

The Lincoln County High  
School and Ninth Grade  
Academy Band



Handbook  
2017~2018

Mr. Johnathan Johnson, Director of Bands

## Welcome Letter

Welcome back, or for some of you welcome for the first time. It is again time to start another great year for the LCHS and NGA Bands. I am extremely excited to get started working with you and look forward to an eventful and fruitful year of music making.

To incoming members: We are all excited to have you with us and hope you enjoy your next 4 years here at LCHS, as it will be over before you know it! Not many people get an opportunity to do this activity and each and every one of you brings something incredibly special to the table. That is what will make this program something great.

To the new and returning members: Remember we are a family! The LCHS Band family is hardworking, diligent, determined, and courageous. So let's hit the ground running and make 2017-2018 a year to remember!

We have a lot in store for this year as you will see. I am expecting a lot out of this group and I know you can do it. This handbook consists of all the expectations of a LCHS band member, as well as a multitude of very important information that you will need all year so DO NOT misplace this! After you have read this entire handbook, sign the back page acknowledging that you have read, understand, and will abide by this handbook and everything in it. Additionally, the forms that accompany this handbook must be returned to me ASAP. Otherwise you cannot participate in events.

This is your band and it is what you make it. So make it great and give it your all. I was once in your position, so know that I am in your corner. Let's have an awesome year and make some awesome music together! GO FALCONS!

Musically yours,

Johnathan Johnson  
Director of Bands

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## Mission Statement

We, the musicians of Lincoln County High School and the Ninth Grade Academy, pledge that we will learn and work together in a positive and conducive environment. We will foster friendships and help one another develop both musically and intellectually. Furthermore, we will act as ambassadors for music and our school, and will hold ourselves to the highest of moral and ethical codes.

## Philosophy

The goal of this program is to provide every student an opportunity to grow both musically and intellectually while participating in a collaborative learning environment. All members of the LCHS and NGA bands will perform musically and compose themselves in the highest possible manner. Through musical learning and hard work, we will inspire not only ourselves but those around us and represent ourselves and our school well.

## Moral Expectations

If I were to ask a student of band what is expected of them, this would be the best answer.

*We as students are meant to inspire, model, challenge, encourage, and enable ourselves and others to reach their potential.*

*We inspire, in ourselves and in others, a thirst for knowledge and creative thinking that can lead to our own personal discoveries in life and music.*

*We model a moral code and a system of mutual respect so everyone can express their thoughts, feelings, and desires in a meaningful way.*

*We challenge, not only others around us, but ourselves to surpass expectations that have been set before us.*

*We encourage others to stay diligent and work hard to better themselves and those around them.*

*We enable each other to reach their goals by providing support and camaraderie and opening up the possibilities for everyone to succeed.*

*And finally, we celebrate our accomplishments. We speak and reflect on the value and meaningfulness of music in our lives. We do this so that the next generation of students will also benefit from the same opportunities that were afforded to us.*

To best summarize this would be to say the following:

**Be a good person.**

## Physical Expectations

- **Be on time!**  
“If you are early, you are on time. If you are on time, you are late. If you are late, you are wrong.” -A very smart person
  - **Have all your materials and equipment.**  
This includes pencils, instruments, appropriate attire, and music at every rehearsal and performance.
  - **Attendance is mandatory at all band functions.** (unless made explicitly clear an event is voluntary) With that being said, should you volunteer to do something, do it. Band is a performance based class. Practice is homework. Rehearsals are in class work or daily grades. Performances are exams. If you miss or do not complete one or more, your grade will suffer.
  - **Be a good person.**  
This is the most important and all encompassing rule that I have. If you think that what you are doing is not something that would be considered good, then don't do it. You are all practically adults and know the difference between right and wrong. If you are confused, ask me and I will let you know. However if you have to ask if something is considered good, the answer is probably no.
  - **Speak up.**  
If you have a question or concern ask a friend, a section leader, a staff member, or myself. This is just as much your band as it is everyone else's. We are in this together.
  - **Clean up.**  
Clean up after yourselves. Keep your area tidy and respect the facilities we work and learn in. If you see trash laying on the ground or in the floor, be the person that picks it up. Don't just walk past it.
- \*each student must also complete a minimum of 10 band hours. These can be numerous things that deal with community service towards the band. I will have opportunities posted for band hours regularly\***

## Conduct

Treat others as you would like to be treated. Yes, this is the golden rule. However, always ask yourself are you being a good person and if the answer is no, then make a change.

# ACADEMIC CALENDAR

\*ALL AFTERNOON REHEARSALS ARE NOT LISTED. REHEARSALS ARE EVERY TUESDAY AND THURSDAY AFTER SCHOOL DURING THE FALL

July 17 & 20	8:30 am - 6pm	Mini Camp, Week 1	NGA
July 24 - 28	8:30 am - 6pm	Main Camp, Week 2	NGA
July 31 (MONDAY)	7:00 am – 9 am	Band Pictures in Uniforms	Meet at NGA
August 8 (Tuesday)	3:30pm-5:30pm	First Tuesday after school rehearsal	TBA
August 10 (Thursday)	3:30pm- 5:30pm	First Thursday afterschool rehearsal	TBA
[Afterschool rehearsals will be every Tuesday and Thursday until the end of the Football season]			
[All football games are scheduled to begin at 7pm. Call times for will be announced at the beginning of each week]			
<b>August 18</b>	<b>7:00 pm</b>	<b>Home Game</b>	<b>vs. Lawrence County</b>
<b>September 1</b>	<b>7:00 pm</b>	<b>Away Game</b>	<b>vs. Columbia</b>
<b>September 7 (Thursday)</b>	<b>TBA</b>	<b>Highland Rim Homecoming</b>	<b>Highland Rim School</b>
<b>September 8</b>	<b>7:00 pm</b>	<b>Away Game</b>	<b>vs. Giles County</b>
September 9-16	TBA	Lincoln County Fair (Fundraiser)	LC Fair Grounds
<b>*September 15</b>	<b>7:00 pm</b>	<b>Home Game</b>	<b>vs. Shelbyville</b>
<b>September 22</b>	<b>7:00 pm</b>	<b>Away Game</b>	<b>vs. Tullahoma</b>
September 23	TBA	Frito Lay Picnic (Fundraiser)	Fayetteville, TN
<b>September 29</b>	<b>7:00 pm</b>	<b>Away Game</b>	<b>vs. Page</b>
<i>September 30</i>	<i>TBA</i>	<i>Possible Contest Day</i>	<i>Siegle High School</i>
<b>October 6 (HOMECOMING)</b>	<b>7:00 pm</b>	<b>Home Game</b>	<b>vs. Nolensville</b>
<i>October 7 (Saturday)</i>	<i>TBA</i>	<i>Southern Hospitality Marching Festival</i>	<i>Hartselle, AL</i>
<b>October 13</b>	<b>7:00 pm</b>	<b>Home Game (required pep band)</b>	<b>vs. White County</b>
<b>October 20 (Senior Night)</b>	<b>7:00 pm</b>	<b>Home Game</b>	<b>vs. Franklin County</b>
<b>October 27</b>	<b>7:00 pm</b>	<b>Away Game</b>	<b>vs. Summit</b>
<i>October 28</i>	<i>TBA</i>	<i>Pulaski Marching Classic</i>	<i>Giles County High School</i>
*November 11	Morning	Veteran’s Day Program	LCHS
<b>December- March</b>	<b>TBA</b>	<b>Basketball Pep Band Games</b>	<b>LCHS</b>
December 2	7:00am	Mid-State Auditions Gr.11-12	TBA
December TBA	TBA	Fayetteville Christmas Parade	TBA
December 9	7:00am	Mid-state Auditions Gr. 9-10	TBA
*December 14th	TBA	Winter Concert	LCHS
March (TBA)	TBA	All-County Band Day	LCHS
*May	TBA	Tri-Lakes Solo and Ensemble	TBA
TBA	TBA	Spring Concert	LCHS
TBA	TBA	Band Banquet	LCHS

\* denotes that the schedule is tentative and subject to change. However, information about changes, additions, or omissions will be distributed ahead of time

## Communication

**Facebook:** <https://www.facebook.com/groups/78222641949/>

(This is a closed group page but is what we will mainly stay in communication with)

**Email: (Preferred):** Mr. Johnathan Johnson, Director ([jjohnson@lcdoe.org](mailto:jjohnson@lcdoe.org))

**LCHS Phone:** (931)433-6505

**NGA Phone:** (931)433-6156

**Band Twitter Page:** @LCHSFalconband

**Remind Text Account:** Text @201718ba to the number 81010

(Everyone, parents and students, need to sign up for this)

**Booster Email:** [lchsfalconband@gmail.com](mailto:lchsfalconband@gmail.com)

**Band Booster Officers:**

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Judy Rigsby, Vice President [jrig71@gmail.com](mailto:jrig71@gmail.com)

Sherri Gray, Secretary [grayds@att.net](mailto:grayds@att.net)

Angela Osborne, Treasurer [aosborne@lcdoe.org](mailto:aosborne@lcdoe.org)

**Charms:** This is a program that we use to keep track of expenses, points, music, attendance etc. [www.charmsoffice.com](http://www.charmsoffice.com) School Code: LincolnCounty (one word)  
Username is the students first part of their School Google Email address. When you first register the temporary password is the same

## Ensemble Description

**Marching band:** The marching band is a large portion of our program here at LCHS and NGA. This ensemble is open to all students who wish to participate in grades 9-12. This ensemble rehearses on Tuesdays and Thursday afternoons, as well as, during the school day. This ensemble also requires travel to and from competitions and football games throughout the semester. Periodically throughout the semester, we will perform parades and in other venues for different events. This is a graded subject.

**Concert Band:** The concert band is the premier performing ensemble at LCHS and NGA. This ensemble is open to all students who wish to participate in grades 9-12. This ensemble rehearses only during the school day. Placement in this ensemble is a result of chair auditions during the school year. This ensemble may travel to concert festival in the Spring of each year and hosts a minimum of 2 concerts (Winter, and Spring.)

**Jazz Band:** The jazz band is a voluntary group and consists of drum set, auxiliary percussion, bass guitar, piano, trumpets, trombones, and saxophones. Other instruments may be added at the director's discretion. This ensemble meets after school in the spring and is intended to be a high energy fun event. This group will perform at special concerts during the Spring semester.

**Other Ensembles:** Other ensembles such as (Small Jazz combo, Quintets, Pep Band, and Percussion ensembles, Winter Percussion, Winter Guard) may be available to you and this information will be distributed as details are ironed out.

## Travel Protocols

Ensembles will travel to numerous locations over the next year. As a result, in order to be eligible for travel, students must file all forms within this handbook and submit them before travel. All rules and policies of the school system apply even during an off campus event. You are my responsibility and therefore I have zero tolerance for misbehavior while we are away, on the road, and representing our school. If I feel you are not conducting yourself appropriately, I reserve the right to refuse your travel privileges.

## Uniform Policy

Uniforms are the property of the LCHS band program. If damaged, it is the students responsibility for repair or replacement costs. That being said treat uniforms with the utmost care so we have them and we look good, simply put.

### Marching band uniform:

- Jacket (Provided)
- Bibbers (Provided)
- Hat (Provided)
- Shoes (Not provided) \$30 new \$10 used (if available)
- Gloves
- Black Socks
- \*hair should be up and all jewelry (unless medical bracelets) should not be worn or covered up.

### Guard:

- All your attire is provided and is part of your guard fees.

### Concert Attire:

The dress for most concerts will be what is called “Sunday Dress.”

#### **Guys:**

Dress with slacks or khakis (No jeans), a button up shirt and tie is expected, suit jackets are acceptable as well as vests or any other formal wear. No hats, jeans, tennis shoes or sandals.

#### **Ladies:**

Dress with skirts, dresses, or dress pants that are no shorter than knee length. Tops should be modest and conservative in nature (nothing exposed below the neck line and with sleeves). Jewelry may be worn but should also be modest. Shoes must be closed toe, no higher than 1 inch heels. Flats are preferable.

**Concert Black:** Occasionally I will ask for concert black attire. This includes black shoes and attire for ladies, and black button ups, black shoes, and black slacks for gentlemen.

**Inappropriate attire or misuse of any uniform will result in the dismissal from the event. As well as, receiving a zero for the day and possibly failing the class.**



## Attendance Policy

**Attendance at all rehearsals and performances is mandatory. If you fail to show up to these and your excuse is not excusable or non-legitimate, you will fail this class.** If it is an ensemble that does not receive a grade, I will remove you from the ensemble. In other words, be there and don't be late. If you are sick I need a doctor's note, if it's an emergency I need some form of acceptable and official documentation. You made a commitment to myself and your peers to be in the band. See it through. A chain is only as strong as its weakest link.

## Expenses

### **What are Expenses for?**

Any high school band is a very expensive operation. Including but not limited to: instruments and instrument repair, travel expenses, uniforms and uniform maintenance, music, expenses to musical organizations, festival and contest entry expenses, and staff. To cover those expenses we constantly need parent/sponsor volunteers. We are entirely self-funded and anything we do we have to raise money for. We do numerous fund raisers, and we request that band membership help cover those expenses. Many band programs around us have budgets well into 6 figures. We only break 5! As well as many programs around us have band student expenses ranging from \$600 - \$800+.

Some of our biggest fundraisers come from parent/sponsor/student involvement. The more parent involvement into the program the less out of pocket expense there are for the students.

We do work on a point system please see the student grading and point section on page 11.

**The base band expense for every member of band is \$165.**

This expense includes:

\$100 camp expense

Uniform care and maintenance

Travel expenses

Registration fees

Staff

Music

Equipment

Band T-Shirt

any other needs as the year progresses

**This does not include the cost of school rented instruments or shoes**

Instrument rental is \$25 and shoes are new \$30 and used \$10 (if available.)

**Color guard expenses are \$250**

This expense includes:

\$100 camp expense

All performance and practice equipment

Make-up

Custom Fit Uniform up to \$125

Shoes

as well as everything you need during the year

## Daily Schedule Fall and Spring

	M	T	W	R	F
Block 1	Feeder Schools	Feeder Schools	Feeder Schools	Feeder Schools	Feeder Schools
Block 2	Feeder Schools	Feeder Schools	Feeder Schools	Feeder Schools	Feeder Schools
Block 3	Lunch/Music Appreciation	Lunch/Music Appreciation	Lunch/Music Appreciation	Lunch/Music Appreciation	Lunch/Music Appreciation
Block 4	Band	Band	Band	Band	Band

## Band Camp Schedule Mini Camp

(Front ensemble in sectionals during setting drill)

	M	T	W	R	F
8:30-9:30	Rookie Camp	Introductions	Rookie Camp	Stretch/ Fundamentals	
9:45-Noon	Rookie Camp	Stretch/ Fundamentals	Rookie Camp	Sectional Fundamentals	
Noon -1	Lunch	Lunch	Lunch	Lunch	
1-3:30	Percussion and Color Guard	Sectionals/ Rehearsal	Percussion and Color Guard	Sectionals/ Rehearsal	
3:45-6:00	Percussion and Color Guard	Full Band Rehearsal (Be ready for both indoor and outdoor)	Percussion and Color Guard	Full Band Rehearsal and Fundamentals (Be ready for both indoor and outdoor)	

## Full Camp

	M	T	W	R	F
8:30-9:30	Stretch/ Fundamentals	Stretch/ Fundamentals	Stretch/ Fundamentals	Stretch/ Fundamentals	Stretch/ Fundamentals
9:30-Noon	Fundamentals/ Set Drill	Fundamentals/ Set Drill	Set Drill	Set Drill	Set Drill
Noon-1	Lunch	Lunch	Lunch	Lunch	Lunch
1-3:30	Sectionals	Sectionals	Sectionals	Sectionals	Sectionals
3:30-6	music inside/review outside	music inside/review outside	music inside/review outside (dismiss at 5)	music inside/review outside	music inside/review outside

# Grading and Points

Grading for this class is based on the following factors:

Attendance to rehearsals and performances

Participation (in class and performances)

Tests

5 Points (for band service)

## **What are Points for?**

Due to the band program being completely self-funded we rely heavily on the involvement of Family members. Band expenses cover roughly 10% of our annual budget. The Remaining 90% is done through various fundraisers. Most of this revenue is brought in from the concession stands at football games, which requires 30 volunteers to run effectively!! We cannot function without the involvement of our parents and sponsors!

Each Band member is responsible for 10 Points (5 points on their own, 5 points from a parent or sponsor) these are the service portion of their academic grade for the year.

*1 hour of service = 1 point*

### How students can earn points:

- Participating in band related activities outside of Marching or Concert Band.
- Reaching fundraising goals.
- Taking on additional responsibility/leadership roles.
- Other avenues as deemed appropriate by the director.

### How Parents/Sponsors/Boosters can earn points:

- Volunteering to work in concession stands/ fundraisers
- Chaperoning on trips/games/competitions
- Helping with moving /building/maintaining equipment during the season
- Helping haul trailers.
- Securing corporate/local sponsorships
- Attending Band Booster meetings

**If the 5 booster/sponsor points cannot be met, I request that the student band expense is raised by \$50.**

\*Please note that the student's grade will only be affected if they do not complete their own 5 points. \*

## Fundraisers

Over the course of the year students and band boosters have numerous fundraisers. Here is a list of events we do and you will participate in:

**Fruit Sale:** This is a student ran fundraiser that goes through the school. This fundraiser takes place in the fall of each year and can raise quite a bit of money to purchase much needed supplies for the music program.

**Concessions:** The band boosters run concessions for all home football games and for other events during the school year. The majority of our revenue for traveling, purchasing equipment, and anything we do with the band comes from running these concession stands.

**Other Fundraisers:** There will be ample fundraisers throughout the year that will be led both through the school and the Band Booster organization. Students have the opportunity to raise money for their own band expenses on some of the fundraisers. More information will be available about these as the year progresses.

Other Fundraisers included: Sonic Cards, Car Washes, Strawberry's, Cookbooks, Craft Fairs, Frito Lay Picnics, Restaurant Partnerships Nights, and many more.

It is very important that we raise funds as we are completely self-funded. The more money we can find and raise, the more things we are able to do and purchase for you! And of course, the more places we can go.

*This concludes the 2017-2018 LCHS and NGA band handbook. Know that any dates and times in this handbook are tentative and subject to change. Let's have a great year.*

**GO BAND!!!**

## Publicity Release Form

I, \_\_\_\_\_, give consent for pictures, videos or other forms of media that have been record over the course of this year with the LCHS and NGA Bands to be used in advertisements or other media sources such as newspaper articles. These pictures or videos and recordings may be gathered at Football games, rehearsals, and/or contests as well as other events we may partake in over the next year. By signing, I allow LCHS to use these forms of media for educational purposes.

Parent signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

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## Instrument Rental Policy

If you need to use or rent a school owned instrument, you must fill out this form and submit it to me. Rental cost is \$25.

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Instrument \_\_\_\_\_

Make/Brand of Instrument \_\_\_\_\_ Serial Number \_\_\_\_\_

By signing below you agree that you are to take care of this instrument and any damage will be your financial responsibility to repair.

Signature \_\_\_\_\_

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## Permission to Travel

By traveling you are subject to all rules included in the school systems handbook. This includes no drugs, tobacco, alcohol or any other illicit substances. Failure to abide by school policy or my policy may mean the dismissal of you from any music program and possible expulsion from school. Make good choices.

Student Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Grade: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone(s): (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_ (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City/State/Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

By signing below you authorize your child to travel to all events with the band and will be held responsible in the event of a failure to abide by school policy.

Parent Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

## Medical Information

To allow students to travel and to keep your child safe I am mandated by law to have medical information with me at all times. In order for your child to participate, I MUST have this information on file. Please complete the form below and have it returned to me before the end of the first full week of school.

Student Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Grade: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone(s): (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_ (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_

Emergency Contact Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Emergency Contact Phone: (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_

Date of Birth (Month/Day/Year): \_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Allergies: \_\_\_\_\_

Medication taken and time it should be taken: \_\_\_\_\_

Other medical information in the event of emergency: \_\_\_\_\_

I \_\_\_\_\_ (Parent Name) authorize a staff member to have care of my child, and ensure my child's safety should any emergency arise and I cannot be notified. It is understood that I will be contacted prior to treatment, but treatment will be given if I cannot be reached.

Parent Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

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## Agreement Form

I, the student, have read and agree to everything written in this handbook. If I fail to comply with any of the requirements stated in this handbook, I may be dismissed from any musical activity or even school depending on the severity of my infraction.

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_