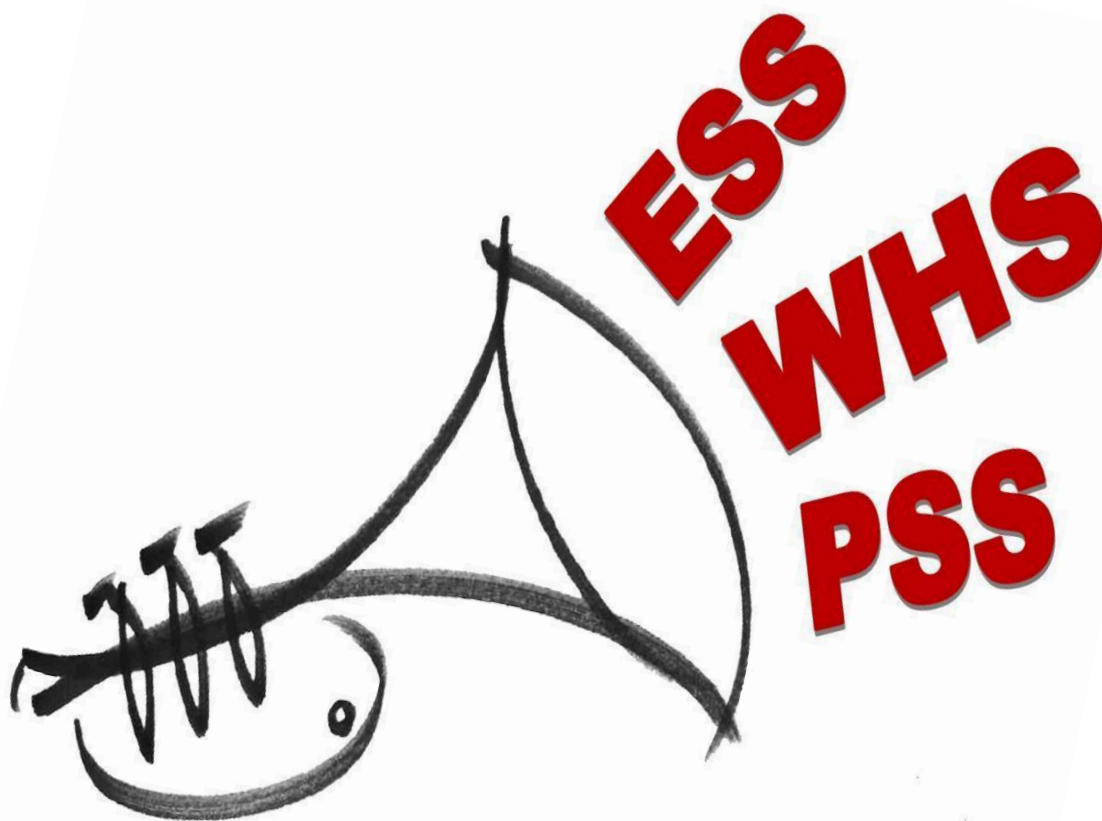


4th & 5th G r .

B a n d



2025 / 2026 School Year

Monday, September 15th - Student / Parent Information Night - 6pm at Elm Street School

Laconia School District - Department of Music

9/1/25

Dear Laconia Families,

Thank you for your continued support and encouragement of your student's study of music this year. This investment of time, effort, and energy provides lifelong benefits.

As a 4th or 5th grader, your student will have the opportunity of joining the District Elementary Band. Elementary Band is a performance ensemble with several concerts throughout the school year. By signing up, you are committing your student to attend the performances and instrument lessons each week. **All Elementary Band Lessons will be held after-school at ELM STREET SCHOOL.** Please note the detailed schedule on the back of this sheet.

There is no cost to participate in band, however students will need a well maintained and functioning instrument. If your family does not already own a band instrument, your student will either need to buy or rent one.

Rentals: When renting an instrument, I recommend the company [Music & Arts](#). These rentals may be made online or in the Manchester Music and Arts store. Most instruments rent for \$21.00 per month. It is highly recommended that percussion equipment be purchased and not rented.

Purchase: Please use the [band website](#) for reference. Please feel free to contact me with any questions or if you are just looking for advice in regards to purchasing an instrument.

Scholarship: If purchasing or renting would be a significant financial hardship for your family, please contact me directly regarding the School District's instrument scholarships. Please know that these are extremely limited.

It is a privilege to have your student as a valued musician within the 4th & 5th Grade Band. Thank you for your support of music education in the Laconia School District. You play an important role in everything we do.

Musically Yours,



Samuel Fortier
Music Educator K-12
Laconia, NH School District

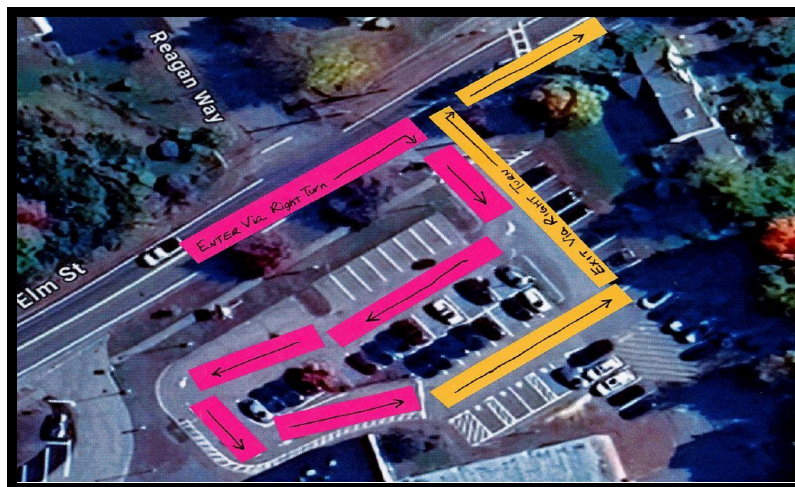
(603) 393-4413 {work cell}
(603) 524 – 4113 ext. 1219
sfortier@laconiaschools.org

Dates To Know 2025 / 2026

- **Parent Info. Night:** Monday Sept. 15th, 6:00pm, ESS Café
- **2nd Yr. Band Starts:** Monday Sept. 22nd
- **1st Yr. Band Starts:** Monday Sept. 29th
- **November-June Schedule Begins:** Monday, Nov. 3rd
- Holiday Dress Rehearsal (*attendance is required for 2nd yrs.*)
- **2nd Yr. Band Holiday Concert:** Monday, December 22nd @ **LMS**
- Concert Dress Rehearsal: Friday, January 23rd (*attendance is required*)
- **Winter Concert:** Monday, January 26th @ **Colonial Theater**
- **District Band Concert:** Monday, March 16th @ **LMS**
- Concert Dress Rehearsal: Tuesday, May 26 (*attendance is required*)
- **End of Year Concert:** Wednesday, May 27 @ **Colonial Theater**
- 5th Gr. Full Band Rehearsal: June 3rd & 4th (*attendance is required*)
- **5th Gr. Band Tour (Field-Trip):** Friday June 5th

AFTER-SCHOOL SCHEDULE

- **All Band LESSONS will happen after-school at ELM STREET SCHOOL.**
- Laconia School District will provide bus transportation for PSS & WHS students so that all students will have the opportunity to participate. Transportation home through Project Extra will also be available to students after band rehearsals. PSS & WHS parents transporting their own children to ESS should drop off at 3:25. (Please do not drop off before 3:20 as it will conflict with the regular dismissals)
- **All students will automatically be enrolled in Project Extra (at no cost - band days only) for logistical purposes.**
- Each student will receive an after-school snack through Project Extra
- *As conflicts between band and out-of-school activities (i.e. dance, baseball etc.) sometimes occur please contact Mr. Fortier directly so that we can make plans to accommodate scheduling issues.*
- Parents must contact Mr. Fortier if your child will be absent from a lesson or rehearsal. This is a safety issue in regards to your child's dismissal plans.
- If a student becomes chronically absent from band, the school principal may ask for a discontinuation of that student being allowed to participate. *As always please reach out to Mr. Fortier so that your student can receive the best possible support.*
- Please note the following diagram for student pick-up norms...



Laconia School District - Department of Music

Sept. - Oct. Schedule

Elementary Band (Sept. / Oct.)						
DAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	
3:00-3:30	Travel	Travel	Travel	Travel	Travel	
	Set-Up	Set-Up	Set-Up	Set-Up	Set-Up	
	Snack	Snack	Snack	Snack	Snack	
3:30-4:25	4th & 5th Gr. Flute & Percussion	4th & 5th Gr. Trumpet	4th & 5th Gr. Clarinet	4th & 5th Gr. Trombone	4th & 5th Gr. Saxophone	
4:25-4:30	Flute Dismissal	4th Gr. Dismissal	4th Gr. Dismissal	4th Gr. Dismissal	4th Gr. Dismissal	
4:30-5:00	5th Gr. Fl. / Perc.	5th Gr. Trumpet	5th Gr. Clarinet	5th Gr. Trombone	5th Gr. Saxophone	
5:05-5:15	Dismissal & Dinner	Dismissal & Dinner	Dismissal & Dinner	Dismissal & Dinner	Dismissal & Dinner	
5:15-5:30	Fortier Office Hour	Fortier Office Hour	Fortier Office Hour	Fortier Office Hour	Fortier Office Hour	

Nov. - June Schedule*

Elementary Band (November - June)						
DAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	
3:00-3:30	Travel	Travel	Travel	Travel	Travel	
	Set-Up	Set-Up	Set-Up	Set-Up	Set-Up	
	Snack	Snack	Snack	Snack	Snack	
3:30-4:15	4th Gr. Trombone	4th Gr. Trumpet	5th Gr. Trumpet	5th Gr. Trombone	4th / 5th Gr. FULL BAND	
	4th Gr. Flute / Perc.	4th Gr. Clarinet	5th Gr. Clarinet	5th Gr. Flute / Perc.		
4:15-5:00	4th Gr. Perc.	4th Gr. Saxophone	5th Gr. Saxophone	5th Gr. Perc.	5th Gr. Full Band	
5:05-5:30	Dismissal & Dinner	Dismissal & Dinner	Dismissal & Dinner	Dismissal & Dinner	Dismissal & Dinner	

*Starting Monday, Nov. 3rd, students will attend lessons once each week plus have full band rehearsal on Friday

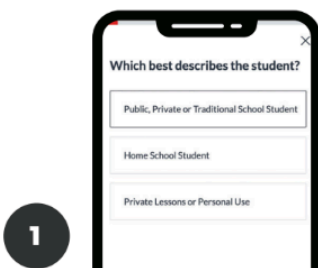
Owning/Purchasing your own Band Instrument

- Please use the resources found on the District's Band Website...
<https://sdfortier.wixsite.com/pleasantstreetmusic/instrumentresources>
- Percussionists must have both drumsticks and a bell kit. (Please see the above school website for specifics).
- Please avoid the Amazon / Walmart specials. These instruments are challenging to tune and typically don't last through the end of elementary school.

Rent-to-Own a Band Instrument

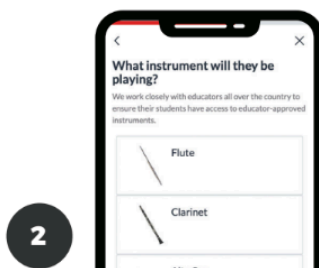
- When renting an instrument, I recommend the company [Music & Arts](https://musicarts.com). These rentals may be made online or in the Manchester Music and Arts store.
- You **do not** need the instrument starter pack.
- Clarinets & Saxophones will need to purchase size 2 reeds.
- It is highly recommended that percussion equipment be purchased and not rented.

Visit [MusicArts.com/Rentals](https://musicarts.com/Rentals) and click '**Let's Go**' to get started



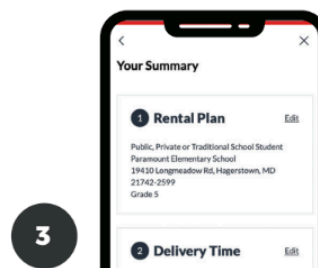
1 Find your school information

Find your child's school and select your delivery method



2 Choose your instrument

Select the instrument and school supplies approved by your child's teacher



3 Review Your Order

Add all the required items to cart. You're all set!

Instruments	1 st Month (includes LDW)	Monthly Thereafter + LDW
Flute, Clarinet, Trumpet, Trombone, Percussion Kit	\$10	\$16 rental + \$5 LDW
Alto Sax	\$20	\$27 rental + \$6 LDW
Baritone	\$50	\$54 rental + \$7 LDW



Link to musicarts.com

BAND TEE SHIRTS



All band students will need a band tee shirt for performances and field-trips throughout the school year.

BAND BINDERS

All band students will need a band binder containing the sheet music and band books we will be using to learn to play our instruments.

The combined cost for each shirt and band binder is \$12.00 (cash or checks made out to Elm Street School).

The money should be received by Mr. Fortier, before Fri. October 31st.

Please complete this form ONLINE

Student's Name: _____

School & Classroom Teacher: _____

Instrument Choice: (please circle)

flute clarinet saxophone trumpet trombone percussion (bells and drums) **Baritone Horn**

My child's band instrument is or will be...

_____ Rented through Music & Arts (musicarts.com)

_____ Owned & in good working condition

_____ Contacting Mr. Fortier regarding the possibility of a scholarship *prior* to 9/16/25.

Band Tee Shirt Size (If you already have a band tee shirt please leave this section blank)

Y Small Y Medium Y Large Y X-Large A X-Small A Small A Medium A Large A X-Large

Further questions?

PARENT

SIGNATURE: _____

Please complete this form ONLINE



Please complete this form ONLINE

I am giving my student _____ permission to attend after-school Band. I have checked the schedule and I know which days my student will be staying after-school. I will contact Mr. Fortier if my child needs to miss their scheduled lesson or rehearsal.

Before Band Lessons my child will... (Check which options apply)

ESS Students:

_____ Will **stay** after-school for Band

_____ Will leave school normally and return to ESS by 3:25.

PSS Students:

_____ Will take the (L7) School Bus from PSS to ESS

_____ Will leave PSS normally and use personal transportation to ESS arriving by 3:25.

WHS Students:

_____ Will take the (L3) School Bus from WHS to ESS.

_____ Will leave WHS normally and use personal transportation to ESS arriving by 3:25.

After Band Lessons my child will...

_____ Be walking home from ESS (district policy only allows this prior sunset).

_____ Be taking the Project Extra Bus home and I have contacted Mr. Colby to set-up transportation. (603-455-0125).

_____ Be picked up from ESS at... {4:25 for 4th Gr.} {5:05 for 5th Gr.}

(Other than parents listed below who else may pick-up my child)

Guardian name(s): _____ **Phone:** _____

Guardian name(s): _____ **Phone:** _____

Email Address: _____

Please Print Clearly, Thank You!

Signature: _____