



## LRIS Band Program - Mr. McGary, Director

### Class Disclosure

(See [Band Handbook](#) on website for a more detailed explanation)

**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. Check below to see when you need to have these instruments for class. It is HIGHLY RECOMMENDED that you use good quality instruments. Don't go for the sweet deal on ebay or Amazon! They tend to not play as well, they break easier, and they usually end up costing more in the end. A list of some [recommended brands](#) is found on the band website and is also attached to this disclosure. The supplies needed depend on the instrument you are playing:

<b>Flute</b> – Cleaning rod and cloth.	<b>Clarinet and Saxophone</b> – At least two reeds (four or more is recommended) AT ALL TIMES, cleaning cloth, cork grease.
<b>Brass</b> (Trumpet, French Horn, Trombone, Baritone, Tuba) – At least one bottle of valve oil (slide oil/cream for trombones) and tuning slide grease.	<b>Percussion</b> – Percussion kit consisting of: <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• At least one pair of Snare Sticks</li><li>• At least one pair of Mallets</li><li>• Practice Pad</li><li>• Bell Set</li></ul>

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! If you cannot do this, there are school instruments available - with the exception of alto saxes - for a rental fee of \$95 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.

**Beginning Band & Percussion Students** – We'll take the first week or so 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. Students can start bringing instruments on **Monday, August 28th**, and we'd like to have them all with instruments no later than **Thursday, August 31st!**

**Intermediate Band Students** – Students can start bringing instruments on **Thursday, August 17th**, and we'd like to have them all with instruments no later than **Monday, August 21st!**

\*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** - We will use the following method books this year:

- Beginning Band, Woodwind & Brass - Habits of a Successful Beginner Band Musician
- Beginning Percussion - A Fresh Approach to Snare & Mallets
- Intermediate Band - Essential Elements, Book 2

All students will be provided a copy of their method book by Mr. McGary. They will also be given sheet music & folders during the year, which they will need to be responsible for and turn in when required.

**GRADING** - The grading in band reflects how proficient the student is on their instrumental skills, music reading knowledge, and evaluation skills. It also measures the level of effort and accountability the student shows in class and in home practice on their instrument. The grade is based on the following areas each quarter: Participation, Practice, Playing Tests, Written Quizzes, Assignments, Performances.

100% - 93%	= A	Substantial Mastery - Consistently exceeds expectations
92% - 90%	= A-	
89% - 87%	= B+	
86% - 83%	= B	Proficient - Consistently meets expectations
82% - 80%	= B-	
79% - 77%	= C+	
76% - 73%	= C	Basic Proficiency - Does not consistently meet expectations
72% - 70%	= C-	
69% & below	= NP	Standards Not Met - Does not meet expectations

### **CLASS RULES**

1. Students should show respect to each other and to the teacher.
2. No food, gum or drink in class, except on occasions approved by Mr. McGary. Water in a bottle is okay.
3. Cell phones 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, which follow the school policy:

- 1st offense – Reminder of rules.
- 2nd offense – Redirection, warning from Mr. McGary.
- 3rd offense -- Relocation to another seat/spot in the room.
- 4th offense – Reflection of offense: Think Sheet, parents contacted, possible office referral.

### **BAND PERFORMANCES - 2023-2024\***

<i>DATE</i>	<i>PERFORMANCE</i>	<i>GROUP</i>	<i>PLACE/TIME</i>
<b>October 10</b>	<b>Fall Performance</b>	<b>All Bands</b>	<b>Band Rm/During Class Time</b>
<b>December 5</b>	<b>Winter Concert</b>	<b>Beg Band</b>	<b>LRIS Gym/6:30 pm</b>
<b>December 6</b>	<b>SC Conesite Concert</b>	<b>Int Band</b>	<b>SCHS Aud/6 pm</b>
<i>December 15</i>	<i>Fine Arts Assembly</i>	<i>Int Band</i>	<i>LRIS Gym/1 pm</i>
<b>March 4-8 (one day)</b>	<b>Festival Performance</b>	<b>All Bands</b>	<b>TBA/TBA</b>
<i>April 30</i>	<i>Solo &amp; Ens Concert</i>	<i>Select Students</i>	<i>LRIS Little Th/7 pm</i>
<b>May 7</b>	<b>Spring Concerts</b>	<b>All Bands</b>	<b>LRIS Gym/6:30 &amp; 7:30 pm</b>

**\*IMPORTANT!** - Performances in **Bold** are required for all band students. Dates and Times are subject to change. Please check the band website for the most current schedule. Emails will also be sent out if/when changes are made.

**CONCERT ATTIRE** - For each performance, every student will wear the Lava Ridge Band shirt, with black or dark pants and nice shoes. No shorts or flip flops! The LRI Band shirts cost \$6. If you are unable to purchase a shirt, you may use a plain, black t-shirt instead.

**COMMUNICATION** - Nate McGary – Work: (435) 652-4742, Email: [nate.mcgary@washk12.org](mailto:nate.mcgary@washk12.org)  
Website: <http://irisbands.weebly.com>

## LRIS Bands Technology Use 2023-2024

The following technologies will be used in class for various assignments, tasks, and performances throughout the year. Please read through each section carefully.

1. **Online/Software:** We will be using several software programs, many of which require the students to create an account, for different assignments in class. The following are programs we will be using for sure:
  - a. *Essential Elements* - Online software program, correlated with method book, for practicing.
    - i. <https://www.essentialelementsinteractive.com/>
  - b. *Habits Universal* - Website with play-along tracks, instructional videos, and more. Will be used in conjunction with the “Habits” method book for beginners.
    - i. <https://habitsuniversal.com/>
  - c. *Flip* - Online video recording software that will be used to record some pass-offs, levels, and other assignments.
    - i. <https://info.flip.com/en-us.html>
  - d. *Schoology* - Online learning management system. MOST assignments will go through this site!
    - i. <https://www.schoology.washk12.org>
  - e. *Google Classroom* - Online class management system for some assignments.
    - i. <https://classroom.google.com/>
  - f. *Ningenius* - Online site that teaches music basics, note names, instrument fingerings, etc. through a “gamified” method. (Note: the school has already paid the fee for this, so there is no cost to you.)
    - i. <https://www.ningenius.net/playningenius.html>

\*If others are added throughout the year, I will send home a notice asking for your permission to add them. ***Please check the “Yes” box on the agreement page to give your student permission to use these programs for class.*** Their information will never be shared with others.

2. **Photos/Video:** From time to time, we will post pictures or video on our band website, [irisbands.weebly.com](https://irisbands.weebly.com), of things we are doing throughout the year. Student names, or any information linking them to a photo or video, will NEVER be used. ***Please check the “Yes” box on the agreement page to give permission for pictures or video of your student to appear on the website.*** If you check the “No” box, I will not post any pictures or video which contain close-up shots of your student in them.
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 check the “Yes” box on the agreement page 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.

After reading, please fill out the LRIS Band Disclosure & Technology Agreement.

## LRIS Band Disclosure & Technology Agreement

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.
- Taking care of sheet music and returning it when required.
- Abiding by grading policies and class rules.
- Participating in ALL required performances.
  - o Fall Performance
    - All Bands - Oct 10, 2023 , During class period time
  - o Winter Performance
    - Beginning Band - Dec 5, 2023 , LRIS Gym, 6:30 pm
    - Intermediate Band - Dec 6, 2023 , SCHS Auditorium, 6 pm
  - o Festival Performance
    - All Bands - Mar 4, 2024 - Mar 8, 2024 (one of these days), TBA, TBA
  - o Spring Performance
    - All Bands - May 7, 2024 , LRIS Gym, 6:30 pm
- Acquiring and wearing appropriate concert attire.

I agree to follow the class disclosure. ☐ Yes

My band student and I have read the **LRIS Bands Technology Use**, and agree to the following technology uses:

Online/Software ☐ Yes ☐ No

Photos/Video ☐ Yes ☐ No

In-Class Media ☐ Yes ☐ No

Student Name \_\_\_\_\_ Class Period \_\_\_\_\_

Parent/Guardian Name \_\_\_\_\_

Email \_\_\_\_\_

Parent/Guardian Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_