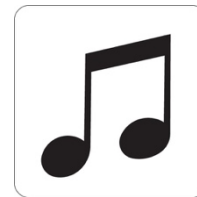




McKamy Middle School

# BAND



Dear Parents,

Welcome to McKamy Middle School! We are excited that your student may be interested in being a member of the McKamy Band. We hope the information included in this packet will answer the questions you may have concerning the band program at McKamy.

6<sup>th</sup> grade is the only time students can begin instrumental music education in the Lewisville ISD. We strongly encourage your child to select band as their elective in the 6<sup>th</sup> grade. No experience or musical training is necessary and there are many benefits that your child will experience by being a member of the McKamy Band. More information is available on the back of this letter and on the band website.

## WHAT DOES MY 5<sup>TH</sup> GRADER NEED TO DO TO SIGN UP FOR BAND?

1. Select Band as #1 or #2 elective choice in Skyward.
2. Schedule an Instrument Selection appointment with the band directors.

## THINGS YOU CAN DO TONIGHT:

1. Sign Up for an Instrument Selection appointment. **Students interested in playing Percussion (drums) must schedule an Instrument Selection appointment on Saturday, February 21, 2026.** If you do not sign up for an appointment tonight, you may sign-up online at [www.mckamyband.com](http://www.mckamyband.com)
2. Meet the band directors and ask any questions you may have.

## INSTRUMENT SELECTION DATES:

**Saturday, February 21      9:30am – 2:30pm      Brass, Woodwinds, PERCUSSION**

**MUST COME TO THIS DAY FOR PERCUSSION**

**Saturday, February 28      9:30am – 2:30pm      Brass & Woodwind:**



We look forward to working with you and your child this coming year. Please visit our website for additional information at [www.mckamyband.com](http://www.mckamyband.com) look for the "Future Band Member!" tab. If there are any concerns or questions, please feel free to call Mr. Cote at (972) 350-3242 or email [coter@lisd.net](mailto:coter@lisd.net).

Sincerely,

**Russell Cote & Zach Glanzer**

Band Directors

[www.mckamyband.com](http://www.mckamyband.com)

# More info about band:



1. Beginning band meets as a regular class during the school day for the entire school year.
2. Band classes are set up in groups of like instruments – all flutes together, all clarinets together, etc.
3. Only four after school rehearsals are held during the 6<sup>th</sup> grade year. One day after school in October, December, February and May are scheduled in order for all instruments to practice together for our concerts.
4. For normal progress, a minimum of 20 minutes of home practice is required 5 days each week. Students will enjoy getting better!
5. Skills develop slowly at first, therefore; students and parents must be patient and be committed for the entire school year in order to get the full benefit of the instrumental program.
6. Weekly private lessons are available for a small fee to those who are interested. Private instructors are all top quality; all are professionally trained, most with graduate degrees in music. More information will be available at the beginning of next school year.
7. There is not a conflict between taking athletics (or any other activity) and band. Most of our students participate in both activities.
8. Some of the larger and more expensive instruments are provided by the school. All students playing an instrument owned by L.I.S.D. will be required to pay a rental fee of \$100.00 per year. Please refer to the **Instrument Selection Guide** for more details.
9. When you come to McKamy MS for your child's Instrument Selection appointment, you will receive all of the necessary information regarding the rental or purchase of an instrument.
10. You or your child do not need to do anything else to get ready for band next year. We are excited they will be involved in our organization!

Check out our website [www.mckamyband.com](http://www.mckamyband.com) for more information listed under the “**Future Band Member!**” tab.