



Lakeside Marching Band
Marching Band/Color Guard
2017 Letter of Commitment
(Due April 14, 2017)

I understand that I will be asked to become part of a vibrant, diverse group of students who help make the school a better place, and that I will be expected to have fun and become a better musician. I realize that I will be helping myself, my band, my school, and my community by sharing my talents in this way. I also understand that because the marching band is the most visible part of the band program (and often the only contact that many people in metro Atlanta will have with our school) I must act as an ambassador for Lakeside and its values at all times.

As a member of the Marching Band/Color Guard at Lakeside, I understand that it will be a time-intensive, sport-like atmosphere, and that I will be required to attend camps on the following dates:

- Color Guard Tryouts: TBA
- Percussion Try-Outs: TBA
- Marching Band Spring Training (All Members) May 30th: 9:00am – 4:00pm
- Summer Practices (All Members) June 5th, 12th, 19th and July 10th 4:00pm – 6:00pm
- Pre-Camp (All Marching Band and Color Guard): July 18th and 20th: 6:00pm – 9:00pm
- Band Camp (All Members/Color Guard): July 24th – July 28th: 8:30am – 9:00pm
- The show at the end of band camp is at 2pm on Friday, July 28th
- All Events are at Lakeside unless otherwise noted.

I also understand that if I do not attend these camps, I may not be able to march in the competitions, may be treated as an alternate in the marching band, or may be placed on a non-native instrument to fill a hole in the drill. I understand that the drill for the show is written for a specific number of instruments ahead of time, and if I turn this form in late, I may be placed in an open spot in another section to fill an available space.

Most importantly, I understand that marching band is an activity which involves the needs of the group above the needs of the individual, and I agree that, as we have no bench and no substitutions, all members are of equal importance to the activity. Any absences on my part will, of necessity, diminish the group.

Marching Band/Color Guard Membership is \$500 for the 2017 Marching/Color Guard season. **A check for \$100 made out to LBA (Lakeside Band Association) will need to accompany this letter as a first payment.** This is due April 14th, 2017 to ensure a spot on the field. The remaining \$400 will be payable in 2 payments of \$150 and one payment of \$100 on the 15th of May, June, and July. If you choose to pay the complete balance by June 15th, you will receive a 10% discount and your total payment will be \$450. If you have a financial hardship, please contact Mr. Fairchild. Payments can be given to Mr. White or Mr. Fairchild during the school year. During the summer, mail these to Lakeside High School (3801 Briarcliff Rd, NE Atlanta, GA 30345) The biggest regret that band students have at Lakeside is missing out on Marching Band their freshman year! Start the year off with the best group of friends at Lakeside! **Don't miss your chance!**

Sincerely, David L. Fairchild, Director of Bands

I have read and fully agree to this Letter of Commitment and to being a part of the 2017 Lakeside Marching Band. Please detach this portion and return with your initial payment. Contact Mr. Fairchild if you have any questions. Keep the above letter for your records. Please print clearly to avoid clerical errors.

Instrument: _____	Parent e-mail: _____
Student E-mail: _____	Parent Name: _____
Student Name: _____	Parent Signature: _____
Student Signature: _____	Student ID#: s _____ Date Signed: _____