

Lockport Township High School
Audition Intent Form

Student Name _____ Instrument _____

It is that time again when we start planning for the upcoming year. We hope that you are planning on remaining in what we consider one of the best band programs in the state and continue to help it grow. Auditions for the upcoming 08-09 school year will be held on THURSDAY, MARCH 20th immediately after school and running until 8:00 PM, sign-up sheets will be provided. Band is considered at Lockport to be a full year commitment to the class and performance schedule that is presented. Please carefully read the expectations for each of the bands, and select the band(s) you would like to be considered for. Those that cannot audition after school by some other school sponsored activity will be able to tape their audition during the day for presentation to the judge.

WIND SYMPHONY

Wind Symphony is the top performance ensemble at the East Campus. The Wind Symphony maintains an active performance schedule with an average of 8-10 concerts per year, four in-house concerts, and 4-6 festivals or competitions. Many of the nation's finest clinicians and guest conductors have worked with the LTHS Wind Symphony. The Wind Symphony performs music of the highest caliber and is dedicated to excellence in all areas of performance, education and service. Weekly private lessons during band or after school are expected of ALL members in this ensemble as well as a serious commitment to practicing the literature.

SYMPHONIC BAND

Symphonic Band is made up of students in grades 10-12. The Symphonic Band performs music of a challenging nature and focuses on the continuing development of the musical skills of its members. The Symphonic Band performs in four concerts and 3-4 adjudication festivals annually. Bi-Weekly private lessons during band or after school are expected of ALL members in this ensemble, weekly encouraged, as well as a serious commitment to practicing the literature.

CONCERT BAND

Concert Band consists of students in grades 10-12 and places emphasis on the development of musical fundamentals in preparation for future placement in the Wind Symphony or Symphonic Band. The Concert Band performs in four concerts a year. Bi-Weekly private lessons during band or after school are encouraged of ALL members in this ensemble, weekly encouraged, as well as a serious commitment to practicing the literature.

My parents and I have read the information for LTHS Bands and understand the information regarding preparing, auditioning, and ultimately being placed into a band at Lockport Township High School. Based on the music that I have prepared and the expectations set forth for each ensemble, consider me for ALL OF THE ENSEMBLES SELECTED ABOVE.

Switching instruments:

In the past we have had great success with Bb clarinet players and Alto Saxophone players switching to "color" instruments. The transfer is relatively easy and *could* make it possible for you to be placed in a higher band. Please understand that an agreement to switch instruments may lead to an agreement to rent the instrument for the school year at a cost of \$50 (the school bid for the single cleaning of an instrument is \$95). Occasionally we run out of these instruments, at which point it would be the choice of the family whether to secure an instrument from another source or have the student placed in an alternate band on his/her original instrument. Please let the adjudicator know if this is a choice that you would like to make.

Student Signature _____ Parent _____

Placement in a band will not take place without completion and return of this form.