

# Lancer Regiment Attendance Policy

Updated – May 2022

The Lancer Regiment rehearsal schedule is:

Monday	3:30-5:30 pm	Color Guard Rehearsal / No Winds and Percussion
Tuesday	3:30-5:30 pm	Winds and Percussion Rehearsal / No Color Guard
Wednesday	3:30-6:00 pm	Full Lancer Regiment Rehearsal
Thursday	3:30-6:00 pm	Full Lancer Regiment Rehearsal

Please be aware that once rehearsal concludes, students will not be prepared to leave campus for at least 15 minutes (after they have returned equipment to the band room, visited their lockers, etc.). Unlike many athletic teams, we have no "second string" players. Everyone is vital to our success. When a member is absent, we cannot effectively "run our plays." Your child's position on the field is determined by adjacent students.

A schedule of performances and rehearsals is posted on Charms, on our web site at [lhs.band](#) and will be handed out at the initial marching band meeting. All students have been requested to inform the directors, **IN WRITING**, of any prior obligations that conflict with the schedule. At the discretion of the directors, students who provide written information concerning conflicts will be excused from rehearsal. Please have all written conflicts turned into Mr. Balog, Mr. Long, or Mrs. Schierbecker by the **first day of the school year**. Failure to do so could result in an unexcused absence.

The summer rehearsal schedule is posted online. It is imperative that we have every member in attendance for each summer rehearsal. Students will not be excused from summer rehearsals unless there is a family emergency or illness. Color Guard has additional rehearsals in June and early July. If your child has a conflict with any of these dates (prior to July 18), please have them speak to Evan Coonrod.

**In an effort to maintain consistent rehearsal attendance during the season, please make every attempt to schedule dentist/doctor appointments on our days off. Also, please make every attempt to avoid making appointments during rehearsals and performances.** If a student is well enough to be in school all day, he or she is expected to attend rehearsal. If a student becomes ill during the course of a rehearsal, necessary steps will be taken to ensure the student's safety. Students who have been excused from school due to illness will also be excused from marching band rehearsal.

Academic success is a priority in the Lafayette Band Program. Students needing after-school help sessions should contact the teacher to determine if other arrangements could be made. Please make every effort to attend help sessions before school, during Academic Labs, or on a day off from rehearsal. If the student needs to miss marching rehearsal to attend a help session, they will not be penalized provided they have a pass signed by the teacher indicating the session's release time. The student also needs to make Mr. Balog, Mr. Schierbecker, and Mr. Long aware of the help session prior to the end of the school day (3:17 pm). Academic detentions for not doing homework are unexcused absences. Students are expected to complete their school work and attend marching band rehearsal. No student will be excused from rehearsal to do homework. **Having an unexcused absence from a rehearsal will result in the student standing at attention on the sideline during the next performance.**

Students are required to attend all performances and Friday night events (i.e. Football games, etc) through the completion of activities. Completion includes warm-up, performance and clean-up. Students will not be dismissed early. An unexcused absence from a performance may result in dismissal from the Lancer Regiment.

Please address any concerns regarding the attendance policy with Mr. Balog. With your support, the Lafayette Band will continue to improve and will surpass our previous level of excellence.

Thank you,

Brad Balog, Jay Long, Sean Schierbecker, and Evan Coonrod