

RJEMS 7th Grade Bands

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For the latest updates and information and information about Grand Rapids Bands, visit: www.grbands.org



Band is a year-long class; schedule changes will not be made after the first full week of school.

Performance Dates:

Fall Concert: Monday, November 25th, 2024:

1st Hour Band @6:30 pm, 3rd Hour Band @ 7:30 pm

Winter Concert: Tuesday, February 11th, 2025:

3rd Hour Band @6:30 pm, 1st Hour Band @7:30 pm

Spring Concert: Monday, May 12th, 2025:

1st Hour Band @6:30 pm, 3rd Hour Band @7:30 pm

All Concerts are at the Reif Center, Wilcox Theater

Concert Attire: "Concert" Black. *Students should try to dress nicely, as this is a formal event. This is not meant to be a hardship; students in need can get clothes from our "Black Clothes Closet". Let a music teacher know, and we will help you out!*



Do you use a "School-Owned" instrument?



Please remember to pay your \$100 yearly usage fee.

Daily Schedule:

- If you are only in band, you have band Monday through Friday.
- If you are in both band and choir: Band days = Tuesday & Friday, Choir days = Monday & Thursday. Wednesdays will alternate

What do I need for Band Class?

"The best preparation for tomorrow is doing your best today." *H. Jackson Brown, Jr.*

INSTRUMENT

1

Students should bring their instrument for the first day of school.

3 RING BINDER

2

Each student should have their own binder to hold class materials.

BOOKS/MUSIC

3

Essential Elements book 2, Scale & Rhythm Chunks, & Band Music

SUPPLIES

4

Always have a pencil as well as any reeds, oil, etc as needed.

Essential Elements Book 2 Order:

Ms. Grotjohn and Mr. Myers will provide an opportunity at the start of the school year to order a book those interested. You can also order one on your own through a music store or online. Just make sure you get the correct instrument and that it is book 2.

COMMUNICATION:

Teacher Contact Information:

Ms. Anissa Grotjohn agrotjohn@isd318.org 327-5800 ext. 41251.

1st Hour band teacher

Mr. David Myers dmyers@isd318.org 327-5800 ext. 41287

3rd Hour band teacher

*Email is the most efficient way to contact us, we will respond as quickly as possible.

Campus Messenger:

We will send home concert reminders and any other important updates through Campus Messenger throughout the school year.

Grand Rapids Bands Webpage:

www.grbands.org You can always check the web page for concert dates and other important information.

GRADING:

- Band is a performance-based class and grades will reflect individual musical progress, as well as the ability to successfully perform grade-level benchmarks.
- Assessments will be both formal and informal. Students will be asked to demonstrate skills in playing assignments as well as in the full ensemble class period. A grade-appropriate level of proficiency will be the goal for all students, and opportunities to demonstrate more advanced skills will be given as well.
- Concerts are an extension of the curricular day and attendance is a part of the students performance grade. The concerts are a culmination of our daily work during band class and are also an exciting opportunity for students to share their talents with you and the community!
- How students conduct them selves as well as how they treat others is an important part of our success as a team. A small portion of the band grade will be based on an Effective Participation/Positive Contribution Rehearsal Rubric.

Do you need reeds, oil, grease, etc?

- You can contact amber@popplersmusic.com and he can deliver them to the school on his next trip.
- You can order your own- but be aware all brands are NOT equal!
- Reeds: Reliable brands are LaVoz, Rico, Van Doren, Hemke, & Di'Addario.
- Valve Oil: Yamaha synthetic, Hetman or Blue Juice are reliable brands. Trombones- we recommend Yamaha or Bach slide grease/or cream.
- French Horns- Holton Rotary Valve oil is recommended.

Jazz Band:

Jazz band is an extra enrichment opportunity open to all 7th grade band students. The group meets before school once a week on Tuesdays. They perform at the Jazz concerts: Mon. Feb. 3, and Monday, April 28.