

Leon High School Band Handbook 2020-2021



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Dear Parents and Students,

Welcome to the Leon High School Band Program! The Leon Band has worked hard to establish a level of excellence and tradition. This is a program dedicated to the success of students and their continued growth not only as high school students but also as young adults.

It is a goal of the Leon High School Band program for students to perform at the highest caliber socially, physically, mentally, personally and musically. We work to cultivate not only students' musical abilities, but teach students the essential life skills that are needed to be successful post-graduation.

Annually, qualified Band Members from Leon represent us at community events, parades, Tri-State Honors Band, Tri-State Honor Jazz Band, Festival of Winds Honor Band, All District Big-Bend Honor Band, FBA All-State Band, and FBA Solo-Ensemble as well as Concert and State Music Assessments and other similarly prestigious events.

The purpose of this Handbook is to provide valuable information about the Band Program at Leon High School. This year, we hope to continue our tradition of excellence, in the quest for an even higher level of musical standards. The quality of the program will be determined by your individual effort and dedication to the program. Furthermore, your commitment to the band will provide you with opportunities not available to many students.

To consistently achieve and maintain the high standard of excellence desired by this organization, members should familiarize themselves with the regulations, procedures, and traditions of the Leon Band that are included in this Handbook. Please contact the Band Director if a question not covered in the Handbook should arise or if you have any questions about the Handbook.

Musically Yours,

Lee Commander
Band Director

Code of Conduct

All band students are responsible for the reading and adherence to the Leon County Schools Code of Student Conduct, the Leon High School Student Rules and Regulations, and the LHS Band Handbook.

Basic Expectations:

- Keep the band facility neat, orderly, and free of litter. Personal items are welcome to be left in a locker but, the floor should be free of clutter and trash.
- For security reasons, students are expected to enter using the hallway accessible door.
- Students are expected to enter the band room and begin setting up their station to begin learning.
- There is to be no talking during rehearsal. Students with questions should raise their hands. Do not distract others with inappropriate behavior.
- Students are expected to attend all rehearsals and performances and be on time, with a positive attitude, and be prepared. Practice regularly at home (it is best to practice in short, productive sessions vs. long, “cram-sessions.”)
- Keep instrument and equipment in performance condition and keep up with and be responsible for the music and equipment issued to you. Students should come to class with their instrument or sticks/mallets, music, pencil (on music stand), and all accessories in class.
- Any instrument or equipment not belonging to or specifically assigned to you is strictly off limits. If it is not yours, DO NOT touch it.
- Every student is given a locker to keep his or her instrument in. However, it is expected that all students will keep their lockers neat in appearance. It is also expected that they will keep their instruments safe by locking their lockers. Please lock your lockers to help reduce missing objects.
- All books given to the class should be kept in a safe condition and returned in a workable condition for the next year.

Respect everyone and everything. You are responsible for your own actions.

Class Descriptions

Concert Band – “Woodwinds” or “Brass” Class

Concert Band is a class offered at Leon High School that is open to any student in the band who plays a wind instrument and is interested in continuing their knowledge and skills on their instrument.

Students who join the class are expected to have some background knowledge of their instrument and be willing to work toward advancing their musical knowledge.

All students are required to have an instrument to play in class daily. While there are some school-owned instruments (see school instrument rentals for more details), it is suggested that students rent or own their own instruments.

All students in this class will be required to perform in at least four concerts a year: one in the fall, one in the spring, and PAWS. Additionally they will perform in District 3 Concert Music Performance Assessment.

Concert Band is considered a co-curricular course per state course descriptions; therefore, these students will have selected after school rehearsals required of them. It is expected that students will be made available for all such rehearsals.

It is strongly encouraged that all students receive private lessons. Private lessons offer students a chance to receive individual instruction on their instrument that will only improve their performance. Even if students are only able to receive lessons every other week or once a month it is still advised. For a list of private instructors in the area please speak to Mr. Commander.

Symphonic Band

Symphonic Band is a class offered at Leon High School that is open to any student in the band who plays a wind instrument and is interested in continuing their knowledge and skills on their instrument.

Students who join the class are expected to have some background knowledge of their instrument and be willing to work toward advancing their musical knowledge.

All students are required to have an instrument to play in class daily. While there are some school-owned instruments (see school instrument rentals for more details), it is suggested that students rent or own their own instruments.

All students in this class will be required to perform in at least four concerts a year: one in the fall, one in the spring, and PAWS. Additionally they will perform in District 3 Concert Music Performance Assessment. If the band qualifies for State Concert MPA, students will also be expected to attend that performance as well.

Symphonic Band is considered a co-curricular course per state course descriptions; therefore, these students will have selected after school rehearsals required of them. It is expected that students will be made available for all such rehearsals.

Students who are enrolled are required to participate in Solo and Ensemble held in February. The entry fees are covered for one performance per student. Additional events are encouraged because additional participation helps strengthen musical skills, but fees are not covered through the program. These students will be expected to cover their own minimal entry fee.

Students enrolled will additionally be required to audition for District 3 Big-Bend All District Band.

It is strongly encouraged that all students receive private lessons. Private lessons offer students a chance to receive individual instruction on their instrument that will only improve their performance. Even if students are only able to receive lessons every other week or once a month it is still advised. For a list of private instructors in the area please speak to Mr. Commander.

Jazz Band

Jazz Band is a class offered at Leon High School that is open to any student in the band who plays a wind instrument and is interested in continuing their knowledge and skills on their instrument.

Students who join the class are expected to have some background knowledge of their instrument and be willing to work toward advancing their musical knowledge.

All students are required to have an instrument to play in class daily. While there are some school-owned instruments (see school instrument rentals for more details), it is suggested that students rent or own their own instruments.

All students in this class will be required to perform in at least four concerts a year: one in the fall, one in the spring, and PAWS. Additionally they will perform in District 3 Jazz Music Performance Assessment.

Jazz Band is considered a co-curricular course per state course descriptions; therefore, these students will have selected after school rehearsals required of them. It is expected that students will be made available for all such rehearsals.

It is strongly encouraged that all students receive private lessons. Private lessons offer students a chance to receive individual instruction on their instrument that will only progress their performance. Even if students are only able to receive lessons every other week or once a month it is still advised. For a list of private instructors in the area please speak to Mr. Commander.

Percussion

The Percussion class is a class designed specifically for students who wish to play or currently play percussion instruments.

Students enrolled in Percussion will learn to play proficiently on mallet instruments, marching equipment, auxiliary percussion, and modern percussion elements.

Students will be required to attend solo and ensemble on at least one percussion ensemble piece. Pieces will be assigned by Mr. Commander and Mr. Panzarino.

It is expected that all students will provide a snare drum pad, snare sticks and mallets for class. Just as a wind player must have their instrument percussion students must also have their sticks in order for music making to occur. It is advised that students have a stick bag of their own to keep their materials in. There will be space provided in the band room for these items.

It is strongly encouraged that all students receive private lessons. Private lessons offer students a chance to receive individual instruction on their instrument that will only progress their performance. Even if students are only able to receive lessons every other week or once a month it is still advised. For a list of private instructors in the area please speak to Mr. Commander.

Private Lessons Academy

The Leon High School Band Program is thrilled to be able to offer a Private Lessons Academy for students who wish to cultivate and advance their musical abilities.

All lessons will take place in the Leon High School Band Room.

Students who wish to pay additional fees above the required band fees (\$20 per lesson – up to \$240 per semester.) Each lesson will be administered digitally

Scholarship money will be made available through an application process. Students who wish to complete an application for scholarship should speak to Mr. Commander at the beginning of each academic year.

Grading Policy

Students will adhere to the grading policy below:

Each quarter all students will be graded on the following criteria

Transfer Assignments/Improv* – 10%
Non-Performance Work - 20%
Check Ups – 20%
DIS Assignments – 25%
Performances – 25%

The 9-weeks grade will be determined by the student's percentage.

A = 90+ %
B = 80-89%
C = 70-79%
D = 60-69%
F = 59 or below %

*Improv Assignments are used only in Jazz Band.

Transfer Activities/Improvisation Assignments

Students will be challenged to link content learned in the class to other areas of learning. These activities are designed to help process learned material and improve in all areas of learning.

Improvisation is a state standard for jazz. All students in Jazz Band will be expected to improvise throughout the course of the year.

Non-Performance Work

Students will go through 6 week units on course material that is related to music but does not need a performance opportunity to learn. This will be the main focus of how we integrate the Hybrid Model of instruction. Students will be given assignments to complete that directly correspond to the content learned in the Units.

Check Ups

Students should be prepared to complete checks ups to track proficiency at least once per 9-weeks. Playing test information will be given to students with at least of week preparatory time.

DIS (Directed Independent Study)

Each student in the program will choose a DIS Project to be completed throughout the course of the Semester. This allows students to learn material that is specific to their individual learning goals, while providing a structured learning protocol. Students will be able to work on their DIS projects during class time though time is expected to be given outside of class as well.

Examples of DIS Projects include: Music Research Project on a person, place, or thing; Musical Composition; Community Service/Outreach Program

Performances

Performances are the milestones of any performing arts class. Just as on any team sport, it is imperative that all students be in attendance at all performances. Students are expected to attend ALL football games, parades, concerts, or special events. In order for a student to be excused from a performance they will need to complete the absence request form as described in the Attendance Policy.

There will be flexibility given to formal public performances this year due to COVID however, students should be prepared to perform in some capacity either in person or digitally each 9-week period.

Extra Credit

It is expected that all students complete the work assigned to them during class and throughout the school year. Although band is a fun class, it is still a class, and it is expected that work will be completed with the same seriousness as other subjects. Extra Credit will be allotted to students who go to outside musical events as indicated by the director.

Instruments

It is expected that students will have all instruments ready for class daily. Failure to have their instrument will result in a loss of participation points for the day.

There are school owned instruments available for loan. Students who plan on using a school owned instrument will be given an instrument in working condition. Students who borrow an instrument should return the instrument in the working condition in which they found it. Failure to do so might result in additional fees being incurred by the student.

It is encouraged that all students buy or rent their own instruments in order to have more effective long-term progress. Available music stores for instrument rentals include Music Masters and Playground Music.

Students are responsible for their own reeds, valve oil, pencil, cork grease, neck straps, etc. It is recommended that students use Music Masters for their equipment needs.

Instrument Repairs of Leon High School owned instruments are done through Playground Music. This company will come to the school and repair broken instruments. Personally owned instruments must provide their own payment for instrument repairs. Many people will use Music Masters for personal repairs, though both options are available. It is recommended that repairs be done at the location of the rented instrument.

School Instrument Rentals

All school-owned instruments must be checked out at the beginning of the year by filling out an Instrument Rental/Liability Form. Once issued, the instrument becomes the responsibility of the student for proper care, maintenance, and protection from damage or theft. Students who are using school-owned instruments and damage the instrument are covered by the cost they put down on their rental. Any damages incurred on the instrument will be charged to the student's account.

Equipment and Instrument Storage

Every student in the band will be given a locker to store his or her instrument in the Band Room. Some students with like instruments will be asked to share their lockers due to space limitations.

These lockers DO have locking capabilities on them; therefore ANYTHING left unlocked the band room will be left at the risk of the student. While the Leon Band is considered to have some of the finest students in the school, it is simply a safer decision not to leave items unlocked in this space.

Neither Mr. Commander nor Leon High School is responsible for any lost or stolen property.

Placement and Challenges

Seating Auditions for Symphonic Band will occur at the end of each school year in preparation for the upcoming year. Students who wish to challenge for a higher seat may challenge a student for higher placement. Students will be informed at least one week before reseating auditions occur. Students will be placed in chairs that will not only challenge the student but will also provide the best opportunity for the band. Therefore, there will not be an opportunity for chair challenges within three weeks of a performance. Students who wish to improve their seats are encouraged to receive Private Lessons. ^[L]_[SEP]

Concert Band will have reseating auditions often throughout the year. Therefore, they will not have any opportunities for Chair Challenges.

Academic Eligibility/Ineligibility

Leon County Schools, Florida Bandmasters Association, and the Florida Schools of Music Association set forth for eligibility in all band functions. These rules require that: ALL STUDENTS MAINTAIN AT LEAST A 2.0 UNWEIGHTED GPA EACH 9 WEEKS AND HAVE NO MORE THAN ONE DISCIPLINARY REFERRAL PER SEMESTER. Band students who fail to meet this standard must meet with Mr. Commander to determine the status of their participation with the ensemble.

It is expected that students in the Band Program will live up to the high standards of professionalism, and moral dignity throughout their high school career. Moreover, it is then expected that few to no meetings held throughout the year due to academic or behavioral ineligibilities.

Ineligible Students

Students who do not meet the eligibility requirements above will be allowed to participate in rehearsals. However, academic ineligibility will result in an academic probation within the band program. Students on academic probation will receive the academic probation form and need to earn the ability to perform for that week from their teachers.

Students who receive excessive discipline referrals (more than one) will be discussed with administration and recommended for dismissal from the program.

Students who are removed from band functions will not be eligible for leadership the next year.

Performing Ensembles

Leon High School Marching Redcoats

The Leon High School Marching Redcoats consists of all students from the Concert, Symphonic, Percussion and Eurythmic Classes. While a majority of the work for the marching band occurs during the fall, it is possible for an additional performance to occur in the spring.

Students in this ensemble must have at least a 2.0 weighted GPA each quarter, and must not have more than 1 disciplinary referral. Grades and referrals will be checked every progress report. Should a student no longer meet the requirements of the ensemble a meeting will be held with Mr. Commander on the additional requirements needed to maintain activity with the ensemble.

This ensemble performs at ALL home football games, MOST away football games, up to one competition or festival, the Florida Bandmasters Association Marching Band Music Performance Assessment, and at least two parades (Veteran's Day and Springtime Tallahassee). Additional activities may be added as seen fit.

There is no audition to be a member of the Marching Band. However, percussionists will audition for parts to play during the season.

All students who participate in marching band ARE REQUIRED to attend band camp. Band Camp is where all marching fundamentals are learned. It is also where the genesis of our show occurs. In order for a student to be considered for performance in all aspects of the Marching Band Show they must attend Band Camp. Conflicts with camp should be communicated to Mr. Commander as soon as possible.

Rehearsals and Performances for this Ensemble are as follows:

Tuesdays - 6:00 – 8:30pm

Thursdays - 6:00 – 8:30pm

Fridays – varies

Select Saturdays – varies

Additional sectionals or rehearsals may be added as deemed necessary by the director

Students will be given a detailed schedule for every football game, competition or assessment.

Activities of the Marching Redcoats are currently only hold for the 2020-2021 Academic School Year. This is subject to change throughout the course of the year.

Band Camp

The following is an example of what a typical Marching Band Camp looks like at Leon High School. Students should be prepared to participate in Marching Band in the 2021-2022 school year.

Band Camp is required for all students who wish to participate in Marching Band. It is held at Leon High School. Band Camp will be July 29 – August 2, 2019 from 12:00pm until 8:00pm, and August 5 - 9, 2019 from 5:00pm until 8:00pm. Students will be provided dinner (during the first week) and will have time for breaks.

A Sample Schedule is as follows:

Week 1

12:00pm – Sectionals (various)

2:00pm – Full Band

3:00pm - Dinner

4:30pm – Fundamental/Drill Rehearsal (Band Field/Stadium)

Week 2

5:00pm - Fundamental/Drill Rehearsal (Band Field/Stadium)

It is incredibly hot in Florida and hydration is a must. Students should be drinking the recommended amounts of water BEFORE coming to rehearsal. Contrary to popular belief drinking water as you are sweating does not increase hydration if there is no water in your system before sweating begins.

Sunscreen is highly recommended. Sunburn will not excuse a student from participating in outside activities.

The body sleeps or rests as a means to regain energy and strength. It is highly encouraged that students received an appropriate 8 hours of sleep daily during camp to prevent sluggish and sore students.

Band Camp occurs in the midst of summer heat. Students should dress appropriately for the weather (see dress code policies).

Rehearsals

Rehearsal Expectations are still be negotiated and will be communicated to parents. These policies are expected to change throughout the year. The following is an example of a typical rehearsal schedule.

As a co-curricular class, it is expected that students will be present at ALL rehearsals deemed necessary by the director. It is expected that doctor's appointments, family gatherings, and other personal requirements will not be held at these times. In an activity such as band, any and every absence affects the remaining members of the group. See Attendance Policy for additional information.

Marching Band

Marching Band Rehearsals are as follows:

Tuesdays 6:00pm – 8:30pm Band Practice Field

Thursdays 6:00pm – 8:30pm Band Practice Field
(sometimes Fridays)

Additional Sectionals may be added. Sectionals will be announced one week before sectional rehearsal. Every attempt will be made to schedule sectionals around pre-existing appointments.

Between the conclusion of school and beginning of practice, the students will have access to a computer lab to be used as a study hall for students who have homework they need to complete. We will be in need of parents to volunteer their time to watch the students during those times.

Concert and Symphonic Bands

Depending on the ensemble, band members will be asked to participate in after-school sectionals and rehearsals on selected days. A detailed calendar will be provided to those students before students break for Winter Break.

Attendance Policy

All Band members are expected and required to attend all rehearsals and performances. Due to the fact that band is a performance based class, rehearsals and performances are an integral part of the curriculum, and of the overall success of the program. Students must be on time and properly dressed for all band functions.

Students who are not in attendance at any rehearsal will receive a 0 for that assignment unless the absence is excused PRIOR to rehearsal. Students who have a need to miss rehearsal FOR ANY REASON MUST fill out the request for absence form one week before the absence occurs. Mr. Commander will then review the form and determine if the absence will be excused or unexcused. Forms not turned in prior to the one-week deadline will automatically be marked unexcused. Exceptions will be made in situations of extreme emergency or sudden sickness. It is understood that in these situations an email will be sent to Mr. Commander with 24 hours of the absence and the request for absence form will be filled out retroactively. Students who fail to complete the Request for Absence Form within 1 school day of last absence will be marked unexcused.

The same policy will be in place for all performances, including Football Games, Marching Band Competitions, Parades, Rehearse-a-thon.

Students who are tardy to a rehearsal or an event as well as students who have a dress-code infraction will receive a deduction in the grade for that event.

Unexcused Absence from Rehearsal

Students who have an unexcused absence for the week will be sidelined for the halftime and pregame performances that week. They will be expected to attend the football game and perform in the stands.

Unacceptable reasons to miss rehearsal are as follows:

- Personal Birthday
- Saturday School
- Detention
- Family Visits
- Hair Appointments
- Cosmetology Appointments
- Doctor's Appointments (except in case of sudden sickness)
- Rides

Note: It is the student's responsibility to work out all rides and doctor's appointments around the marching band schedule. Mr. Commander will wait until all students have been picked up on any day when students are required to be present.

Excused Absence from Rehearsal

Absences may be excused for the following reasons:

- Religious Ceremonies or Holidays
- College Visits
- Sudden Sickness
- Hospitalization
- Other Situation deemed appropriate by the Director.

Note: Mr. Commander reserves the right to not approve any excuse depending on when the absence occurs in the season.

Tardy to Rehearsal or Performance

Once a student accumulates three unexcused tardies, they will be sidelined for the week they incur the third unexcused tardy, after which time the policy restarts.

Acceptable reasons to be tardy to be rehearsal are as follows:

- Making up a test
- Parent-Teacher Conference
- Anything else deemed appropriate by director

Unacceptable reasons to be tardy for rehearsal are as follows:

- Gathering equipment
- Filling up water cart
- Talking with friends
- Using the restroom
- Detention
- Getting Dressed for Rehearsal

Note: There is plenty of time for students to be ready for rehearsal before they begin. It is the student's responsibility to be on the field in their attendance block set ready to stretch with equipment and dressed appropriately by the start of each rehearsal, which will begin with the second whistle given by the Drum Major.

Absence from Performance

Missing a performance of any kind (parade, football game, competition, FBA) will result in a 0 for the grade for that performance.

Absences may be considered excused or unexcused depending on the nature of the absence. However, the Request for Absence Form **MUST** be filled out regardless.

Financial Obligations

General Fee

The annual cost of running a modern day band program is in excess of \$40,000. Because of this number it is expected that all students involved in the band program will pay a band fee. This year the fee for the Leon Band is \$350. However, thanks to the generous contributions of our Superintendent, and Principal every family is being offered a \$50 discount.

Because of the uncertainty of COVID and the modifications that have been made to the school year a decision has been made to reduce fees for members.

Therefore, the total due for the 2020-2021 season is \$125.

While this number can seem alarming be assured that 100% of the money is going back to directly influence the students. Your fee will pay for:

- Transportation
- End of the year awards
- Uniform Alterations (concert shirts)
- Food for students (at select events)
- Assessment Fees
- Coolers
- Bags

Options for Paying Fees are outlined on the Leon HS Band Website

Supplemental Fee

Color Guard Members will be assessed a supplemental fee each year. This fee is likely to change yearly based on equipment needs and uniform designs. The fee for this year will be \$100. **This fee has been waived for this year. Students are only required to the \$125 Band fee. Additional fees may be requested for Added Performances outside of the Florida Bandmasters Association.**

This fee includes:

Costumes

- Costume
- Additional Accessories for costume

Throughout the year, there will be some fees and expenses specific to Band. Some of these expenses are:

Spirit Night/Relay Shirt/Section Items = ~\$10-\$25

These would only be required for students participating, or those who desire the product. These are not required for all members

Standard supplies (reeds, oil, cork grease, sticks, etc.) = varies

If asked Mr. Commander can get instrument needs; however, he is not guaranteed to have them in stock. It is the student's responsibility to have their materials and supplies needed.

FBA Fees for Solo/Ensemble = Set by FBA (varies per year)

All students in Percussion and Symphonic Band are **REQUIRED** to participate in at least one event. The Band will cover the cost of **ONE** event. Fees for any additional events will need to be covered by the student. Should a student lack preparation for their event prior to attending or choose not to go they will need to reimburse the band for the fee

Pictures = Varies

Pictures are taken during the Spring for Marching and Concert Season. Should a family wish to purchase pictures, options will be available.

Trips = Varies

This cost would be for special field trips, food at competitions, food at football games, etc. The amount of money provided for these events is at the discretion of the family.

Additional expenses may be added.

If any person has financial issues, they should speak to Mr. Commander so that we can work out a solution. It is never the goal for a student to not be in band due to financial obligations. In most cases an option is available for families who need help.

Uniforms

Marching Rehearsal

Due to the intense weather conditions in Florida it is extremely necessary for all students to adhere to the following dress code for Marching Rehearsals. The Dress Code is in place as a matter of safety and precaution for students!

- No Jeans
- Tennis Shoes Only
 - Flip flops, crocs, toe shoes, bare feet, socks, ballet slippers, etc. are NOT allowed
- No large or dangling jewelry
- No Cell Phones allowed on the field (may be left on the side line)
- No items in pockets
- Sunscreen is a must

Marching Performances

- School issues marching uniform
- Marching Shoes
- Gloves
- LONG WHITE socks
 - **No additional color should be visible**
- No jewelry including earrings
- Hair must be in pony tail and able to put in shako.
- No Nail Polish.
- Auxiliary will have uniform hair styles, and make-up

Concert Attire

- School issued Black Tux Shirt (for MPA Band)
 - Must be tucked in
 - No Ties
- Black PANTS of Students choice
- Black Belt
- Black closed toe shoes
- No additional medals may be worn
- Jewelry is admissible as long as it is tasteful.

Music Library

The music in the music library consists of music for band, small ensembles and soloists. Band Members may check out music by talking to the Band Director. The Music Library is off limits to all band members other than the Music Manager, Utility Officers, Band Captain or Drum Majors. Each student will be issued a section folder for Concert Band. The students are not to share music or trade or assign parts. Each student is responsible for the care and safe keeping of the music. Please do not tear, fold, or make excessive marks to the concert band music and remember to always use pencils and never ink. Students should not take music out of the folder but rather ask the Music Manager for a copy. Students should allow 24 hours for the Music Manager to make these copies.

Honor Bands, Festival and Other Activities

Students are encouraged to audition for Honor Bands and Festivals. These external musical activities will further develop current playing abilities, and inspire students in ways that playing within a normal musical day cannot. They allow students a chance to work with some of the most musically brilliant minds of our time and some of the best musicians throughout the state.

Some examples of Honor Band and Festivals are:

- *All-State Concert and Symphonic Bands (Tampa, FL)
- All-State Honor Band (Tampa, FL)
- *Big-Bend All District Band (Leon County)
- Tri-State Band and Conducting Festival (Tallahassee, FL)
- Festival of Winds (Tampa, FL)
- Florida State Summer Music Camps (Tallahassee, FL)
- District 3 FBA Solo and Ensemble (Leon County)
- *State FBA Solo and Ensemble (Various)

* Indicates Audition Based

Information about Honor Bands will be made available to students closer to the time of the events.

Travel and Trips

The band travels a great deal! Some special regulations are necessary for this type of activity.

1. Chaperones and Band Officers are to be obeyed and treated with respect.
2. Proper behavior is expected when on a school-sponsored trip. The Leon County Code of Student Conduct will be observed at all times.
3. Possession or use of alcohol, tobacco products, or narcotics is forbidden. These matters will be turned over to legal authorities and/or the appropriate school administrator. This is a no tolerance policy. Students who violate this rule will be removed from the program and brought up for reassignment.
4. Complete regulation uniform should be worn when in public unless otherwise stated by the Band Director.
5. Usual bus rules apply. Horseplay, screaming, or electronic devices without headphones are not permitted.
6. Conduct of Band Members in public eating-places should be subdued, respectful and courteous.
7. No PDA (Public Display of Affection) while on band trips or in uniform
8. Trips very rarely include substantial amounts of provided food. Students should plan on bringing money to buy food.
9. All students must travel to and from Band Events on the Band Bus (unless otherwise noted). Any student who needs to depart from a band event with his/her parent or guardian should submit a request to Mr. Commander via signed, hand-written note at least 1 week before the event. Students will only be released to the adult with proof of Photo Identification.
10. Students are responsible for their own equipment, music, and instruments; if they do not make sure their instrument is ready to be loaded by the loading crew, it will not go. Students will receive an itinerary of activities and trips and are responsible for knowing departure times.

11. Any illness or injury should be reported to a Chaperone and Band Director immediately, no matter how unimportant it may seem at the time. Upon arriving at a destination, students should remain seated until instructed to unload by the Chaperone or Band Director.
12. Return times are always included on the trip information sheets. We make every effort to keep to the schedule. Make arrangements to have a ride waiting for you when we arrive back at school.

Band Calendar

The band calendar shall be the official document of all band dates and activities. Due to the diversity of ensembles that the band has, not all students will be required to attend all events. It should also be known that some events will change due to conflicts that will arise. Mr. Commander will do his very best to make sure that all additions or changes to the calendar are made known as early as possible.

The official Band Calendar is located on the Band Website.

Band Booster Organization

The Leon Band Booster Association is a group of band parents dedicated to furthering the success of the band program. Band parents work each year as a support group for the students in the band program. This group does many great things throughout the year to ensure that the needs of the students are met. The group helps organize fund-raising activities, work concession stands, host silent auctions, and other events which raise the money needed for various functions. They also produce the chaperones needed to accompany the students to festivals, competitions, All-State, All-District, and other functions. ALL parents are encouraged to attend meetings (see calendar for dates) and to sign up for various volunteer activities or other contributions. WE NEED YOUR HELP!!!! If you have any questions on how you can get involved please talk to our Booster President, Deana Coyner.

Important Contact Information

Mr. Commander (Band Director)
commanderl@leonschools.net

Jennie Alvis (Booster President)
alvismassage3@gmail.com

Student Leadership Descriptions

Band Captain: The Band Captain is the top student leader in the Redcoat Family. He/she must be a senior in the band and must have been in the band for three years prior. He/she should always be at the forefront of positive behavior and musical accomplishments. The Band Captain shall sit as a member of the band council and will be responsible for the following:

- Serving as the official delegate for any band related function
- Working to resolve conflicts among leadership and band members
- Being the official Liaison for leadership to Staff
- Supervising all members of leadership throughout the course of the year
- Adding additional support and services to any member of the leadership team who needs assistance.
- Helping Maintain rehearsal etiquette on and off the field
- Holding weekly Council meeting with the Director throughout the year
- Holding weekly leadership team meetings throughout the course of the year
- Helping lead daily stretches

Drum Major: The Drum Major will be a sophomore, junior or senior in the band with an outstanding musical, academic, and personal record at Leon High School. He/she will unofficially serve as the face of the Marching Redcoats and shall be a member of the Band Council. They will be responsible for:

- Conducting all elements of music during football season
- Maintaining a positive environment during all rehearsals and football games
- Maintaining a positive image for all band students as the image of the band program
- Assisting Section Leaders in musical decision and instruction for students, including Musical Sectionals if asked.
- Creating an attendance block
- Supervising all section leaders throughout the course of the year
- Getting long ranger to the field and back to the band room for every rehearsal and game.
- Attending weekly Council Meetings
- Helping lead daily stretches

Brass and Woodwind Captains: The Captains shall be a sophomore, junior or senior in the band with an outstanding sense of organization and dedication to the band program. He/she will serve as a member of the band council and will be responsible for:

- Ensuring that attendance is taken at ALL practices and performances
- Distributing information to the leadership team when asked
- Taking working minutes at all leadership meetings
- Helping create a bus list for football games and generate attendance lists for those events
- Helping with the distribution of lockers and codes
- Serving as the official delegate for any band related function should the Band Captain be unable to attend
- Supervising all managers and utility officers throughout the course of the year
- Helping lead daily stretches

Section Leaders (including percussion captain and colorguard captains): These members shall be outstanding members of the band program who continue to go to great lengths to ensure the longevity of the band program on a consistent basis. They are responsible for:

- Taking attendance for their sections and returning the attendance sheet to the Band Secretary at every practice, game and special event
- Ensuring the musical integrity of their section throughout the course of the year, including Concert Season
- Ensuring the marching integrity of their section throughout the course of the season
- Creating a healthy and safe working environment for new and returning members consistently throughout the year
- Being the first line of communication for all negative interactions within their section, and being willing to work with other sections leaders to resolve issues across sections
- Ensuring their section is prepared for all rehearsals and performances throughout the year
- Willing to schedule sectionals where needed throughout the season

Colorguard and Percussion Captains will also serve as part of the Band Council and are expected to attend all Council meetings

Music Manager: This member shall be a sophomore, junior, or senior in the band who exhibits outstanding music and leadership qualities. He/She shall be responsible for:

- Generating copies of all half time and stand tune music throughout the season.
- Generating copies of Coordinate Sheets and Drill Charts for students, staff and leadership throughout the course of the season
- Creating and maintaining the music copy request form
- Ensuring the organization and cleanliness of the music library at all times
- Instructing Utility Officers on proper procedures and protocol in the music library
- Accepting the help of the Utility Officers as a means to decrease the workload

Equipment Manager: This member shall be a sophomore, junior or senior in the band who exhibits outstanding leadership qualities. They are responsible for:

- Ensuring proper care and maintenance of all equipment used throughout the year
- Coordinating appropriate set up for the start of all rehearsals (podium, ladders, field markers, ice and water, etc)
- Ensuring the organization and cleanliness of the band room and practice rooms at all times
- Coordinating a loading team for all off-site performances throughout the year
- Assisting the Director in maintaining accurate inventory of band instruments and equipment throughout the course of the year, Concert Season included
- Accepting the help of the Utility Officers as a means to decrease the workload

**2020-2021 LEON HIGH SCHOOL MARCHING REDCOATS
LEADERSHIP TEAM**

***BAND CAPTAIN: NICOLE MAROWSKI**
***DRUM MAJORS: JULIAN WHITE, MORGAN CERRA**
***WOODWIND CAPTAIN: JOSH BARBER**
***BRASS CAPTAIN: IAN MCCAUL**
***PERCUSSION CAPTAIN: GIANNA RUSSELL**
***AUXILIARY CAPTAIN: HANNAH BACON**

FLUTE SECTION LEADER: QUIANAH BRADFORD-COX
ASSISTANT FLUTE SECTION LEADER: JOEY HAMMONS

CLARINET SECTION LEADERS: JORDAN BYRD, INDIA LAMB

SAXOPHONE SECTION LEADERS: ARIEL FABIAN
ASSISTANT SAXOPHONE SECTION LEADER: BAYLOR CHOMAT-HORNE

TRUMPET SECTION LEADER: MATTHEW SWANSON
ASSISTANT TRUMPET SECTION LEADER: KAYDEN WASHINGTON

HORN SECTION LEADER: CASEY FELDER

LOW BRASS SECTION LEADER: JANE COHEN

PERCUSSION SECTION LEADER: CHRISTIAN ALVIS
ASSISTANT PERCUSSION SECTION LEADER: IAN GUARRAIA

COLOR GUARD SECTION LEADER: JANIA SPRINGER
**ASSISTANT COLOR GUARD SECTION LEADER: JAYONA COLEMAN,
SERENITY WILLIAMS**

DANCE SECTION LEADER: BELLA CAMPO

MUSIC MANAGER: BRITNEY DELGADO

EQUIPMENT MANAGER: JACOB HARDY
ASSISTANT EQUIPMENT MANAGERS:

XAVIER WOODLEY
VASH HO
CAMERON MARTINELLO
CHRISTINA PARK
MAX MICKLES (PERCUSSION)
KATELYN SHIPLEY, AMY WADDELL (AUXILIARY)

***DENOTES COUNCIL**

Signature Sheet - Participation Contract

We have read the 2020-2021 Leon High School Band Handbook, understand, and agree to the information it contains. We know that if we have any questions, we may contact the Band Director by telephone or e-mail.

Parent Signature

Student Signature

Student Information

Name: _____

Instrument: _____

Address: _____

Home Phone: _____

Parent/Guardian's Names:

Parent/Guardian #1: _____

Work Phone: _____ Cell Phone: _____

Email Address: _____

Relationship: _____

Parent/Guardian #2: _____

Work Phone: _____ Cell Phone: _____

Email Address: _____

Relationship: _____