

Lewis Center for Educational Research Academy for Academic Excellence

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June 4, 2018

Welcome to the Marching Knights Band!

Included in this online packet is required information regarding participation in this year's band. This information is only available online and will not be passed out in class. Also included are forms that need to be filled out and returned no later than **Thursday, August 9**. These forms include:

1. Acknowledgment of requirements
2. Field Trip Permission Slip
3. Permission to dispense medication... (Fill out ONLY if you need it.)
4. Photo Release / Email & Cell phone request
5. T-shirt, hoodie, and reed order forms.
6. Absence policy acknowledgment

Please ALSO make sure that you have updated your "Emergency Information Card" for this year with the attendance office.

Throughout the year, current information can be found at www.aeband.com, including our ever-changing performance schedule. Attendance is mandatory at ALL events. **Please read the Absence Policy VERY carefully!** The band also has a very active booster club. Membership is only \$15.00 per year per family. Visit our website for more information. We are also in need of booster parents who will help out on parade and concert days. Please contact the Booster Club at boosters@aeband.com for information. In addition, **ALL checks for the band should be made out to MKBB** (which stands for Marching Knights Band Boosters.)

We are looking forward to another great year!

Respectfully

Mr. Sockwell

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Syllabus

Class Title: Concert/Marching Band	Instructor: Mr. Sockwell
Class time: Period 3 / Room O102	Phone/ext: (760) 946-5414 ext 222
Class Commitment: One Year	E-mail address: ksockwell@lcer.org

Program Overview and Purpose: *This is a performing AND marching group.* Concert/Marching band is an opportunity for students to perform instrumental music, while sharing rewards of working together musically. The students will learn to recognize musical terms and forms and further their music reading ability. Students are required to participate in all performances, parades and events. Instruments being offered are Flute, Clarinet, Saxophone, Trumpet, Horn, Trombone, Baritone, Tuba, and Percussion, as well as other concert band instruments. Fulfills UC and CSU requirements and AAE graduation requirements and satisfies music standards 1.1 and 1.4 in applicable grades. **Members should have at least ONE YEAR experience on their instrument AND pass an audition prior to being in Concert/Marching Band.** *With prior permission, students may receive PE credit for Marching Band.*

Materials Needed: Please visit our website at <http://www.aeaband.com> and download the “Band Packet” for detailed information and requirements. Unless determined otherwise by the director, **You must provide your own instrument by the SECOND day of school!** **NOTE:** Students are required to provide their own transportation to local parades and events. This includes transporting their instruments as well.

Assessment and Grading Procedure: This course will follow the current grading policy of the AAE. Students will be assessed through concert participation, ongoing preparation, daily participation, marching, playing, and quizzes. ***This IS a performing group. Attendance at ALL performances is mandatory!*** If you miss a performance due to illness, please see the “Band Packet” for the absence policy and alternative assignment requirements. **Lettering:** High School students may also earn a Varsity Letter for band participation. Basic requirements are: (1) Be in grades 9 – 12 (2) maintain an 85% or better in band (3) Participate in ALL concerts/parades (4) Do 10 hours per year of community service in a related field (5) Attend one AAE performance that the student is not participating in (drama, choir, etc.)

Band Leadership: Section leaders, drum majors, assistant drum majors, student directors, and all other band leadership are chosen by Mr. Sockwell based on musicianship, leadership ability, and being a positive role model Please ask if you want more information.

Marching Days: On days when we will/may be marching it is required that ALL students bring a water bottle and have it filled BEFORE coming to band. Hats and sunscreen are also recommended. Most weeks through December we will march on Tuesday and Thursday.

Classroom Behavior: Classroom rules are posted. Infractions will affect your daily participation grade. After 3 verbal warnings further action may be taken by administration. Tardies will not be tolerated! **NOTE: Students with consistent behavioral issues may not be allowed to participate in off-site band activities. An alternative assignment will be given.**

Absence and Excusals: Please carefully read the Absence and Excusal Policy from the “Band Packet” for important information regarding missed events and excusal from playing and/or marching.

Forms and Payments: Students are asked to provide the assigned marching shoes, gloves, and band t-shirt. Please see the band packet for more information. (www.aeaband.com) The deadline for all forms and payments this year is **August 9**. Students coming in mid-year/semester have two weeks from their first class meeting to turn in all forms, obtain the necessary items, and be fitted for the band uniform.

Please keep current with band news and events by visiting
www.aeaband.com

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What You Need For Marching/Concert Band

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Purchase/ Pay for: (\$60.00 due before August 9, 2018)

\$ 35.00 for band shoes

\$ 10.00 for band gloves

\$ 15.00 for band T-shirt

You must also supply:

A water bottle on a lanyard or belt clip for weekly marching rehearsals.

An Instrument (owned or rented)

Black Dickie pants. (Like new: not faded. NO TIGHT, JEAN OR JEAN LIKE MATERIAL!!!)

Guys: White button-up dress shirt, long sleeve, with NO print or logo.

Girls: White blouse, long sleeve. (Note: must be white, not cream)

Black socks, no shorties.

Optional: Please bring a case of water (12 – 18 oz, 24 – 36 count)

School will supply:

Marching Uniform (hat, jacket, bibbers, cape, black hanger, garment bag.)

*Note: Uniform (and all other elements, such as the hanger and bag) must be returned in good condition at the end of the school year, or if the student leaves the band. **Dry Cleaning is required before returning the uniform.** Replacement cost for the uniform is \$650.00. Missing elements, including the hanger, will be billed as needed.*

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To Whom it may Concern:

As you may know, the Academy for Academic Excellence went through some severe budget cuts at the end of the 2016-17 school year. Although not publicized, our band program had cuts of \$5,200.00, which directly affected and continue to have an impact on supplies, transportation, and personnel at all off-site events (stipends.) Although all funding for outside event personnel was cut, we hope to continue without scaling back by accepting donations through The Marching Knights Band Boosters. Last school year, ALL of our financial needs were met through generous donations!

If you would be interested in donating towards maintaining and growing our band program, please contact me for more information and options. The boosters are specifically looking for \$2,000.00 in donations for this purpose.

Respectfully
Ken Sockwell
Band Director

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Parade / Concert Absence Policy

AAE Marching Knights/Concert Band

Revised August 2012

Please Call In: Any absence from a band event where the director is not given prior notification is considered unexcused. In emergency situations, please leave a message at (760) 946-5414 ext 222 as soon as possible, but no later than the event start time. Do not call the instructor's cell phone!

Excused/Unexcused Absence: To receive partial credit for a performance absence, the student must do an alternative written research assignment meeting the following criteria:

1. Paper must be 8 pages (not including any title page or works cited page), typed, 12 point font, Ariel or Times, double spaced.
2. Paper MUST include a properly formatted "Works Cited" page. Please see your language art instructor for details.
3. At least 4 sources must be used and cited, one of them not online. You may under NO CIRCUMSTANCE use Wikipedia or any other online encyclopedia.
4. All assignments will be checked for plagiarism. Do not "cut and paste." Other than quotes, the paper must be in your own words. Any paper that contains plagiarism will receive no credit.

Papers will receive a percentage grade based on the above guidelines. The maximum grade given for an excused absence is 70%. For unexcused absence, the student may receive up to 50%.

Absence for Religious reasons: If a student/family consciously objects to an event on religious grounds, the student may make up the grade by doing the alternative assignment above. For full, 100% credit, the report must be turned in during the next class meeting following the missed event and meet ALL guidelines above. Note: This does not include optional or regularly occurring religious events that conflict with a band event.

Excusal from Marching or Playing Policy

Adopted August 2009

Excusal from Marching: A student may be excused up to 3 consecutive days from marching for medical reasons with a note from the parent on the FIRST day of excusal. NO EXCEPTIONS. Any excusal lasting more than 3 days requires a physician's note. Refusal to march will result in a half-credit for the day. Students requiring excessive excusals should consider dropping band. *Note: No more than ONE 3 day excusal will be granted per semester.*

Excusal from Playing: A student may be excused up to 3 consecutive days from playing for medical reasons with a note from the parent on the FIRST day of excusal. NO EXCEPTIONS. Failure to play will result in half-credit for the day. Any excusal lasting more than 3 days requires a physician's note. Students may be excused up to 3 consecutive days from playing if their instrument is "in the shop." An estimate or receipt must be shown to the director on the first day the student is without his/her instrument. *Note: No more than ONE 3 day excusal will be granted per semester.*