

Lawton Chiles Middle Academy

Chorus, Orchestra & Guitar



Music Handbook

2009-2010

Director: Christina Baker

Music Class Expectations

- I. Professional Music Procedures**
 - A. Demonstrate group support and be active listeners when other sections are getting assistance.
 - B. Instruments should remain silent until tuning is complete.
 - C. Place books and other unnecessary items on shelf in the Instrument storage room when entering the classroom.

- II. Prepare to Perform**
 - A. After the tardy bell rings, we have two minutes to be in assigned seats with music out.
 - B. Practice Proper posture by sitting up straight and feet flat on the floor.

- III. Safety First**
 - A. Walk at all times.
 - B. Play your assigned instrument.

- IV. Respect Self and Others**
 - A. Encourage each person to keep trying.
 - B. Raise hand and wait to be called upon by the teacher to talk.
 - C. Be positive in participation, facial expressions, smiling, clapping and be willing to try new techniques.

Before and After School Rehearsals and Concerts

After School Rehearsals for 7th and 8th grade Chorus will be held on Tuesday's as needed. Students will receive a grade for attendance. Rehearsal begins promptly and students will not receive full credit for being late. These meetings are important for blending the choir and having rehearsal time together as one group. These are required rehearsals.

After School Rehearsals for 7th and 8th grade Orchestra will be held Monday afternoons from 2:55p.m. until 3:25p.m. beginning Monday, September 14th. Transportation should be at LCMA promptly at 3:30p.m. If you cannot be picked up by 3:30, then an alternate assignment will be given. Rehearsal begins promptly and students will not receive full credit for being late.

Concerts

100% Participation is expected at all concerts. The only exception is an unavoidable absence with a written parental excuse turned in two weeks in advance of concert, or in the event of extreme illness, accident, family emergency such as accident, family emergency, or family funeral. In the event of an excused performance, a written

comprehensive exam will be given to the student to make up lost points. Each concert should be treated as a final exam in an academic class.

Grades

The grading period is based on these criteria:

- A. Daily Participation
- B. Practice Sheet
- C. Play-Offs
- D. Written Tests
- E. Before and After School Rehearsals
- F. Performances

Students may receive extra credit by attending concerts. They may receive up to 100 points extra credit (50 points per concert).

Formal Concert Dress

6th grade uniforms

Girls: Music Spirit Shirts
Khakis Pants
Matching Shoes

Guys: Music Spirit Shirts
Khakis Pants
Matching Shoes

7&8 Grade Uniforms

Girls: Long black flowing dresses purchased through LCMA
Shoes: Close-Toed and Black

Guys: Expandable Tux pants and Black formal shirt purchased Through LCMA
Shoes: Black Dress Shoes

V. Acknowledgement of Policies and Procedures Agreement Form

I have read the requirements and expectations to participate in Mrs. Baker's class this year. I understand that I am expected to abide by the Code of Conduct that is listed in this handbook. If I do not follow the rules, I understand that I may be dismissed from participating on field trips of the group. I also understand that I am expected to participate in concerts and special events.

Child's Signature

Parent's Signature

Instrument Rental Fee

The fee for use of school string instruments this year is \$53.50. Please make checks payable to LCMA Orchestra. The rental fee covers the cost of normal wear and tear that is needed from daily use. It DOES NOT cover the cost of repair for careless use of the instrument caused by the student or broken strings. The instrument should be treated as if it were privately owned.

All String Instruments- \$53.50

Please send the rental fee to school with your child no later than Tuesday, September 1, 2009.

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