

Leverett's Chapel Band

2026/2027



5th/6th Grade Handbook

5th Grade Beginning Band and 6th Grade Band

Band is largely a participatory class. If your child does not participate it is hard for them to earn a grade.

Students will be given daily grades during the school week. Grades will be based on participation, playing tests, written tests, and pencil/book/music checks. At least every three weeks there will be a chair test which will count as a major grade.

Concerts:

All 5th and 6th grade band students are required to perform in the Christmas concert, unless the students have certain religious beliefs and cannot participate. If they cannot participate they will be graded by a special assignment. This concert will count as their semester test grade. If they do not attend this concert they will more than likely not have a passing grade for that six weeks. During the spring they are also to perform in the spring concert. This will also count as their semester grade. Not attending will result in a non passing grade. For both concerts the students are to wear “church-like” clothes- no flip flops or jeans with holes!

Instruments and supplies:

Each student will be issued a school-owned instrument. They are responsible for taking care of the instrument. If by accident something is wrong with the horn, the school will pay for it to go to the shop and be repaired. If it is clearly the students fault, the school will contact the parent(s)/guardian(s) to pay.

If a student takes the instrument home to practice they must bring it back the next school day. Failure to do so will result in lunch detention that day.

Students must keep up with their school issued band book. If it becomes lost they will be required to pay \$10.00.

The school will provide reeds for those who play an instrument that requires reeds. If a student does not take care of his/her reeds and needs more than one a week they will have to pay \$3.00 to get another one.

If a student wants to take their instrument home over the summer they must check it out first. If a student moves, they must bring the instrument back to the school before they withdraw.

If you want to purchase your child his/her own instrument talk to the Band Director first!

Fundraisers:

5th and 6^{th grade} students can participate in fundraisers but it is not required. 7-12th must participate in at least one of our fundraisers.

JH/HS Band Grades 7-12

Instruments and supplies:

All band students will be issued a school owned instrument. Each student is responsible for that instrument. If a student damages an instrument they will be responsible to pay for it; if it is an accident the school will pay.

Grades:

During the first semester students will be graded on participation by wearing their band t-shirts to games and pep rallies, attending pep rallies, and attending the football games. Band students must perform at every home football game. They are not allowed to leave after half-time. They are off in the third quarter and must return for the fourth quarter of the game. If a student misses games and/or pep rallies their grade will suffer greatly. Please call the school if there is an emergency and your child cannot attend. It is very important that I have all students for these performances.

Behavior at football games:

No food or candy in the stands. Please make sure your child eats before their report time to the band hall. They will get a break to eat during the third quarter. They can have bottled water in the stands.

Students are required to act appropriately in the stands. Students will be assigned a seat in the stands. No yelling or horse playing in the stands. All of this will result in a lowered grade.

Concerts:

All band students are required to perform in the Christmas and spring concerts. These will be semester test grades. Failure to attend will result in a failing grade.

Band Trips:

If a student has been a constant discipline problem during the school year, does not attend practices, games, pep rallies etc... they will not be allowed to go on a band trip.

If a student goes to DAEP anytime during the school year they will not be allowed to go on a band trip.

Any student that wishes to go on a band trip must participate in at least one of our fundraisers.

If a student is ineligible during the six weeks of the band trip they cannot attend.

Classroom:

If a student is tardy to 1st period more than three times during a six weeks the office will handle it. Past 8:10 they are considered absent. If a student is absent from band but is on the school campus without the band directors permission they will be considered skipping class.

Schedule changes:

Schedule changes will not be allowed during the middle of a semester unless the band director has made that decision.

Once a student has dropped band, the decision to get back in band will be made by the band director.