

Largo Middle School Bands

2019-2020 Event Schedule

All dates are subject to change- this will be updated on the school website as needed

MONTH	DATE	EVENT/PLACE
SEPTEMBER		
Select Students	9/20	Middle School Night @ Largo HS
OCTOBER		
Select Students	10/12	Golden Invitational Band Contest @ Largo HS
NOVEMBER		
Select Students	11/20	All County auditions @ Countryside HS
DECEMBER		
All Bands	12/12	Winter Concert @ Largo HS Auditorium
JANUARY		
Select Students	1/8-1/11	FMEA conference – Tampa
Beginning Bands	1/28	Beginner Palooza Concert
Select Students	TBA	All County Band rehearsals
Select Students	TBA	All County MS Band Concert
FEBRUARY		
Select Students	2/14-2/15	FBA Solo/Ensemble Festival
MARCH		
Bands 2 and 3	3/31-4/2	FBA Music Performance Assessment
MAY		
All Bands	5/9	Spring Concert @ Largo HS
Tiger Band	TBA	Spring Music Trip



**LARGO
MIDDLE
SCHOOL**

**2019-2020
BAND
HANDBOOK**

Katie Larkin
Director

Linda Burris
Principal

LMS INSTRUMENTAL ENSEMBLES

Instrumental Music is open to any and all students at Largo Middle School. Students will be placed in ensembles based on their grade level and/or experience as assessed by the directors. Students will focus on instrumental technique, fundamentals of music theory, history, rehearsal and concert techniques, as well as learning to work together as a group.

REHEARSAL EXPECTATIONS

1. **RESPECT AND KINDNESS**
Show respect and kindness to adults, each student, and school property.
2. **NO FOOD, DRINK, GUM, OR CANDY.**
You may have bottled water with you.
3. **BE IN YOUR ASSIGNED SEAT WHEN THE BELL RINGS.**
4. **USE THE RESTROOM BEFORE CLASS.**
5. **RAISE YOUR HAND BEFORE YOU SPEAK.**
Constructive comments and questions only We need a positive atmosphere always.
6. **NO OBSCENE LANGUAGE.**
This includes all discriminatory remarks.
7. **UNNECESSARY TALKING WILL NOT BE TOLERATED.**
Rehearsal time is limited and our class sizes are large; therefore, time cannot be wasted. If someone else is talking - you are not!
9. **NO BOOK BAGS OR BOOKS ARE TO BE IN THE ENSEMBLE SET.**
10. **NO RUNNING OR HORSEPLAY IN THE CLASSROOM!**

CONSEQUENCES FOR NOT MEETING EXPECTATIONS

Verbal Warning
Seat Change/Last Out
Tiger Reflection
Phone Call Home
Signature

CLASS MATERIALS

STUDENTS WILL NEED THE FOLLOWING MATERIALS EVERY DAY:

Pencil - you may not write on music in ink

One-inch binder with sheet protectors

Instrument in good working order

Music/Method Book

Necessary Supplies (reeds, oils, etc.)

** Students will be held responsible for these materials. Lost or damaged items will be replaced at the student's expense.

INSTRUMENTS

A number of school-owned instruments are available. Students may also choose to rent from an outside vendor. The director will send out information regarding school instruments available for rental as well as information about outside vendors. If a school instrument is used, both parent and student must sign and return the county rental agreement, with the appropriate fee. Any damage or breakage of school instruments must be reported immediately to the director, and a fee may be assessed. If you are considering purchasing an instrument for your child, please contact the director before doing so.

GRADING POLICY

Grading for instrumental music will work on a points system. A's are not given, they are earned. . .

DAILY CLASS PARTICIPATION

10 points/day

Each student will earn 5 points a day when PREPARED FOR CLASS & FULLY PARTICIPATING IN THE REHEARSAL. If you do not meet these expectations, then you will not receive the points for the day. Participation, not talent, from EVERY player is EVERYTHING in instrumental music.

QUIZZES / TESTS

50 - 100 points

There will be quizzes and tests covering music studied, theory, instrumental techniques, and/or other areas of musical study.

CONCERT PERFORMANCES

200 points

Instrumental music is a performing arts program; therefore, students are expected to attend ALL performances. These concerts are REQUIRED. Failure to perform results in a grade of zero. An unexcused TARDY to a performance or misconduct will lower the concert grade. An alternative assignment must be requested, completed and turned in by the set due date for credit to be given to raise the zero grade.

If an absence is unavoidable, the directors must be notified **in advance** by written note/email and /or phone call from the parent or guardian. Students are still required to do the alternate assignment to remove the zero grade.

UNIFORMS

The LMS Instrumental Music groups will be in uniforms which are purchased by each student (some parts are supplied by the school). The cost for items ordered through the director will be kept as low as possible. Families will be notified as soon as possible concerning the cost of school purchased items. Any financial concerns should be brought to the director's attention immediately.

VOLUNTEERS AND CHAPERONES

Parent volunteers are essential for growing and maintaining an award winning Music Department. Parents are needed for transportation, fundraising, refreshments, and preparation for events. Please contribute to our student's success by volunteering. Parents/Guardians will need to fill out the volunteer form provided by Pinellas County Schools, and provide proof of insurance **and a copy of the driver's license**. These forms can be found at <https://www.pcsb.org/Page/459>. Also, if a parent wished to become a driver or chaperone on an overnight trip, they will need to become level 2 cleared. Contact the director for more details.

LARGO MIDDLE SCHOOL BAND PROGRAM CONTRACT FOR 2019-2020

STUDENT AGREEMENT

I, _____ have read and fully understood and **am responsible** for the information regarding the LMS Instrumental Program as presented in this handbook. I do agree to purchase the required uniform by the needed date. I do realize and accept the penalties should I not participate in required performances. I will be a responsible member of the Instrumental Music Department and represent Largo Middle School in a positive manner.

Student signature _____

PARENT AGREEMENT

I have read, fully understood, and **am responsible** for the information regarding the LMS Band program as presented in this handbook. I do agree to purchase the required uniform items by the needed date for my student, or contact the director if assistance is needed. I do realize and accept the penalties should my student not participate in required performances. I will help my student be a responsible member of the LMS Band Program and represent LMS in a positive manner.

Parent / guardian Signature _____ Date ___/___/___

PLEASE COMPLETE ALL PORTIONS OF THIS FORM

Parent A:	Parent B (if applicable)
Name: _____	Name: _____
Phone: _____	Phone: _____
Email: _____	Email: _____
I may be available to chaperone field trips or volunteer at these times: (check all that apply) <input type="checkbox"/> Daytime <input type="checkbox"/> Evenings <input type="checkbox"/> Weekends <input type="checkbox"/> Anytime	I may be available to chaperone field trips or volunteer at these times: (check all that apply) <input type="checkbox"/> Daytime <input type="checkbox"/> Evenings <input type="checkbox"/> Weekends <input type="checkbox"/> Anytime

*****Please return this page for 50 points towards your grade*****