



LINCOLN-WAY
MARCHING BAND

NEW PARENTS GUIDE

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As a parent of a potential future LWMB member, we are aware that you may have several questions regarding your child's participation in high school marching band. Joining the Lincoln-Way Marching Band is a fantastic choice for your son or daughter. Members of the LWMB develop into strong performers and self-disciplined students all while building friendships that will last well beyond their high school years. As a new member of the LWMB, your child will walk through the door confidently the first day of school already knowing 200 other students! Many rehearsals result in countless rewards and unforgettable memories!

1. When do LWMB rehearsals begin?

- Students participating in the "Performance Level" (full experience) begin rehearsing in mid-June when L-W summer school is in session, continuing each week through July 4th. July is generally free except for band camp (required), which is at the end of July. Students in the Football Bands begin rehearsing in August.

2. How much time does the LWMB take during the school year?

- "Performance Level" rehearsals during a typical school week are on Mondays, Wednesdays, and Thursdays at one of the three L-W campuses. On Saturdays, "Performance Level" students either rehearse or perform at a competition. "Performance" and "Football" LWMB members perform at football games on Friday evenings.

3. Does the LWMB prevent students from being involved in other school activities?

- No. We have students that are involved in all aspects of student organizations, clubs, and sports. Students will need to learn to manage their time/commitments wisely to be involved in several school activities.

4. If my child takes a full schedule of demanding classes, is there still time to do marching band?

- Yes! Even if students signed up for multiple AP or Honors classes, marching band is not a problem. The LWMB consistently contains several members in the top of each class. Because of the marching experience, students learn the self-discipline to achieve at high levels academically.



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5. My child's instrument is not a 'marching band' instrument, are they still able to participate?

- Of course! Many members of the LWMB will play a different marching instrument during marching season, and then return to their primary instrument in concert band. This is very common, and many students end up enjoying being able to play two instruments.

6. Can I take Concert Band all four years of high school and still get in all my graduation requirements without attending summer school?

- Yes. However, all students may need to take "Zero Hour" courses to create open schedule spots. If you choose not to take summer school or zero hour, it is highly probable that you will not have room for any electives, especially Freshman year. Many band students elect to take Zero Hour or Summer School (or both) to stay on track.

7. Is it a requirement to take a music performance class to participate in the LWMB?

- The Lincoln-Way Marching Band is an extracurricular activity open to any Lincoln-Way student. Participation in the curricular band and percussion classes is required for all new members, as well as for those members who wish to be wind or percussion section leaders or drum majors.

8. Is being a part of Madrigals, competitive marching band, and summer school a possibility?

- Yes! Absolutely. The marching schedule wraps around the summer school schedule. Madrigal camps at each school fall between competitive band camp and the start of school. The school year schedule is developed with Madrigals rehearsing at different times than the marching band.

9. I heard participation in the LWMB is expensive.

- LWMB members are required to pay the applicable Registration Fee, possible travel fee, plus purchase necessary equipment. Fortunately, the LWMB and the L-W Music Boosters organizations at each school provide many opportunities for fundraising. Money earned by fundraising is placed into their Individual Family Account (IFA). Many students pay all of their fees via their IFA if they participate in fundraising.