

# 2024-2025

## 7th and 8th Grade Eagle Band

# HANDBOOK

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## **LMS Concert/Festival/Marching Uniform Codes**

### **LMS Band Concert and Marching Uniform**

All members of the LMS Band Program will be required to acquire/purchase the following:

1. LMS Band Shirt (purchase through LMS Boosters) - please see uniform form for details
2. Black Pants
3. Black Socks
4. Black Shoes Dress Shoes
5. Black Marching Shoes
  - a. These can be the same as the dress shoes IF they are comfortable to march in. If not, there are good black marching shoes for \$25 - \$40 that will work for both black dress shoes and black marching shoes (google: "black marching shoes").

If you have financial or circumstantial difficulties acquiring these items listed above, please contact me at [lmazurek@9mile](mailto:lmazurek@9mile) or (509)340-4242 and I will be happy to assist you.

**Failure to wear the proper uniform to band events may result in removal from the event and an unexcused absence according to the grading policy below.**

## LMS Band Grading Policy

A successful Middle School Band requires diligence and commitment on the part of every member. Being disruptive in class is detrimental to the success of the band and will be reflected in the student's participation grade. Students will be graded on both accountability as well as individual tasks/skills.

- Participation/Weekly Progress            50%
- Concerts/Festivals                            25%
- Tests/Quizzes/Assignments            25%

### Weekly Progress Points

Students may earn full credit each day by being in their seat, prepared, with all materials on time. Points will be deducted for tardiness and lack of participation. Each student will be allowed two absences (including illness, field trips, sports, or **anything** else that takes them out of class) before points are deducted. On the third absence, students will lose one day's worth of points. These points/days can be made up.

### Make-up Points for Classroom Absences

In order to make up for a school related or non-school related absences, the student can attend a musical event (concert, musical, etc.) and give Mr. Mazurek a program or proof of attendance (1 absence = 1 musical event). The student may also make-up an absence by practicing for 30 minutes in the LHS band/choir room before school (7:00 - 7:30am) or after school (2:00 - 3:05). 1 absence = 30 minute practice session.

### Concerts/Festivals

Failure to participate in a concert will result in the overall class grade dropping a **minimum of one full letter grade**. Students will also lose points if they are late or not dressed in proper attire. In extreme cases (death in the family, illness, etc.) the points for an excused concert absence may be made-up by completing a detailed music related project. In order to receive credit, it must be accompanied by a note from the student's parent/guardian.

### Make-up Points for Concerts/Festivals

To make up the points from the missed concert: Students must pre-arrange with Mr. Mazurek a total of 1.5 hours of practice time at the LHS Band/Choir Room (room 17) and perform their concert music live for Mr. Mazurek. Pre-arranged times can only be from 7:00 - 7:30am and from 2:00 - 3:05pm - Talk to Mr. Mazurek to schedule a day/time.

### Tests/Quizzes/Homework – points vary depending on test/quiz/homework

Students may have a playing/written test at least once a month to monitor for progress.

## **Equipment and Class Material Requirements**

**EVERYONE is required to have a pencil, music, and instrument with them at all rehearsals unless stated otherwise.**

### **Required Book**

- **“Accent on Achievement - Book 2”**
  - Make sure that you buy the correct book for the instrument that you play (ie. trumpet, flute, clarinet, trombone, alto saxophone, percussion).

### **Instrument**

- **Single Reed Instruments (Saxophones and Clarinets)**
  - You are expected to have a minimum of 3 working reeds in your case at any given time.
    - The cheapest way to buy enough reeds for the entire year is to purchase a box of ten.
    - All students should purchase a nice reed guard storage device. The above manufacturers make many nice models.
    - Storing your reeds in a nice reed guard will keep them fresh longer and overtime will lower your reed purchasing expenses. It is not recommended to store a reed on the mouthpiece of your instrument or in the plastic sleeve the reed came in - BUT it is better than no protective case at all.

### **Percussion**

- All percussion students **MUST** get a pair of Vic Firth American Classic 5A Drum Sticks and either a snare drum pad or a snare drum. All percussion students are highly **ENCOURAGED** to purchase the Vic Firth EP2 Education Pack. Check online or have the local music stores order them.

### **Brass**

- Valved Instruments (Trumpet, Baritone): You are expected to have valve oil and tuning slide oil.
- Trombone: You are expected to have tuning slide oil/grease, slide cream (brand name Slide-O-Mix is best, and a small spray bottle for water.

### **Uniform**

- See page 2 and 7 for uniform information.

# LMS Rehearsal Expectations and Structure

## Rehearsal Etiquette Expectations:

1. Be ready to warm up and rehearse before the bell rings
2. ALWAYS have a pencil
3. Have your own music so that you can take it home and practice, no sharing
4. Be respectful to others
  - students must be constructive not destructive with their comments
  - use common sense and treat others as you would want to be treated

## Band Room Expectations:

1. Students are only allowed in the band room when an instructor is present, or when specific permission is granted
2. Students can only use the Director's telephone in an emergency or with permission.
3. Students must ask to use the band room stereo
4. No food, gum, or drinks (except water) will be allowed during rehearsal.
5. Students must ask the instructor before using practice rooms.

## Other Expectations:

1. Band Uniforms are required at every performance/event. Failure to follow the uniform code may result in removal from the event and an unexcused absence according to the grading policy.
2. All school codes of conduct, band expectations, and government laws apply to any band concerts/events/trips. Failure to meet expectations may result in removal from the activity and the student being transported home at the parent/guardian's expense.
3. Each member of the band is expected to maintain a music folder with every piece of music we play in it. All music will be collected at the end of the year. Missing parts will cost \$4 per song.

If not stated otherwise in the previous expectations, these are the consequences of not following the expectations listed above.

1. Warning
  2. Will be removed from the group during a portion of class
  3. One on one meeting with the teacher
  4. Parents notified
  5. Disciplinary referral and a visit to the principal
  6. Detention
  7. Suspension
  8. Expulsion
- note: The instructor/principal has the right to choose any repercussion at any time based on his own judgment.

# 2024-2025 LMS 7th and 8th Grade Band Concert/Event Schedule

- Times listed below are the start time of the events/concerts. Call times (when student should be there) will be sent out prior to the event.
- Key: **Bold = Required/graded**  
*Italics = Extra-curricular (not required/graded)*  
TBA = To Be Announced at a later time

<b>Thursday, September 12</b>	<b>Contract and Uniform Info Due</b>	
<b>Tuesday, October 22</b>	<b>LMS 7th &amp; 8th Band Fall Concert @ LMS</b>	<b>7:00pm</b>
<b>Tuesday December 3</b>	<b>7th &amp; 8th Grade Band Holiday Concert @ LMS</b>	<b>7:00pm</b>
<i>Tuesday, December 10</i>	<i>Solo/Ensemble Fee &amp; Registration Due</i>	<i>3:00pm</i>
<i>Saturday, February TBA</i>	<i>Middle School Solo/Ensemble Fest @ TBA</i>	<i>TBA</i>
<b>Thursday, March 6</b>	<b>LMS Band Spring Concert @ LMS</b>	<b>7:00pm</b>
<i>Friday/Sat. March 7 &amp; 8 Tentative Dates</i>	<i>Mother/Son Game Night and Daddy Daughter Dance</i>	
<b>March TBA</b>	<b>Large Group MS Band Festival</b>	<b>TBA</b>

**7th and 8th Grade Band  
@ TBA**

**Saturday, May 10**

**Junior Lilac Parade @ Spokane  
7th and 8th Grade Band**

**TBA**

**Thursday, June 5**

**LMS Beginning Band  
and 7th & 8th Grade Band  
Finale Concert @ LMS Gym**

**7:00pm**

**LMS Band Uniform**

We will be wearing black polo shirts with the LMS Eagle Band logo on it for our upcoming band concerts.

The cost will be \$25 per shirt. **Please pay this fee on or before September 12th** or let me know if you need an extension on this fee or if you would like to apply for a scholarship. Email me at [lmazurek@9mile.org](mailto:lmazurek@9mile.org) or call (509)340-4242.

Fill out the attached form, and turn it in with the \$25 (checks made payable to **LMS**) to the front office at LMS.

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Thank you,

Levi Mazurek

Cut along this line and return

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**LMS Band Uniform Shirt**  
(this form due by September 8th)

Small                      Medium                      Large                      XL                      XXL

Student Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Parent Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

## **2024-2025 LMS Band Contract**

By signing below, I agree to the following:

- I have read and understand the schedule of band events for this school year. I commit to be in attendance at all required performances, concerts, festivals, and events.
  
- I have read and understand the proper uniform for performances. I commit to be in proper attire for each and every performance, understanding that I will be sent home to change, if time permits, or may NOT receive concert points towards my semester grade for missing a major performance.
  
- I have read and understand the grading policy for band. I realize that tardies and absences will have a negative effect on my classroom grade. I also understand that I have the opportunity to make those points up.
  
- I have read and understand the LMS Band Expectations. I realize that my actions are my own responsibility and that poor decisions may carry consequences.
  
- I am an important member of this program and I have a responsibility to contribute positively to the learning environment. I will work diligently to help myself, and the group, achieve excellence. I will represent this program, my school, and my community in a respectful manner.

*This contract must be signed and turned in to Mr. Mazurek before the first performance. Failure to do this will result in the student not participating in and receiving an "F" on the event/concert.*

Contract is due on **Thursday, September 12th**

**Student Printed Name** \_\_\_\_\_

**Student Signature** \_\_\_\_\_ **Date** \_\_\_\_\_

**Parent Signature** \_\_\_\_\_ **Date** \_\_\_\_\_