

RJEMS 6th Grade Bands

ROCK THE HOUSE!

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visit: www.grbands.org



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

Concert Dates:

Fall Concert: Thursday, October 30th, 2025:

5th Hour Band @6:30 pm, 7th Hour Band @ 7:30 pm

Winter Concert: Thursday, February 5th, 2026:

7th Hour Band @6:30 pm, 5th Hour Band @7:30 pm

Spring Concert: Tuesday, May 12th, 2026:

5th Hour Band @6:30 pm, 7th 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. No shorts, t-shirts with logos, etc. 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, they 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 have their instrument for class. Percussion should have their own sticks and mallets.

3 RING BINDER

2

Each student should have their own 1-in binder to hold class materials.

BOOKS/MUSIC

3

Lesson book(s), Scale & Rhythm Chunks, & Band Music

SUPPLIES

4

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

COMMUNICATION:

Teacher Contact Information:

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

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

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/rjems

You can always find concert dates and other important information in the RJEMS section of the grbands website.

Band Boosters:

All band parents are automatically members of the GR band boosters. Meetings are held in the GRHS band room at 6:00 pm, every 3rd Monday of the month. All are welcome!

Do you need reeds, oil, grease, etc?

- You can contact amber@popplersmusic.com and she 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: Hetman or Yamaha synthetic or Blue Juice are reliable brands. Trombones- we recommend Yamaha or Bach slide grease/or cream.
- French Horns- Holton or Hetman Rotary Valve oil is recommended.

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 lessons as well as in the full ensemble class period. Lesson attendance is part of their grade. 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.
- RJEMS Late Work Procedures: This class will follow the RJEMS Late Work Procedures. A copy will be linked on the Schoology class page for reference.
- Use of AI: This class is AI Free. Work must be completed entirely without any AI assistance. Students must rely entirely on tier own knowledge, understanding and skills. Any AI use is a violation of student academic integrity policy.