



Lava Ridge Intermediate School Bands - Class Disclosure
Nathan McGary - Director



*A more complete explanation of items on this disclosure can be found in the [LRIS Band Handbook](http://irisbands.weebly.com/class-documents.html) on our band website at: <http://irisbands.weebly.com/class-documents.html> *

Goal – To provide a unique and enjoyable educational experience through learning, understanding, and performing music in a concert band setting.

Instruments

All students will need an instrument and supplies. The supplies you need depend on the instrument you are playing:

Flute – Cleaning rod and cloth.

Oboe and Bassoon – At least one reed, because of expense, but it is recommended to have a spare.

Clarinet and Saxophone – At least two reeds (four or more is recommended) at all times, cleaning cloth, cork grease.

Brass (Trumpet, French Horn, Trombone, Baritone, Tuba) – At least one bottle of valve oil (slide oil/cream for trombones) and tuning slide grease.

Percussion – Percussion kit consisting of sticks, mallets, practice pad, & bells.

It is **strongly** suggested that students acquire their own instruments, by either using one you already own, or renting/purchasing from one of the local stores! (A sheet listing these stores will be handed out on the first day of class.) If you cannot do this, there are school instruments available - with the exception of alto saxes and percussion kits - for a rental fee of \$75 for the year. Quantities of these are limited, however, and we need to reserve these instruments for those who cannot acquire their own. If you have questions, or difficulty acquiring an instrument, please see Mr. McGary. No 6th grade student will be denied use of a school instrument.

Beginning Band & Percussion Students – We'll take the first few days in class to introduce the various instruments, and go over class information, music basics, etc. Students will then select the instrument that they wish to play for the year. We will begin using instruments in class on **Monday, August 22nd!**

Intermediate Band Students – We will begin using instruments in class on **Wednesday, August 17th!**

Instrument lockers will be assigned at the beginning of the year. If you wish to use a lock, you must provide your own and it must be a **combination lock!*

Music

All students will need a method book. We will begin using them the same day as the instruments. They can also be purchased at one of the local stores. Please make sure you purchase the appropriate book for your class and instrument:

Beginning Band & Percussion Students – Sound Innovations, Book 1, Washington County School District Level 1 (Percussion, make sure to get the *Combined Percussion* book!)

Intermediate Band Students – Sound Innovations, Book 2

We have a classroom set of the Beginning Band books, and are slowly building one for the Intermediate Band! If you are unable to get a book for any reason, please see Mr. McGary. We will pass out folders, and sheet music in class. These will be the responsibility of the students to take care of throughout the year.

Grading

Two types of grades are given each trimester – **Academic** (A, B, C, or I) & **Effort** (A, B, C, or U).

The Academic Grade reflects how proficient your student is on their instrumental skills, music reading knowledge, and evaluation skills. The grade is based on the following:

Playing Tests	100 pts ->	2 worth 50 points each
Written Tests/Quizzes	50 pts ->	2 worth 25 points each
Assignments	50 pts ->	Total of various assignments
Practice Checks	50 pts ->	4 worth 10 pts each + 10 pts complete
Performance Etiquette	50 pts ->	50 pts for proper Perf etiquette
Total		300 pts / each trimester

The Effort Grade reflects the level of effort and accountability your student shows in class and in home practice on their instrument. The grade is based on the following:

Participation	100 pts- >	Avg of 2 points per day
Practice	100 pts ->	4 reports worth 25 pts each
Performance Attendance	50 pts ->	50 pts for Perf attendance
Total		250 pts / each trimester

Class Rules

1. No food, gum or drink in the classroom, except on occasions approved by Mr. McGary. Water in a bottle is okay.
2. Students should show respect to each other and to the teacher.
3. Cell phones, iPods, or any similar electronic devices are only allowed when permission is given by Mr. McGary. Failure to comply will result in device and/or privilege being taken away.

Discipline

Rules and procedures will be given in class during the first few weeks. Failure to comply with these will result in the following actions:

- 1st offense – Warning from Mr. McGary
- 2nd offense – Conference with Mr. McGary and call/email home to parents
- 3rd offense – Sent to Principal and conference with parents

Performances*

October 20	Fall Performance	Band Room/During Class Time
December 1	Winter Concert	LRIS Gym/7 pm
December 6	SC Conesite Concert (Int Band)	SCHS Aud/6 pm?
December 16	Fine Arts Assembly (Int Band)	LRIS Gym/1 pm
January ?	Elementary Schools Tour (Int Band)	Elem Schools/TBA
February 22?	SUPAF Performance	DHHS?/TBA
April 25	Solo & Ens Concert (Select students)	LRIS Little Th/7 pm
May 2	Spring Concert	LRIS Gym/7pm

** Dates and times are subject to change and we may add other performances or events. If we do, I will announce it in class, send an email, and post it on our website.*

Concert Attire

For each performance, every student will wear the white Lava Ridge Band shirt, with black or dark pants and dress shoes. No shorts or flip flops! The LRI Band shirts cost \$10. If you are unable to purchase a shirt, you may use a plain, white, collared shirt instead.

Communication

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LRIS Bands – Class Disclosure Agreement

Please complete & sign **ALL THREE SECTIONS** and return this sheet by **Wednesday, August 17th**!

1. Class Disclosure

My band student and I have read the LRIS Bands Class Disclosure, and agree to follow its contents, including:

- Acquiring and maintaining an instrument – either one we already own, from a store, or through the school.
- Acquiring a method book.
- Abiding by grading policies and class rules.
- Participating in ALL required performances.
- Acquiring and wearing appropriate concert attire.

REMEMBER – Students need their instruments and books by:

Wednesday, August 17th – Intermediate Band

Monday, August 22nd – Beginning Band & Percussion

Student Name _____ Class Period _____

Parent/Guardian Name _____ email _____

Parent/Guardian Signature _____ Date _____

2. Photos/Video

From time to time, we will post pictures or video on our band website, irisbands.weebly.com, of things we are doing throughout the year. Student names, or any information linking their name to a photo or video, will **NEVER** be used. Please sign below to give permission for pictures or video of your student to appear on the website. If you do not sign, I will not post any pictures or video which contain close-up shots of your student in them.

Parent/Guardian Signature _____ Date _____

3. In-Class Media

Throughout the year, we will be showing various movie, video, & other media clips in class to enhance and explain concepts we are learning. These clips may come from sources like YouTube, DVDs, or other approved sources. They will ALWAYS be school appropriate, approved through the school or district. If a movie is shown it will be rated G or PG. Please sign below to give your child permission to view these movie/video clips in class. If you have a concern or question with this, please contact Mr. McGary.

Parent/Guardian Signature _____ Date _____