

MCLEAN 6TH GRADE CENTER

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Blue Jay



Band Handbook

2022-2023

McLean 6th Grade Blue Jay Band

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Dear Students & Parents,

The McLean and Paschal High music staffs along with our administration have put together a set of Music Program Guidelines to provide band students and parents as much information as possible about our Band program. Required guidelines published in this handbook provide general information about our program which we hope you will find helpful.

Students, who begin our Band program in the sixth grade, can look forward to a comprehensive, sequential music education that will take them through the twelfth grade. Our sixth grade and early middle school band programs emphasize a thorough foundation in individual performance fundamentals. In the later middle school years, students have the opportunity to perform in full bands with emphasis placed on developing ensemble concepts and furthering individual skills. Once your student reaches the high school level, he/she will have the opportunity to participate in a wider range of performing ensembles including marching band, as well as individual, community, and national performances.

We are proud of the tradition of excellence that our band program enjoys. With your help and support, we look forward to continuing this tradition of educational excellence in music.

If you have questions regarding the McLean 6th Grade Band guidelines and information contained in this band handbook, please call the band office at 817-814-5761

Sincerely,

Mrs. Lindsey Traugher
Band Director, McLean 6th Grade

PHILOSOPHY OF THE MCLEAN 6th GRADE BAND

The success of the McLean 6th Grade Band centers on pride, commitment to task and the willingness to work hard to achieve a common goal. We do not expect every student in the program to become a virtuoso musician. We do expect every student to establish both short and long term goals for improvement on his/her instrument, to exhibit mature, responsible attitudes and actions at all times, and be willing to contribute to lots of hard work for the benefit of all.

The band program exists to provide an excellent music education for students. This is achieved through individual study and varied performances in many venues, supporting a curriculum which places an emphasis on comprehensive musicianship. Performance opportunities include large ensembles, chamber ensembles and solos. The skills that band students acquire in these activities are directly related to skills necessary for auditions, presentations and interviews in other career fields.

Social skills are also developed. Participation in band enables students to form close friendships within the school through their collaborative efforts and the opportunity to work with their peers as part of a team. As a member of the McLean 6th Grade Band program, students make long-lasting friendships and develop a sense of camaraderie that is unique to our organization. Organizational goals are clearly established, and the students depend heavily on each other to achieve them. As a result, the concepts of responsibility, teamwork and good citizenship will develop as each student experiences the world of music.

The ultimate goal of the program is to produce students who are knowledgeable about music, can perform successfully with confidence, can operate within a structured framework, and can work to develop the skills necessary to continually become a better life long musician.

Band activities are group events that require the commitment of ALL STUDENTS. All group performances require mandatory attendance from each student. We ask each McLean 6th Grade Band Family to make a strong commitment to the Band Calendar. Please communicate with the director if you foresee any conflicts. All students are required to attend the events pertaining to their particular band. Band events may sometimes conflict with other MCLEAN 6TH school events. In that case, the director will work with the parent and student to see that their best interests are met.

Every year is a new challenge – new combinations of personalities and talent, new audiences, new music, new members, and new leadership from section leaders, and officers. By accepting membership in the McLean 6th Grade Band, students agree to perform to the best of their abilities and work together with the band staff to make this year's band the finest musical organization that our combined efforts can produce.

Conduct

- Any organization that has high performance standards must also have high disciplinary standards. The basic behavioral guidelines for students in music activities are taken from the FWISD Student Code of Conduct.
- Students enrolled in the band program are expected to display exemplary behavior at all times. At every performance as a band member, you represent your family, McLean 6th Grade, FWISD and Fort Worth, Texas. Make sure that your actions prove that the McLean 6th Grade Bands are a “class act” in every way.
- Band students are allowed in the Band Hall only while the director is present. Do not disturb anyone if there is a class or sectional in progress. Show every courtesy to the director and students involved.
- Students will not be permitted to use any rehearsal area or school equipment without the director’s permission. The Band Hall is available for use anytime it is not in use by a director.
- Students must have director approval to use the Band Office phone.
- Students are not allowed in the Band Office unless a director is present.
- Only band members are allowed in the Band Hall.
- No one is allowed in the Band Hall prior to 8am daily.

Rehearsal Guidelines

1. Be seated with instrument, music, pencil, and supplies when the tardy bell rings.
2. Show good rehearsal etiquette by being a good team player – study your part quietly while the director works with another section. Remain on task at all times; do not talk or interrupt the focus of a rehearsal.
3. Maintain proper posture at all times, which is important for all players.
4. Be intent on improving your performance skills.
5. Raise your hand and ask questions if you need more individual help.
6. Leave your cases in your locker during rehearsal and your backpacks on the shelves outside band hall
7. Do not leave purses or other valuables unlocked in the band hall.
8. No food, gum or drink is allowed in the band hall or during other rehearsals. We all take pride in keeping our band hall clean and organized.
9. All instruments remain in cases *with latches closed* inside a locker when not in use.
10. Lockers shall remain clean.
11. No food or drink shall be kept in lockers at any time.
12. Disorderly behavior and abusive language will not be tolerated.
13. Please be considerate of directors’ requests for assistance and/or performance of tasks around the band hall.
14. All students will adhere to the FWISD Code of Conduct Handbook.
15. Instruments must be well maintained and in good, working order at all times.

Discipline

If there is a problem with following good conduct/rehearsal guidelines, the following will be procedure for correcting the issue.

1. The issue will be brought to the students attention in class
2. The student will visit with director after class about the issue, parent phone call
3. Conference with student, parent, director, and administrator
4. Office Referral

Grading Policy

It is important to realize that high expectations go hand-in-hand with a fine performing organization and students who do the necessary work to be a contributing member will receive a high grade. During virtual learning, students will have 1 written assignment through google classroom and one recording assignment through Music First or FlipGrid.

*Daily/Team (30%)

Class participation and having equipment.

*Practice Journals/Objective Sheets/Weekly Work (30%)

Practice Journals and Objective Sheets will be assigned on an as needed basis by six weeks. Practice reports are one per week. Objective sheets are one per six weeks. Assigned written work & recordings will also be part of this grade. Assignments will be worked on both in class and home

*Performance Grade (40%)

Playing and written tests over pre-assigned material
Performances/Rehearsals

Unexcused Absences – An unexcused absence from a required performance may result in the suspension of that student from extra-curricular band activities the remainder of the year, removal from the performing ensemble, &/or demotion within the section. The student's band grade would also be affected – for concerts and sectionals missed a performance grade of 0. A written assignment will then be assigned for the student to correct the grade. If for some reason and emergency arises, please notify the director as soon as possible at the band office, 817-814-5761. A written excuse may also be accepted.

If a student's religious beliefs prevent them from performing certain music, an alternate assignment will be given by the director. Please communicate this information to the director so that accommodations may be made for the student.

Dues and Fees

Band Dues: Our optional band dues are \$40 per year, and cover your t-shirt, food and drinks for the year, cost of trips, contest entries, and other items such as new music. Contact your director for information on a payment plan. We ask that all band students pay this due if possible. Dues are paid to the McLean Band Boosters at <https://mclean-band-booster-club.square.site/>

Instrument Rental Fee: If you choose to rent your instrument from the school district, the cost is \$80 per year. It may be paid \$80 at once or \$40 per semester. The fee must be accompanied by the instrument rental form at the end of this handbook. Contact your director for information on a payment plan or if in need of financial assistance through a district waiver. Instrument fees are paid directly to the school through the band director or front office.

MUST RENT FROM FWISD: Oboe, Bassoon, French Horn, Euphonium, Tuba

OPTION TO RENT FROM FWISD OR MUSIC STORE-It is encouraged to go through a music store as the school has limited quantities of these instruments:**Flute, Clarinet, Saxophone, Trumpet, Trombone.**

Instruments & Supplies

Personal Instruments:

With all personal instruments, it is strongly recommended that the instrument be insured through your homeowner's policy or private company. The school district will not assume liability for maintenance, loss, repair, or damage of personal instruments. Please make sure your students' instrument has his/her name visible on the case of the instrument (i.e. luggage tag, instrument tag, etc.)

School Owned Instruments:

McLean 6th Grade furnishes the following instruments for students use: Oboe, Bassoon, French Horn, Euphonium, Tuba, and all Concert Percussion instruments – THIS DOES NOT include sticks/mallets, reeds, mouthpieces, maintenance, & cleaning supplies.

The instrument usage fee is \$80 for the school year (due Friday, August 23rd). This is a very minimal fee considering that most of the school owned instruments cost several thousand dollars each. The student is responsible for maintaining the instrument to the best of his/her ability. Any excess damage beyond normal use may result in a fine to cover the repair cost of the instrument. All students are expected to treat school instruments as if they were their own. The "Band Fee" & /or Fundraising Funds will not go towards instrument rental.

Instrument Lockers/Shelves:

All band students will be assigned an instrument shelf/storage area for storage of their instrument. Students are to keep only their instrument and music in the shelf. Students must not keep clothing, shoes, school books, binders, food, or drinks in the band hall. Directors will remove any of these items at their discretion.

6th Grade Band Supplies

All necessary supplies are listed on students specific instrument supply sheet. This can be found at <http://www.mcleanmsband.com/supply-lists.html>

Uniforms

- Tucked in Band T-Shirt (Purchased from MCLEAN 6TH Band as part of the Band Fees)
- Blue JEANS
- Sneakers
- NOTE: Band T-Shirt must be tucked in at all times.
- At Winter Concert , Beginning Band Benchmark, and Spring Awards Concert-Uniform will be Sunday Best-no jeans, shorts, athletic shoes, or tshirts.

The Uniform will be required when representing our school, concerts, and contests. Our bands are evaluated on their uniformity of dress. It is essential for all students to be dressed appropriately. Each student is responsible for acquiring the uniform components.

Home Practice

It is important to develop consistent practice habits. Parent support and guidance are the key factors in establishing a regular practice schedule. The most effective home practice is based on the following:

1. 20-30 minutes of QUALITY practice time daily.
2. Parent/student MUTUALLY agreed daily practice time.
3. Parent/student MUTUALLY agreed special practice area in your home.
4. Positive reinforcement from parents and siblings.

Home practice is expected and required. The physical demands and muscle memory of producing a QUALITY sound, playing with clean technical accuracy, and the reading of music notation will be strengthened over time ONLY through CONSISTENT, DAILY PRACTICE. **No instrument is to spend the night in the band hall.** Please refer to the “DAILY ROUTINE” in each student’s notebook for more information.

Private Lessons

Private lessons are designed to benefit all band students. Private study is designed to assist students further themselves in their musical ability. I still take private lessons as often as possible. Students already performing will gain great strength from the advanced pace and more challenging material the lesson instructor can provide. Students receive weekly “one on one” attention that is not always possible in a large band class. They learn more about their instrument, are challenged further, and tend to gain immense self-confidence from the lesson experience. **There is no better way for your musician to help themselves and the McLean 6th Grade Band than by consistently participating in weekly private study.** Please return the *Private Lesson Form* so the director may assist in pairing you with a qualified instructor. Lessons occur once a week and the FWISD approved rate for private lessons is \$18 a half-hour.

Transportation

Itineraries will be distributed for all McLean 6th Grade Band events. Parents, please pick up your band members at the scheduled time. As specified by the itinerary, McLean 6th Grade Band members travel together to events by bus. Parents who wish to take their band member home must provide advance written notification.

A student may only be release to his or her own parent or guardian. Relatives, siblings, neighbors, etc. may not take your son or daughter home from an off campus activity.

Pursuant to FWISD Board Policy, parents or guardians should be able to show a photo ID to the director before a student is released, and may be asked to “sign out” the student.

Please make sure that your student always has a ride home if they desire to stay after school and practice. The Band Hall will lock daily at 5pm.

Parent Volunteers/Chaperones

There will be multiple opportunities during the school year that the band will need volunteers or chaperones to help with different tasks or trips. Please go to www.fwisd.voly.org to complete this process at the beginning of the school year.

Fundraisers:

The band booster organization plans fundraisers throughout the summer and school year. These fundraisers are to fulfill the needs of the band including, but not limited to the Spring Trip, small instruments, private instruction, music, percussion equipment, instrument repair, contest entry fees, clinicians, etc. To be able to meet the needs of such a successful and cutting edge program, a lot of money needs to be raised and this requires the team effort of ALL parents and ALL students working together to achieve one common goal. There will be important fundraisers throughout the year that will

require the participation of every student and many parents. You will be kept well informed about these fundraisers as they come up. Our first fundraiser this year is the Cash Cow Cookie Dough Fundraiser

PLEASE ADD ALL DATES TO YOU CALENDAR NOW TO AVOID CONFLICTS!



McLean 6th Grade Band
TENTATIVE Calendar of Events
2022-2023



August

15-Monday	First Day of School!	
*19-Friday	All Forms & Instrument Fees Due! (Band Handbook forms/ \$40 Band Dues/ \$80 Instrument Fee)	During Class
*22-Monday	Band Parent Meeting in Mc6 Cafeteria	Meeting at 5:30PM
22-Monday	Instrument/Supply Rental: N-Tune Music Store will be available in the McLean 6 th Auditorium for rental of instruments and purchase of supplies for band.	Music Store 6:00-8:30PM
*29-Monday	All instruments and supplies must be purchased or rented by this date	Class check everyday preceding

September

12-Monday	Band Cookie Dough Fundraiser Begins	During Class
16-Friday	Mc6 Band to Paschal HS Football Game with High School Band	7pm
26-Monday	Band Fundraiser Ends (TURN IN \$\$\$ and ORDER FORMS!)	During Class

October

11	UNT One O'Clock Lab Band Performance @ Bass Hall	10:30AM
27	Pumpkin Painting Party	After School

November

3-Thursday	Fundraiser Arrives at McLean 6th for delivery	After School
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December

*6-Tuesday	All Woodwinds Band Rehearsal-McLean 6 th Auditorium	4:35-5:30PM
*7-Wednesday	All Brass/Percussion Band Rehearsal-McLean 6 th Auditorium	4:35-5:30PM
*9-Friday	5 th Graders to McLean 6, select 6 th graders to perform	During School
*13-Tuesday	Winter Concert @ Paschal High School Auditorium	6:30PM

January

February

23-Thursday	Skate Party with McLean 7/8 Band	TBA
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March

April

1-Saturday	Instrument Fair for Incoming 5th Graders @ PHS Band Hall	8AM-Noon
4-Tuesday	Instrument Fair Make Up (5 th Graders by appointment at McLean 6 th Band Room)	4:45-6:30PM
6-Thursday	Instrument Fair Make Up (5 th Graders by appointment at McLean 6 th Band Room)	4:45-6:30PM
*11-Tuesday	ALL Woodwinds/Percussion Rehearsal-McLean 6 th Auditorium	4:35-5:30PM
*13-Thursday	ALL Brass/Percussion Rehearsal-McLean 6 th Auditorium	4:35-5:30PM
*18-Tuesday	ALL Beginning Band Rehearsal-McLean 6 th Auditorium	4:35-5:30PM
*20-Thursday	ALL Beginning Band Rehearsal-McLean 6 th Auditorium	4:35-5:30PM
*25-Tuesday	ALL Beginning Band Rehearsal-McLean 6 th Auditorium-Side by Side with MS Band	4:35-5:30PM
*27-Thursday	ALL Beginning Band Rehearsal-McLean 6 th Auditorium	4:35-5:30PM
*28-Friday	Pride of Texas Festival @ Alley Cats Hurst	All Day

May

*2-Tuesday	Band Spring Concert @ Paschal High School Auditorium	6:30
*16-Tuesday	All Beginning Band Rehearsal-McLean 6 th Auditorium	4:35-5:30PM
*17-18	FWISD Beginning Band Benchmark	During School Day
*20-Saturday	FWISD Solo Contest @ Southwest High School	8AM-Noon
22-24	Instrument Check-In	During Class
23-Tuesday	Band Awards Ceremony/Pizza Games @ McLean Middle School	4:30-7:30PM

June

TBA	Instrument Check-Out (McLean Middle School)	As needed for 2023-2024
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- Events marked with a * are required of all Band students and will be a part of your grade!*
- Detailed Itineraries will be given to students in a timely manner before each event.*
- All Rehearsals and Performances are required of all students unless there is an eligibility issue.*

**MCLEAN 6TH GRADE BAND
STUDENT INFORMATION AND MEDICAL RELEASE FORM
2022-2023**

Student's full name _____
Last First Middle

Parent Email _____ Student T-Shirt Size (adult sizes) _____

Student's address _____

City _____ Zip _____

Mother's full name _____

Mother's phone #'s _____
home work cell

Father's full name _____

Father's phone #'s _____
home work cell

Allergies or existing medical conditions:

Medicine now taken _____

Family Physician's name _____

Phone number _____

Insurance Company _____

Policy Number _____

Emergency Contact _____

Phone number _____

I, _____, hereby give my consent for a qualified, licensed physician to treat my son/daughter, _____ in case of a medical emergency. This form will stay on file and be used for the entire school years off campus activities.

Parent/Guardian

Date

Rules Governing On/Off Campus Activities & Handbook Agreement

1. All school policies apply. School policy prohibits students from using alcohol and drugs. Violation of any school rules or McLean 6th Grade Band rules will result in the student's parents being called and notified that the student must be picked up.
2. Students will be held responsible for any damaged property.
3. Be **on time-which means early**-for all activities.
4. Chaperones will be acting on behalf of the director and must be obeyed.
5. Students should refrain from loud talking and laughing in public places. Be polite and courteous to employees of the establishments we patronize. The directors and chaperones should receive some sort of commendation from employees of places we visit in reference to the fine manner in which McLean 6th Grade Band students handle themselves.
6. All Uniform Guidelines must be met at all times.
7. IF not in Uniform, proper attire will be expected at all times. If you have any questions concerning this, check it out with the director personally before we leave.
8. Remember, you are individually and collectively representing McLean 6th Grade and the city of Fort Worth, as well as yourself and your parents. Any misbehavior on your part will not only reflect on you individually but the McLean 6th Grade Band of Fort Worth, Texas. Let's keep our fine tradition!
9. Parent or Guardian for the student must sign the permission form and rules governing off campus activities to be eligible to participate in the McLean 6th Grade Band.
10. **HANDBOOK AGREEMENT:** I have read and understand the rules above and have read and understand all policies set forth in the McLean 6th Band Handbook.
<http://www.mcleanmsband.com/beginning-band.html>

I have read and do accept the "Rules Governing On/Off Campus Activities."

Student Signature

Print Name

Parent or Guardian Signature

**Fort Worth Independent School District
Parent Permission, Release, and Indemnity Trips Form**

I hereby certify that my son/daughter _____
(Name of Pupil)

has my permission to participate in the trips of the McLean 6th Grade Band
(Class or Sponsoring Group)

throughout the 2022-2023 School Year, including but not limited to football games, contests and band trips.

To the best of my knowledge, he or she is physically fit to engage in such activity and is not suffering from any disease or injury.

I agree and do hereby waive and release all claims against the FWISD and any teacher, employee, or other person engaged in the activity in question and agree to hold them harmless from any and all liability relating to my son or daughter for any personal injury or illness that may be suffered or any loss of property that may occur to my son or daughter.

It is understood that no child will be allowed to participate in this activity until this form is signed by his or her parent or guardian.

Signed at _____, Texas, this _____ day of _____
(city) (date) (month) (year)

(Signature of Parent or Guardian)

(Street Address)

(Zip Code)

(Telephone Number)

Form 829

**Fort Worth Independent School District Parental
Permission Form and Release from Claims**

During the school year we will be taking some field trips. These trips will be bus trips within the city or to nearby communities. We are asking for you to sign one (1) permission and release form for the year. You will be notified each time before a trip is to be taken and given a detailed itinerary.

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_____ has my permission to accompany his/her teacher or other supervisory personnel on field trips authorized by the Fort Worth Independent School District (FWISD) during the **2022-2023** school year. I hereby waive and release all claims against the FWISD and any teacher, employee, or any other person engaged in field trips during the school year and agree to hold them harmless from any and all liability relating to my above named son/daughter for any personal injury or illness that may be suffered or any loss of property that may occur to my child.

Signed at Fort Worth, Texas, on this _____ day of _____, year _____

Signature of Parent/Guardian _____ Telephone No _____

Address _____

**Distrito Escolar Independiente de Fort Worth
Formulario de Permiso de Padres y Renuncia de Reclamo**

Durante el año escolar tendremos algunas excursiones. Las excursiones podrán ser caminatas por la vecindad, en autobús alrededor de la ciudad o a comunidades cercanas. Les pedimos que firmen un formulario y de permiso y reclamo al año y se les informará cada vez que haya una excursión.

_____ tiene mi permiso para acompañar al maestro u otro supervisor a excursiones autorizadas por el Distrito Escolar Independiente de Fort Worth (FWISD) durante el año escolar del **2022-2023**. Renuncio a todo reclamo contra el FWISD y contra el maestro o cualquier persona relacionada con las excursiones durante este año escolar y estoy de acuerdo en librarles de cualquier responsabilidad con respecto a mi hijo ya mencionado por accidentes personales o enfermedad que pueda sufrir o cualquier pérdida de propiedad que sostenga.

Firmado en Fort Worth, Texas, este _____ día de _____ del año _____

Firma del padre/guardián _____

Domicilio _____ Teléfono No. _____