

Congratulations on earning a spot in the 2019 GMEA District XII Honor Band!

IMPORTANT!

You must accept your spot by filling out a brief form at the following website no later than Friday, 12/21/2018:

<http://www.mccleskeyband.org/district-12-honor-band.html>

If you are unable to complete the form online, you must fill out and return this hard copy form below to your band director.

GMEA District XII Honor Band Acceptance

By completing this form, you confirm that your child is available for **ALL** rehearsals and the final concert for the Honor Band weekend at Lovinggood Middle School (except for in extreme and unexpected circumstances). This is a school activity, and school appropriate attire and behavior will be expected at all times.

The schedule is as follows:

Friday, February 1, 2019	6:00 PM-9:00 PM @ Lovinggood MS
Saturday, February 2, 2019	9:00 AM-4:00 PM @ Lovinggood MS
	6:00 PM-7:00 PM Concerts @ Lovinggood MS

Please complete and sign below, and return to your child's band director. If you filled out the online form at <http://www.mccleskeyband.org/district-12-honor-band.html> you do not need to turn in the hard copy form.

All acceptance forms are due no later than Friday, 12/21/2018.

Student's Last Name

Student's First Name

Instrument

School

Parent Signature

GMEA District XII Middle School Honor Band 2019

Congratulations! You have been chosen to participate in this year's District XII Middle School Honor Band weekend. **Please read the following information very carefully.**

The Honor Band will be at Lovinggood Middle School, located at 3825 Luther Ward Road, Powder Springs, GA 30127. The dates of the honor band weekend are February 1-2, 2019. The rehearsal and performance schedule is as follows:

Friday, February 1:	Arrive early enough to warm-up and be ready to begin rehearsal on time. Traffic in the area can be heavy at this time of day so please plan accordingly.
6:00 PM – 6:30 PM	Student arrival and check-in. Please plan to arrive by 6:00 PM so that rehearsal can begin promptly at 6:30 PM. You will need to stop by the check-in desk located at the main entrance to Lovinggood Middle School so that we know you have arrived.
6:30 PM – 9:00 PM	Rehearsal at Lovinggood MS. Breaks will be given as needed. Students should be on the way home no later than 9:30 PM. Please make appropriate transportation arrangements. If desired, instruments can be stored over night at Lovinggood in a secure space.
Saturday, February 2:	Arrive early enough to warm-up and be ready to begin rehearsal on time.
9:00 AM – 12:00 PM	Rehearsal at Lovinggood MS
12:00 PM – 1:00 PM	Lunch. A pizza lunch will be available for purchase for \$5.00. Orders can be placed when accepting your Honor Band position on the Honor Band website. Students may also bring their own lunch. Students are strongly encouraged to remain on the campus of Lovinggood Middle School for lunch and will only be allowed to leave with their parents or band directors. All students must be in their seats for rehearsal, ready to play by or before 1:00 PM.
1:00 PM – 4:00 PM	Rehearsal at Lovinggood MS
4:00 PM – 5:00 PM	Dinner. Chick-Fil-A will be available for purchase for \$6.00. Orders can be placed when accepting your Honor Band position on the Honor Band website. Students may also bring their own diner.
5:00 PM – 6:00 PM	Concert warm up/final rehearsal
6:00 PM	Concert Band Performance
6:30 PM	Symphonic Band Performance
7:00 PM	Concerts conclude

Plan to arrive at each rehearsal with time to spare for proper assembly, warm-up and other necessary activities. It is especially important to be on time for the rehearsal on Friday night. Traffic in the area can be heavy and slow. Please plan accordingly. **Note that tardies/absences from any rehearsal, for any reason, will subject you to dismissal from the Honor Band event.**

Expectations and Rules

- 1. Attendance.** Students must attend all rehearsals throughout the Honor Band weekend. Missing all or part of any rehearsal is grounds for dismissal from the group.
- 2. Drop-off/Pick-up.** Make arrangements now for transportation to and from Lovinggood Middle School. All rehearsals will begin and end on time. Students should be on the way home immediately after rehearsals are over, with no loitering on campus.
- 3. Behavior.** Participation in Honor Band is, in fact, an honor and a privilege, which carries with it responsibility. This is a school event, so appropriate school conduct is expected and required. Any inappropriate behavior, whether inside or outside of rehearsal, will subject you to dismissal from the event.
- 4. Supplies.** Students are responsible for providing their own instruments, mouthpieces, and accessories (extra reeds, valve oil, cork/slide grease, swabs, tuners, etc.) for the event. Students playing reed instruments should have 2 to 3 "broken-in" reeds at all times. Instruments and accessories will not be provided at Lovinggood Middle School. Percussionists should bring all necessary mallets and sticks. **All students must have a pencil with them in all rehearsals.**
- 5. Name tags.** All instrument cases should be clearly labeled with a name tag to avoid confusion. Students will be gathering from a large number of schools, and many instrument cases look alike.

Concert Details and Logistics

- 1. Concert Attire.** Students will be given an official Honor Band t-shirt upon arriving to rehearsal Friday evening. This shirt is to be worn with jeans for the concert. Please refrain from wearing jeans that would not be appropriate for school (no ripped jeans or holes).
- 2. Warm-up.** The final warm-up for both bands begins at 5:00 PM at Lovinggood Middle School.
- 3. Seating.** Doors to the seating area will open at 5:45 PM. Families of the Concert Band participants are encouraged to take their seats at or before that time. Priority seating for the 6:30 PM Symphonic Band performance will be given to the families of the Symphonic Band participants. Thank you in advance for your cooperation with this request.
- 4. Flash photography/video recording.** Please refrain from approaching the stage to take pictures or videos during each band's performance. This can be severely distracting for the performers and audience members. A flash can temporarily blind a musician causing them to lose their place in their music. We appreciate your understanding.
- 5. Souvenir items.** CD recordings and additional t-shirts will be available for purchase or order in the theater lobby.

Best wishes for a great experience at this year's Middle School Honor Band weekend!

Sincerely,

Andrew Paller
District XII Middle School Honor Band Organizer

