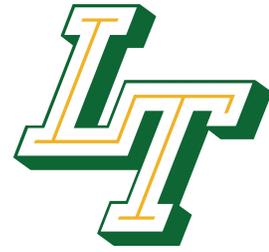


FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS...



❑ **How much time does band take?**

Band meets one period per day during school. The marching band practices 8 hours per week during football season, mostly in the mornings (so there is no conflict with after school practices). In the spring, you will have a sectional once per week, before or after school. There are also several competitions on Saturdays. Just like football, dance, or any other fall sport, we begin summer practices early--typically the last full week of July.

❑ **Will I be able to participate in other activities?**

Yes! Band students are active in a variety of activities including athletics, theater, choir, orchestra, Academic Decathlon, Student Council, DECA, HOSA, and other special interest clubs.

❑ **Will band interfere with the AP and CTE courses I want to take?**

Definitely not. Band students are highly involved in the AP program at LTHS and are some of the best and brightest students at Lebanon Trail. We have multiple students in band who are also in the Top Ten of their class and many that take 4+ AP classes each year.

❑ **Do I need to double or single block?**

Both are available based on your scheduling needs. Double blocking is extremely important, as it gives students the necessary amount of instruction time to progress and develop their musical skills to the maximum potential. Students in the top two bands are required to double block. Students in the 3rd and 4th bands may single block if necessary. We can make changes to this based on band placement later this year.

❑ **What is the difference between the contest show and the spirit show?**

Every band and guard member marches in the spirit show and performs at halftime during some football games. It is similar to a "JV" marching band. The contest show is like the "varsity" team and must be auditioned for. If you do not earn a marching spot in the contest show, you will still be a part of the production, but in a more limited role. The contest show is performed at some football games and all marching contests.

❑ **What will I get out of being in band?**

A great set of friends and an award-winning group to belong to. Lots of positive self esteem in knowing you can be an important part of a nationally-recognized organization. Potential college scholarships, leadership opportunities, and something that sets you apart on college applications. Also, an appreciation of music and development of important life skills that will serve you well after high school.

❑ **Do I play well enough to be in high school band?**

Absolutely! There is a place in band for students of all abilities.

❑ **Are there opportunities to be recognized for doing well?**

Yes, there is All-Region, Area, All-State, Solo & Ensemble, as well as student leadership positions such as section leaders and drum majors. Students who are All-State musicians typically receive large scholarships to college. In addition, the leadership opportunities look great on a college application!