

# RJEMS 6TH GRADE BAND

ROCK THE HOUSE!



For updates on all GR band events and updates, you can go to:  
[www.grbands.org](http://www.grbands.org)

## ▶ Performance Dates

- \* Fall Concert: Tuesday, October 29, 7:00 pm, @Reif Center
- \* Winter Concert: Tuesday, February 4, 7:00 pm, @Reif Center
- \* Spring Concert: Thursday, May 14, 7:00 pm, @Reif Center

## ▶ Band/Choir Daily Schedule

- \* If students are only in band, they will have band Monday through Friday
- \* If students are in both band and choir:
  - ▶ Band days= Tuesday & Friday and every other Wednesday
  - ▶ Choir days= Monday & Thursday, and every other Wednesday

## ▶ 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 instruments to school by Friday, Sept. 6 for rehearsal.

### 1 IN. BINDER

**2**

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

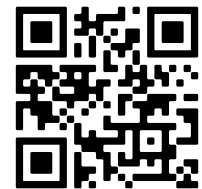
### SUPPLIES

**3**

Make sure you have supplies to play your instrument. Buy reeds, oil, etc as needed.

### Do you use a “School-Owned” Instrument?

Please remember to pay your \$75 instrument usage fee for this school year. There is an online payment option @ [www.isd318.org](http://www.isd318.org) under “Parent Links”, pay online. OR- scan for the quick link:



### Concert Attire:

All RJEMS ensembles wear “Concert Black” at performances. Black on top, black on bottom, and black shoes if possible. The goal is to look uniform, not bring attention to individuals.

## COMMUNICATION:

Please feel free to contact your teacher with any questions throughout the school year:

**5th Hour:** Mr. David Myers [dmyers@isd318.org](mailto:dmyers@isd318.org) 327-5800 ext. 41287

**7th Hour:** Ms. Anissa Grotjohn [agrotjohn@isd318.org](mailto:agrotjohn@isd318.org) 327-5800 ext. 41251

### Grand Rapids Bands Webpage:

[www.grbands.org](http://www.grbands.org) check out the RJEMS tab

### Remind:

6th Grade Band: text @eg69f2 to the number 81010

### Google Classroom:

**5th Hour:** Students will join “6th Grade Band 5th Hour” using their school email account with the class code: sk6xyzx

**7th Hour:** Students will join “7th Hour 6th Grade Band” using their school email account with class code: 44v0hg

### Band Boosters:

Every 3rd Monday of the month- Meetings held in the GRHS band room at 7:00 pm. All band parents/guardians welcome!

## GRADING:

- Band is a performance-based class and grades will reflect individual musical progress as well as the ability to perform benchmarks at grade level.
- Students will be asked to demonstrate skills and improvement throughout the year in class and in lessons.
- A grade-appropriate level of proficiency will be expected of all students, and opportunities to demonstrate more advanced skills will be given as well.
- Concert performances will be a significant part of our performance grade.
- Rehearsal attitude and behavior are a critical part of whether or not a band is successful. An Effective Participation/Positive Contribution Rehearsal Rubric will be used to grade students each week .

## How to Practice:

1. Slow down.  
When learning a new piece of music, slow down the tempo until you can play it without making any mistakes.

2. Play along with a Metronome. You need to be able to play while keeping a steady beat.

3. Count and sizzle your rhythms. You do not have to learn the notes and the rhythms at the same time, it is okay to count your rhythms (1+2+3+4+) and sizzle the rhythms first like we do in class.

4. Stop and fix mistakes. If you make a mistake, don't keep going. Stop and figure out what you did wrong, and fix it before going on.

5. Say the letter names of the notes out loud. When learning your notes for the first time, it helps to say the letter name of each note out loud.