

Eighth Grade Symphonic Band LGPE Information

February 13, 2018

Dear Parents:

We have just received our performance assignment for the 2018 Georgia Music Educators Association Large Group Performance Evaluation (GMEA-LGPE). The performance evaluation gives bands in our district an opportunity to perform for each other and for a panel of highly qualified adjudicators who will evaluate each performance based on set criteria. Students do not perform individually at this event. This is strictly a group effort!

This year's event will be held at McEachern High School. Dates and times for the band class are listed below. We want as many parents as possible to chaperon or meet us at the performance site. This is our most critical performance of the year and you will not want to miss your child's band sounding their best!

Band	Date	Warm-up	Perform	Clinic	Sight-read
8th Symphonic Band	Thurs., March 22	5:30 PM	6:15	6:35	6:55

We will need several chaperons for the band. If you can help in any way, please indicate so on the permission form. Chaperons can drive their own vehicles or can follow the buses.

We look forward to seeing you at the performances! The students have been working very hard to prepare, and we are sure that their experience will be even more positive with you there to support them. We would like to have a very large turnout of McCleskey supporters!!

**McEachern High School is located at
2400 New MacLand Road, Powder Springs, GA 30127.**

**PERMISSION FORM AND MEDAL PAYMENT DUE BY
FRIDAY, MARCH 9.**

McCleskey 8th Grade Symphonic Band

GMEA Large Group Performance Evaluation Permission Form

Please return this form by Friday, March 9, 2018.

I give my child _____ permission to ride the bus and attend the GMEA Large Group Performance Evaluation at McEachern High School on **Thursday, March 22, 2018**. I understand that my child must conduct himself/herself in a way that will represent McCleskey in a very positive and mature manner. *I also understand that I am responsible for picking up my child from McEachern after the performance or at McCleskey when the buses return.*

_____ I can assist as a chaperon to accompany the students to LGPE. I understand that chaperons will need to drive, as space on the bus is limited.

Name _____ E-mail _____

_____ **I understand that all students will ride the bus together to McEachern.** Parents may check out their child with a director **before** leaving McEachern High School. The directors must be able to account for all students at all times. **Buses will be returning to McCleskey at the conclusion of the performance.**

_____ **I have enclosed \$5.00 for an award medal if the band makes a *Superior* or *Excellent* rating**

_____ **I will bring money for a Wendy's meal on the day of LGPE (otherwise, please bring something to eat for a meal after LGPE).**

Note to Parent/Guardian: Please indicate any medical needs which your child has of which adult supervisors should be aware. If any emergency medical procedures or treatment are required during the trip, I consent to the trip supervisor(s) taking, arranging for or consenting to the procedures or treatment in his/her or their discretion.

I release and waive, and further agree to indemnify, hold harmless or reimburse the Cobb County School District, the Cobb County Board of Education, its successors and assigns, its members, agents, employees, and representative thereof, as well as trip supervisors, from and against, any claim which I, any other parent or guardian, any sibling, the student, or any other person, firm or corporation may have or claim to have, known or unknown, directly or indirectly, from any losses, damages or injuries arising out of, during or in connection with the student's participation in the trip or the rendering of emergency medical procedures or treatment, if any.

_____ Parent signature

_____ Student signature

_____ Date

8th Grade Symphonic Band
GMEA LGPE Itinerary
Thursday, March 22, 2018

BRING YOUR UNIFORM TO SCHOOL!! MAKE SURE YOUR UNIFORM PARTS ARE LABELED CLEARLY!

- 11:40 AM Students report to the cafeteria for lunch
- 12:00 PM Chaperons meet in the band office
- 12:05 Students report to band room; change into uniforms
- 12:40 Load buses and depart for McEachern High School
- 1:30 Arrive at McEachern High School, unload buses
- 2:15-4:40 Listen to LGPE performances by Lindley 8th grade, Hightower Trail 7th grade, Lost Mountain 8th grade, Campbell 8th grade, and McCleskey 7th grade (we will also eat a snack during this time)
- 5:30 Warm up for performance
- 6:15 LGPE PERFORMANCE! Good luck!!
- 6:35 Evaluative clinic
- 6:55-7:15 Sight-reading performance (also open to parents)
Parents may sign out students after this performance. You must sign out your child with a director before leaving! All students and chaperons need to help the band pack equipment before leaving. Make sure you have all personal belongings before you leave.
- 7:30 Load buses and depart for McCleskey
- 7:45-8:30 Stop at Wendy's for dinner. **BRING MONEY FOR YOUR MEAL!**
- 9:15 Arrive McCleskey; unpack buses

Students leaving from McEachern should bring a minimal amount of personal items to McEachern. Parents may meet us at McCleskey at 12:30 PM to pick up students' backpacks and other belongings.

*****Make sure someone is at McCleskey to pick up your student promptly at 9:15.***