSUMPTION OF RISK AND RELEASE

I (the undersigned) assume responsibility for any injury, loss, or damage resulting directly or indirectly from my child's (name/age) _____ participation in (activity) _____, on _____, 2009 at Wright State University and will not institute any negligence or other claim against Wright State University, its agents, or any other person(s) who could be held liable in either their individual or official capacities and agree to hold the above named parties harmless from liability for any personal or property injury. I attest and verify that my child has no known medical problems or conditions which would prevent him/her from participating in this activity; and in case of a medical emergency, I authorize Wright State University, or its duly authorized agents to transport my child to a health facility/hospital for medical care if it is deemed necessary. I further authorize such physician, health facility, or hospital to perform any emergency procedures necessary to provide my child with medical treatment. I have read and understood the foregoing and voluntarily sign this release as my own free act and deed.

Date:

Parent/Guardian (Print)

Parent/Guardian (Signature)

Lakota East Marching Thunderhawk Contract

I hereby, having read the contents of this handbook, agree to the rules and regulations stated. I will do my best at all times for the good of the Lakota East High School Marching Band.

Student Signature_____

Parent or Guardian Signature_____

Return this page to Mr. Thomas before band camp.

I'd like to thank you in advance for your support of the Lakota East Marching Band.

LAR 6201.2 CONSEQUENCES OF SUBSTANCE ABUSE MARCHING BAND GUIDELINES

First Offense: Possession and/or Use

1. Student will be suspended from all band practices up to five continuous practice days and the next 30% of regularly scheduled performances.
2. If the substance abuse violation occurs during the academic school year Lakota Board Policy 6201 for Rule 9 will apply.
3. Positions of leadership (i.e. field commanders, section leaders) are forfeited.
4. If the first offense occurs after the end of the student's marching band season, but prior to awards program, the student will be denied participation in the awards program. The student will receive his/her awards only upon successful reinstatement process is completed.
5. Financial responsibility of the professional assessment and counseling sessions lies with the parents of the student.
6. To be eligible for reinstatement in the marching band program the following requirements must be met:
 - A. The student must submit to a professional drug/alcohol assessment. Proof of assessment completion must be provided to the building principal or designee. The professional assessment agency must be accredited and acceptable to the school district.
 - B. If the assessment indicates treatment procedures, the student must follow the prescribed program to be eligible for reinstatement.
 - C. For all substance abuse policy violations, the final phase of reinstatement will require a hearing with the student and his/her parent/s before an appeals board. Parent/s must accompany the student.
 - D. It is the student's responsibility to schedule the appeal hearing with the building principal.
 - 1.) The appeals board will consist of the building principal or designee (asst. principal), marching band director, a member of guidance department and/or district substance abuse coordinator.
 - 2.) Upon hearing the appeal made by the student and his/her parent/s, the appeals board will make a recommendation to the principal as to whether reinstatement to the program is justified.
 - 3.) If the student is reinstated, he/she must re-sign the substance abuse pledge form. If reinstatement appeal is refused, the student will be denied participation until the following marching band season.
7. The student's grade may be affected because of missed rehearsals and performances.
8. The student will not participate in "overnight" trips during the current marching band season.

Second Offense: Possession and/or Use

1. Student is denied participation in Lakota's Marching Band program for one calendar year from the date of the infraction.
2. In order to be reinstated to the Lakota Marching Band program after one year of denied participation, a student must complete all aspects of the reinstatement criteria as outlined in the "first offense" section.

3. **It is the student's responsibility to communicate with the building principal or designee all aspects related to the completion of the reinstatement criteria.**
4. **If the second offense occurs after the end of the marching band season but prior to the awards program, the student will be denied participation in the awards program and will not receive any awards.**
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Disciplinary Procedures and Appeals Process

1. **When a student is suspected of using or possessing drugs of abuse, alcoholic beverages or tobacco products, the student will immediately be removed from the activity pending outcome of a school hearing.**
2. **The band director shall notify the parents and school officials of the alleged violation.**
3. **The student and parents must have the opportunity to appear at a hearing before the principal or designee and the marching band director. The student has the right to challenge the reasons for intended program suspension or other wise explain his/her actions. The hearing shall be held within 5 working days.**

History: **Adopted 6/27/2005**

Legal References: **ORC §§ 3313.20, 3313.534, 3313.66-3313.662, 3321.13**
 OAC§ 3301-35-03

Cross-References: **Board Policy 6201**
 Form 6201I

SAMB STUDENT PLEDGE– Student/Parent Copy

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To demonstrate my support, I pledge to:

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3. Not to enable my fellow students, who use drugs/tobacco/alcohol, I will not cover for them or lie for them if any rules are broken. I will hold other band members accountable for their actions.
4. Seek information and assistance in dealing with my own or other band member’s problems.
5. Be honest with my parents about feelings, needs, and problems.
6. Be honest with my band director or other school personnel when the best interests of my fellow students are jeopardized.

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STUDENT SIGNATURE: _____ **Date:** _____

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PARENT SIGNATURE: _____ **DATE:** _____

LAKOTA LOCAL SCHOOL DISTRICT FORM 6201I

Cross-Reference: Board Policy 6201

Adopted 6/27/2005

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Adopted 6/27/2005

2009-2010 Lakota East Upbeat Club Information Form

Membership dues are \$5 per family and help defray the cost of printing and mailing the Upbeat Notes, a monthly source of information for band activities. *Marching Band fees include the \$5 membership dues.* Non-Marching Band members please make checks payable to "Lakota East Upbeat Club". Information form and payment (if applicable) may be mailed to LEUC, PO Box 1686, West Chester, OH 45071

Membership Information/Volunteer Activities

Student Name: _____ **Preferred Name:** _____

Father's Name: _____ **Mother's Name:** _____

Do you prefer to receive the Upbeat Notes Newsletter via: E-mail or US Mail? (Circle one)

Address Upbeat Club newsletters to: "The _____ Family"

Address, City, State, & Zip: _____

Family E-mail Address _____

Home Phone: _____ **Cell Phone (kept confidential):** _____

Bands (circle all that apply):

Freshman Band Concert Band Symphonic Band Symphonic Winds

Eastside Jazz Jazz Band Marching Band /Color Guard

School: East or East Freshman School Graduation Year: 20_____

VOLUNTEER ACTIVITIES

- ___ 1) Help on the **Uniform Committee (Marching and Concert)**
- ___ 2) Be a **Tag Day Driver** or **Counter** (Tag Day is Saturday after Labor Day)
- ___ 3) Help the **Pit Crew** at football games and at Marching Band competitions
- ___ 4) Help the **Guard Sideline Crew** at games & Marching Band contests
- ___ 5) Help with the **Video Crew**
- ___ 6) Help serve **3rd Quarter Refreshments** at home football games
- ___ 7) Be a **Bus Chaperone** for competitions and away football games
- ___ 8) Help sell **Split-the-Pot** raffle tickets at home **football** games
- ___ 9) Help with the **Fruit Sale** in late Oct/early Nov and in early December
- ___ 10) Bake or sell items for **Bake Sale (East's Craft Show) or Hospitality**
- ___ 11) Working or interest in **spring/summer fundraising** opportunities
- ___ 12) Make **Phone Calls** for various events
- ___ 13) Help on the **Fund Raising Committee**
- ___ 14) Have a **Special Skills** that may be useful to the band (i.e. nurse, commercial driver, etc.) Please specify: _____

(NOTE: Treasurer, please forward this form to Membership Chairperson.)

Thank you for helping OUR bands!