



Dear Parent/Guardian,

Greetings! Welcome 5/6th grade students to the Indian Land Intermediate School Band!

We are excited about starting this year at Indian Land Intermediate School and about providing students with **“Life-Changing Experiences”**. Band is an extraordinary influence on those who participate and certainly enhances the total student by providing solid foundations of commitment, hard work, respect and a level of dedication that has a profound effect on the academic, emotional and creative achievement of all students. I am beyond excited to have your child in my classroom and start their journey into the world of band!

Although we work very hard to become good musicians, band members develop even more important qualities. We all learn to help, respect and support one another and we become a family. Band is **“family”**! We hope each student will grow not only musically, but also as a person. I look forward to having your child take advantage of the opportunities and experiences that the Indian Land Band program offers. Our band members are active in Marching Band, Concert Bands, Small Ensembles, Fall Guard & Percussion as well as Region, State and Honor Band Clinics. There are many opportunities to achieve and be successful in the Indian Land Band Program.

We all know from time to time that scheduling problems arise that might prohibit a student from participating in some aspects of the band program. **THIS HOWEVER IS THE EXCEPTION AND NOT THE RULE**. Indian Land prides itself in providing students the opportunity to explore all of their interests and we will gladly try to work around any conflict that may arise during your time in the ILIS band program. If any issues with scheduling do arise, please reach out and communicate any concerns or questions.

There will be a yearly band fee and an instrument rental fee. Further information on these fees will be sent home and emailed to the parents within the first few days of school. Financial difficulty/hardship does not prohibit a student from being in band! We will always make the full band experience available to **ALL** students. **No student will be denied the experience if they want to work hard and meet expectations.** We have numerous students each year who are actively involved in fundraising and never have to pay anything out of pocket. If you want your child to be in band, then money does not have to be a determining factor!

I am beyond excited to get to know your child and to start his/her musical journey! The Indian Land Intermediate School band is a new program that is set up to create great musicians and mold future leaders for our community and schools. **WE ARE EXCITED TO HAVE YOU BE A PART OF THAT JOURNEY!!**

With warmest regards,

Meleah Riddle
Director of Bands

If you have any questions or concerns about the upcoming year and the band program, please feel free to reach out to Ms. Riddle!

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