

## 2008-2009 Lakota West Freshman Concert Band Schedule

Date	Event	Time	Location
9/6/08	Tag Day	9:00AM	West HS
9/17/08	Freshman Practice	3:00PM	West HS
9/18/08	Freshman Practice	3:00PM	West HS
9/19/08	Freshman Night	6:15PM	West HS
10/28/08	Fall Concert	7:00PM	Freshman
12/16/08	Holiday Concert	7:00PM	Freshman
1/24/09	Solo/Ensemble Contest	TBD	West HS
3/3/09	Winter Concert	7:00PM	Freshman
3/6/09 or 3/7/09	District Band Contest	TBD	TBD
5/19/09	Spring Concert	7:00PM	Freshman

All performances are required as part of this course. **Failure to attend a performance will result in a student's grade being lowered by 3 letters.**

### **Concert Dress will be:**

**Ladies~** Black dress pants or skirt (, white blouse (must have sleeves), black hose, black dress shoes.

**Gentlemen~** Black dress pants, white dress shirt, tie, black socks, black dress shoes

No tennis/gym shoes, jeans, sandals, etc will be permitted. Students who choose not to follow the concert dress code will have their grades lowered 1 letter per incident.

## *Freshman Concert Band Syllabus*

### **A. Individual Expectations**

- 1. Be in your seat and ready to play within 3 minutes of the tardy bell**
- 2. Come to rehearsals prepared. (pencil, music, instrument, attitude)**
- 3. During the warm-up, percussionists not playing are responsible for setting up the section so that we may begin rehearsal in a timely fashion.**
- 4. Eating, drinking, and gum chewing are not permitted.**
- 5. Remain quiet during rehearsal. If I am working with another section, we should not be able to hear you talking.**
- 6. Do not play your instruments before warm-up. We will warm up together as a group.**
- 7. Know your part! Rehearsal is not the time to “practice”.**

### **B. Ensemble Expectations**

- 1. We will sound GREAT. PRACTICE!**
- 2. Rehearsal time is for ensemble development, not for practicing parts. PRACTICE!**
- 3. Individuals will learn independently away from the rehearsal. PRACTICE!**
- 4. We are “team-oriented” in an atmosphere built upon respect for each other, and the music we perform.**
- 5. We are “goal-oriented” in terms of musical achievement and performance.**
- 6. We are committed to the highest musical standards of our activities. PRACTICE!**
- 7. We prioritize making music together**

### **C. Grading**

- 1. Grades will be determined as follows**
  - A. Class participation(attitude, instruments, music, etc): 40%**
  - B. Performance tests/quizzes: 40%**
  - C. Concert Attendance: 20% (an unexcused absence from a performance will result in a 3 letter grade drop)  
Excused absences are at the discretion of the directors.**
  - D. If a student has an excused absence from a performance (illness, funeral, or wedding), an alternate assignment will be given.**