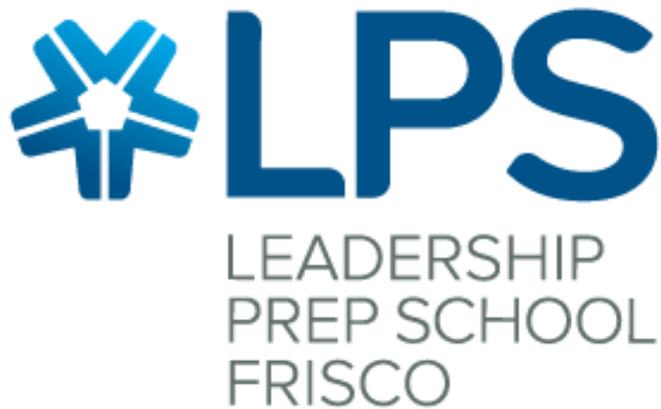


Leadership Prep School  
Mighty Lion Band Handbook  
2019-2020



Ashley Allen - Director of Bands

6<sup>th</sup> Grade Band  
Middle School Band  
High School Band

## **LPS Mighty Lion Band**

Welcome to the LPS Band Program. We look forward to a wonderful year filled with learning and music making. We are excited to be working with all of the wonderful students signed to be a part of our incredible Performing Arts Program.

Hard work pays off. When we work hard, we reach our goals. Students are expected to work hard to become an advanced and self-confident musician. The effort each student puts into becoming a mature and successful musician will affect their level of growth in this program. Students should foster a positive, determined attitude to become the best musician they can be. In order to grow and develop as a musician, students need to make a dedication to practice time and rehearsal. Individual responsibility is imperative to the growth of each student and the band program as a whole.

### **Communication**

Communication between parents and staff is the key to a successful music department. Please feel free to contact us at any time with any questions about the handbook, class work, concerts or any information regarding our program. The best form of communication during the day is through email. Below you will find my contact information:

Ashley Allen [aallen@lpsfrisco.com](mailto:aallen@lpsfrisco.com) 432-230-8480 (cell)

Please see our website to find information about calendar and performance information.

[www.lpsfrisco.com](http://www.lpsfrisco.com)

### **Blackboard**

This year, I will primarily be communicating through Blackboard. This is a system the school uses in order for teachers to send out mass emails and texts to parents and students. There is nothing that you need to do in order to sign up for Blackboard but if you feel that you are not receiving any information from me through email, please reach out to me and I will double check that you are in our system.

### **Band Fee**

Each member of the LPS Band will be required to pay a \$100 band fee for the year. This is to pay for field trips, new music, shirts, and other supplies. This fee will be paid through MySchoolBucks. Please let the band director know if you have any questions or concerns.

## Commitment

Students are expected to practice a total of 180 minutes per week. This is to ensure that students develop proper playing skills. Small increments of consistent practice are much more beneficial than large amounts of practice every few days. Students should practice 30 minutes a night. This works out to 6 days a week. We are aware that issues may arise and you may have to practice longer on certain nights to achieve your minutes, we would prefer that not happen every week. Extra rehearsals, private lessons, sectionals, and concerts count as 30 minutes on the practice log.

Students that practice a total of 181-210 minutes or more in a week will receive a credit grade of 110.

We will not accept practice records without a parent signature. If you lose a copy of your practice record, please check the band website to download another copy. Students will be given one physical copy each 9 weeks but will need to print replacements at home. Students also have the opportunity to turn in practice journals digitally through Echo. Physical or digital practice journals are both acceptable but they are a bit different. If students decide to use the Echo practice journal, it asks that they detail out what they have been practicing, what tempo, as well as how many minutes since there is not a way for parents to sign the electronic copy.

Minutes	Grade
181-210	110
180	100
150-179	90
120-149	80
80-119	70
40-79	60
0-39	50

Practice records are due every Friday. The school late policy will be followed for grading practice records. The practice journals count as a weekly grade.

Concerts and all other performances are required and will be counted as 30% of your grade. They will be a major grade.

## Grades

Band grades are designed to allow students to be rewarded for their efforts and improvements. Band grades will be weighted in the following manner:

- 20% Knowledge & Thinking – Quizzes and Tests
  - Written Quizzes
  - Written Tests

- 10% Agency – Participation
  - Supplies/Materials Checks
  - Rehearsal Participation Grades
  - Fundamentals or Progress Grades
  - Locker Checks
  
- 30% Collaboration – Rehearsal and Concert Attendance
  - Sectional Attendance
  - Concert Attendance
  
- 20% Oral Communication – Playing Tests and Chair Tests
  - Playing Tests
  - Chair Tests
  
- 20% Written Communication – Practice Journals, Written Homework
  - Practice Journals
  - Written Homework
  - Theory Assignments

### **Instrument Care/Identification**

All students will be required to have their instrument cases clearly labeled with their name on a piece of tape or on an ID tag. Luggage tags work great.

Every student is expected to have his/her instrument in top playing condition at all times. When the students detect a problem with the instrument, he/she should take it to the director first (occasionally, the director can fix the problem). If the director cannot repair the instrument, the student is responsible for taking the instrument to get repaired. Most repairs take a few days maximum. A student should take his/her mouthpiece and reeds out of the case before taking it to the repair shop. A student can still practice on his/her mouthpiece. Students without instruments will always be at a learning disadvantage. Therefore, it is imperative that instruments in need of repair become a top priority for the students and their parents.

### **Instrument Lockers**

All students will be assigned a locker for their instrument with the exception of large instruments such as the tuba. Students are responsible for keeping their instruments locked inside their locker and inside their case whenever they are not using it. Instruments are a big financial investment and lockers are intended to keep them safe. Students will also be provided a combination Master Lock for their locker. These are school property and are expected to be on the student's locker at the end of the year or they will be responsible for paying for the same model of lock as a replacement. Let the director know if you need to purchase a new lock.

## Locker Clean Out

At the end of the fall and the end of the spring semester students are required to clean out their lockers entirely and leave their school owned lock on their locker. This is required and will be for a grade.

## Supplies for Rehearsals

Students are expected to have appropriate supplies in every band class, rehearsal, sectional, and individual practice session. The following supplies should be at the student's chair at all times:

- Instrument, music, black 1 " binder, a **pencil** (most important) – All students
- Valve/slide oil – All brass players
- Minimum of 4 working reeds – All reed players
- Method Books and any printed music

## Classroom Procedures, Behavior Expectations and Facility Rules

Classroom behavior greatly impacts each student's learning and growth. Effective and efficient rehearsals will lead to a great experience for all students. The following procedures will be enforced in The LPS Band Program:

- Exhibit respect for yourself, peers, teachers and the band facilities at all times.
- Share the air and know when it is appropriate to speak versus when it is appropriate to let others speak.
- Be in your seat with all materials, ready to rehearse, at the bell (or slightly after in the case of performing bands)
- Keep a pencil on your stand during every rehearsal. Buy many of these as they tend to get lost easily
- Follow instructions and remain seated during class time unless otherwise instructed.
- Students should never leave their instrument unattended and should only handle their OWN instrument. Do not touch other student's instruments or percussion equipment in the band hall unless you are a percussionist who has permission.
- Students will be expected to take their instrument home every day for daily practice. Instruments can be picked up right after school daily. If you leave school early, please take your instrument with you.

## Classroom Discipline Plan

Success and excellence is a direct product of well-disciplined and highly motivated band students. Members of the LPS Mighty Lion Band are held to high standards in and out of the band hall. Following the guidelines and expectations will help to develop your student's learning experience and help them to reach their full potential. Violation of our behavior standards or inappropriate behavior may result in one or more of the following:

Consequences

1. Warning
2. Parent Call
3. Band Detention with Parent Notification
4. Office Referral
5. Removal from Band (case by case basis)

### **Academic Eligibility**

State law requires that students pass all of their classes in order to participate in extra-curricular activities. When a student fails one class for a nine week grading period, he/she will become ineligible for at least three weeks. At the end of the three- week period, if the student is passing all of his/her classes, he/she will regain his/her eligibility status and at the 6- week period a student can lose or regain eligibility as well. If not, the student remains ineligible for the remainder of the 9 -week period. The state along with the school district calendar sets the exact dates grades are checked and when eligibility begins and ends.

The band program participates in two kinds of activities, extra-curricular and curricular. When a student is ineligible he/she may still participate in curricular activities. Curricular activities include practices, sectionals, and concerts. Extra-curricular activities include football games, pep rallies, contests, All-Region tryouts, All-Region clinic/concert, and Solo and Ensemble Contest.

### **Sectionals/Extra Rehearsals**

Attendance is required at all sectionals and rehearsals. Participation outside the school day is a required part of the band program and grades will be given for participation and attendance. The sectionals schedule will be given as needed but 6<sup>th</sup> Grade, Middle School, and High School Band will have no more than one sectional per week before or after school. Extra rehearsals/Clinics/Master Classes will be listed on our Calendar of Events.

### **Concerts**

All students are required to attend and participate in concerts. Concerts are part of the band curriculum, and a grade will be recorded for attendance of the entire concert and appropriate concert behavior. It is extremely important that all students support each other's hard work and learn appropriate behavior for concerts. Excused absences from school are normally the only acceptable reasons for failure to attend a sectional, rehearsal or performance. These include illness, death in the family, etc. Students who have conflicts with performances or practices should have the parent or guardian send an email to the director as soon as the conflict is known to have consideration for being excused or to leave early (minimum of one week notice). Please remember that band is a group activity and relies on everyone's participation to be successful. The earlier we know about a potential conflict the better.

**Band Handbook Acknowledgement Form 2019-2020**  
**Print and Return by 8/30/19**

The handbook is provided to help our band remain enjoyable, efficient, and educational for all of its members. Making expectations clear at the beginning of the year helps make this possible. Included in this handbook is a great deal of information necessary to function as a successful LPS band member.

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Print Student's Name

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Band Class (Mod)

**I have received and read a digital copy of the LPS Band Handbook and I am aware of mine and my child's expectations and responsibilities involved as a member of the LPS Mighty Lion Band.**

**I also understand and consent to the responsibilities outlined in the LPS Students Code of Conduct. I also understand and agree that my child named above shall be held accountable for the behavior and consequences outlined in the Student Code of Conduct at school, and at school-sponsored or school-related activities. This shall include school-sponsored travel and any school-related misconduct, regardless of time or location.**

**Students involved in extracurricular activities are held to a higher standard of conduct. We view participation in extracurricular activities as a privilege and not a right. I understand that any student who violates the Student code of Conduct shall be subject to disciplinary action. This includes any misconduct, regardless of time or location, which would reflect upon representing LPS in an extracurricular activity. Students involved in a major disciplinary action (i.e. including but not limiting to alcohol, drugs, and violent behavior) will be removed temporarily or permanently from extracurricular activities. Seasons of extracurricular may vary and could extend into the next school year. Discipline action may affect tryout eligibility for the next season.**

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Student Signature

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Date

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Parent Signature

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Date