

>>Le Mars 6th Grade Band<<

WE ARE GOING TO HAVE AN AWESOME YEAR!! :)

Band Class

6th Grade Band will meet every Monday, Wednesday, and "A" Fridays from 8:25-9:09. Please have your instrument, book, and a pencil for each class. 10 points will be given weekly for materials, punctuality, posture, respect, and participation.

Band Lessons

Each student will receive an individual or group lesson weekly for approximately 15 minutes. This is where students learn the specifics of their instrument. 10 points will be given for attendance and preparation. Individual practice is needed to master an instrument, and also makes playing the instrument more fun because you are able to play music that sounds better! ***The more you play your instrument, the better you will be, which means the more fun it will be to play!***

Performances

EVERY PERSON PLAYS AN IMPORTANT ROLE IN BAND, AND WILL BE EXPECTED TO BE AT ALL PERFORMANCES. 50 points will be given for each performance. Below is a list of what is considered an excused absence:

1. Extreme illness
2. Death in the family or family emergency
3. Absences for other reasons may be approved on a case-by-case basis by the directors, provided written notification at least TWO WEEKS before a scheduled concert date.

REQUIRED 6TH GRADE BAND PERFORMANCE DATES

Tuesday, November 18, 2025

6th Grade Band & Choir Concert

Thursday, February 5, 2026

Middle School Band Concert

Friday, March 6, 2026

Middle School Solo & Ensemble Contest

Thursday, April 30, 2026

Parade of Bands (grades 5-12)

CONCERT DRESS

BLACK AND WHITE dress clothes for all middle school concerts.

Please avoid anything with holes or hemlines above the knee.

All 6th graders in band are expected to honor the full-year commitment. If a student wants to quit band at semester, they need to get a drop slip signed by their parent, teacher, and principal.

Strong Foundations Honor Band

An honor band is a band that combines students from other schools. Interested students can be nominated by Ms. Scheevel. The selected students will go to Sioux City in January and perform a special concert.

Communication

- Email is the best way to contact me: alison.scheevel@lemarscsd.org
- School office phone number: (712) 546-7022
- Classroom website meant for the general public: <https://sites.google.com/lemarscsd.org/bepartoftheband>
- Information and assignments specifically for students will be posted on Schoology
- Pictures & news can be found on the “Le Mars Community Schools 5-12 Band Program” Facebook page

Usage/Rental Fees

Percussion: During 5th grade, there will be no usage fee for percussion as they are expected to make the investment in their own stick bag and at-home practice equipment. Starting in 6th grade, there is a \$75 usage fee for each percussionist and \$125 rental fee for all other school-owned instruments. This money goes towards the use, maintenance, and replacements of these instruments. If problems arise, please contact your director.

Maintenance Supplies

Midbell Music visits our school every Tuesday to handle repairs and supplies. Please contact them directly at (712) 276-0351 when you need more reeds or other supplies and they will deliver it to school.

Band Room Rules

1. Treat all people and equipment with respect.
2. If it's not yours—don't touch it!
3. Be on time with materials (instrument, music, pencil).
4. No food, gum, or beverages besides water in the band room.
5. Cell phones, chromebooks, and other devices are not to be used unless directed.

Discipline Policy

We follow the school-wide policy of documenting “minor” and “major” offenses.

1. If a student breaks a rule, they will be reminded of the expectations.
2. If a student needs to be reminded after their warning, they will receive a minor referral and stay after class to talk with Ms. Scheevel. Since their behaviors “took away” from the community, they may have to do something to “give back” to the community outside of school time.
3. Every class period is a fresh start. However, if a student continues to break the rules after receiving multiple minors, they will earn a major referral and consequences will be handled by the office. Anything deemed as a major offense as outlined in the school policy will go straight to that step.

Misuse of property will not be tolerated. Damages to equipment other than expected “wear and tear” will be the financial responsibility of the student.