



## McLean Highlander Band

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## WELCOME TO THE MCLEAN BAND PROGRAM!

We are excited that you have chosen to become a part of our outstanding group of students and continue our tradition of excellence! The Bands at McLean High School are a visible and important part of the culture of our students and our community. Our staff works hard to provide you with a comprehensive, challenging, and fun experience in your music education. We want this to be an important and impactful part of your lives for the next four years!

Here are the first steps to being a part of our program:

1. **ALL STUDENTS** need to register for CHARMS. This is the communication and accounting system provided by FCPS. There is a form attached to this packet that we need you to fill out and turn in either in person or by email to get you setup for that system. Once you are in, you will be able to receive email communication, order band and spirit wear, sign up to volunteer, pay online via credit card, etc.
2. **ALL FRESHMEN STUDENTS and their parents should attend our New Band Student Orientation Meeting at McLean HS on Thursday, April 23 at 7PM.**
3. Decide if you are going to participate in the Highlander Marching Band. This is one of the most fun and important parts of the overall high school band experience. The most important time to register for marching band is before your FRESHMEN YEAR. This will help ease your transition into high school in a very comfortable way. All students should strongly consider registering for marching band.

### MARCHING BAND REGISTRATION:

If you choose to be a part of the Highlander Marching Band, please see the attached schedule, fee structure, and commitment form.

1. Turn in the commitment form signed by you and your parents along with the first payment and Charms registration form. The first payment is the FCPS Course Materials Fee for Marching Band - \$160. This is all due by May 1 and is non-refundable. You can drop them in the wooden box in the McLean band room, drop them at the main office, or give them to Ms. Denson at school.
2. After the initial registration, you will receive a second round of forms for our summer program in August. These forms will be due by June 12 along with the Marching Band Camp Activity Fee of \$340.

Please let us know if you have any questions! *You can call or email me any time.* Again, we are really looking forward to working with you next year!

Chris Weise  
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**Marching Band & Guard Preliminary Schedule 2015**

***ALL STUDENTS ARE REQUIRED TO BE AT ALL PRE-SEASON REHEARSALS!***

***THIS SCHEDULE IS SUBJECT TO CHANGE***

**April:**

23 -- New Band & Guard Student Orientation -- 7:30PM

**May:**

1 -- Marching Band & Guard Registration Due  
20 -- Color Guard Training -- 6PM -- 9PM  
27 -- Color Guard Training -- 6PM -- 9PM

**June:**

3 -- Color Guard Training -- 6PM -- 9PM  
6 -- Marching Percussion -- Front Ensemble Rehearsal -- 10AM-1PM  
12 -- Marching Percussion -- Front Ensemble Rehearsal -- 3PM-6PM  
12 -- Color Guard Training Clinic -- 5PM -- 9PM  
13 -- Color Guard Training Clinic -- 9AM -- 6PM  
13 -- Marching Percussion -- Front Ensemble Rehearsal -- 10AM-2:30PM  
19 -- Marching Percussion -- Drumline Rehearsal -- 2PM-6PM  
22 -- Marching Percussion -- Drumline Rehearsal -- 2PM-6PM  
23 -- Marching Percussion -- Drumline Rehearsal -- 2PM-6PM

**July:**

8 -- Color Guard Training Clinic -- 5:30PM -- 8:30PM  
15 -- Color Guard Training Clinic -- 5:30PM -- 8:30PM  
22 -- Color Guard Training Clinic -- 5:30PM -- 8:30PM  
29 -- Color Guard Training Clinic -- 5:30PM -- 8:30PM

**August:**

11 -- Section Leaders 8-12 (lunch provided)  
12 -- **Rookie Day (new marchers) with Section Leaders** 8AM-4PM  
13-14 -- **All Marchers Pre-Camp** 8AM-4PM  
17- September 4 -- **Band Camp** -- detailed schedule TBD

**September:**

3 -- **Potluck Dinner and Preview Performance** -- 6PM  
8 -- First Day of School -- regular practice schedule begins  
10 -- General Band & Guard Parent Membership Meeting 7:30PM in band room  
11 -- **Home Football Game**  
18 -- **Home Football Game**  
19 -- **TAG DAY FUNDRAISER** -- All Band & Guard Students Participate  
26 -- **USBands Yamaha Cup** -- Giant's Stadium

**October:**

10 -- **Rock Ridge Marching Competition** -- Ashburn, VA  
16 -- **Home Football Game**  
17 -- **Marching Competition** -- BOA Delaware  
23 -- **Home Football Game** -- Homecoming!

**Schedule during the school year after school: until Oct. 22**

Tuesdays and Thursdays -- 3:30PM-6:00  
Wednesdays -- 7:00PM-9:30

**Other Notes:**

- Marching competitions take most of the day. There will be a rehearsal at school and then the competition. Times for everything will be based on when we are scheduled to perform.
- All rehearsals and performances are required.
- Percussion/Drumline/Color Guard times may vary slightly from this schedule, but will still remain on the same days

# MCLEAN BANDS 2014-15 SYLLABUS

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## COURSE DESCRIPTIONS

### Concert Band and Wind Ensemble

The Concert Band is an intermediate level ensemble comprised of students from 9<sup>th</sup> grade through 12<sup>th</sup> grade. This band performs concert literature at the VBODA grade levels 4 and 5. The band rehearses during the embedded period every day during the school day. Rehearsals and performances outside of the regular school day will be required as part of the class as well. This ensemble will perform in all concerts, festivals, and trips throughout the school year. **Participation in marching band for this ensemble is optional, but strongly encouraged.**

### Advanced Band - Percussion Techniques\*\*\*

The most complicated and demanding instrument to play in a concert band is percussion. Percussionists must learn both bass and treble clefs as well as learn techniques to play more than 40 different instruments. Many of these students join the bands at concerts and festivals but rehearse separately to gain experience and expertise on the full array of percussion instruments utilized in the concert band. These students will perform with the Concert Band I and Symphonic Band in concerts. Percussionists will be charged a fee for renting and maintaining the county percussion equipment. Marching Band is required for members of this class. Rehearsals and performances outside of the school day will be required as part of this course. **This is not a beginning class and is only offered to students who have previously played percussion in a school band program or who have studied privately. This is the ONLY percussion class offered at McLean HS.**

### Advanced Band - Symphonic Band\*\*\*

The Symphonic Band is the premiere wind and percussion ensemble at McLean High School. Students are placed in the band by audition. Historically, more than 90% of the members in this band have studied privately for more than a year and have attended summer music camps and clinics. Students in this class are expected to perform in all concerts and contests. These students will also be required to audition for the All-District Band. The symphonic band performs literature at the VBODA grade 6 level. Rehearsals and performances outside of the school day will be required. It is an FCPS policy that all members of the advanced band must participate in marching band. SUMMER MARCHING BEGINS THE WEEK OF AUGUST 7<sup>TH</sup>!

**\*\*\*Fairfax County Public Schools requires that all students participating in Advanced Band classes must be also participate in the marching band as part of their course requirements.**

### Independent Study

Members of the Symphonic Band or Percussion class may elect to take an extra period of band as an independent study class. This class will allow students to gain small group or individualized instruction to further their skills on their instrument. Students wishing to receive credit for this class will be required to present a recital at the end of the school year consisting of 16-20 minutes of music.

### Jazz Ensemble

Students are placed into this group by audition. Students in the class must also be enrolled in either the Symphonic Band or Percussion Techniques. Students must also be enrolled in a Band Class that meets during the school day if they play a Band instrument. This class meets after school hours only. Beginning to advanced jazz ensemble literature and techniques will be explored. There will also be an introduction to improvisation.

### Highlander Marching Band and Color Guard

Members of the Symphonic Band and Percussion are required to participate in the McLean Highlander Marching Band, as per FCPS guidelines. Concert Band members may participate if they would like to. Members of the marching band are expected to come to the pre-school summer band camp rehearsals as well as all after school rehearsals, football games, and contests. There is a fee for participation in the marching band. Marching Band Members are expected to attend all camps, rehearsals, and performances. Marching band is the fall activity (fall sport) for all advanced band members – participation in other school sports and activities must occur outside of the marching band rehearsal/performance schedule.

# Expected - definition of expected by The Free Dictionary

<http://www.thefreedictionary.com/expected>

## expected

Also found in: Thesaurus, Medical, Legal, Financial, Acronyms, Idioms, Encyclopedia, Wikipedia.

### ex·pect (ĭk-spĕkt')

v. **ex·pect·ed**, **ex·pect·ing**, **ex·pects**

v. *tr.*

1.

a. To look forward to the probable occurrence or appearance of: *expecting a phone call*; *expects rain on Sunday*.

b. To consider likely or certain: *expect to see them soon*. See Usage Note at **anticipate**.

2. To consider reasonable or due: *We expect an apology*.

3. To consider obligatory; require: *The school expects its pupils to be on time*.

4. *Informal* To presume; suppose.

v. *intr.*

To be pregnant. Used in progressive tenses: *My wife is expecting again*.

[Latin *expectāre*: *ex-*, *ex-* + *spectāre*, *to look at*, frequentative of *specere*, *to see*; see *spek-* in Indo-European roots.]

**ex·pect'a·ble** *adj.*

**ex·pect'a·bly** *adv.*

**ex·pect'ed·ly** *adv.*

**ex·pect'ed·ness** *n.*

**Synonyms:** **expect**, **anticipate**, **hope**, **await**

These verbs relate to the idea of looking ahead to something in the future. To **expect** is to look forward to the likely occurrence or appearance of someone or something: "*We should not expect something for nothing—but we all do and call it Hope*" (Edgar W. Howe).

**Anticipate** sometimes refers to taking advance action, as to forestall or prevent the occurrence of something expected or to meet a wish or request before it is articulated: *anticipated the storm and locked the shutters*.

The term can also refer to having a foretaste of something expected: *The police are anticipating trouble with rowdy fans after the game*. To **hope** is to look forward with desire and usually with a measure of confidence in the likelihood of gaining what is desired: *I hope to see you soon*. To **await** is to wait expectantly and with certainty: *She is eagerly awaiting your letter*.

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**Adj.** 1. **expected** - considered likely or probable to happen or arrive; "prepared for the expected attack"