

2025-26 In Step Handbook

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Weekly Rehearsals

- Monday Evenings: Set-up at 5pm, Rehearsal 5:30-8:30pm, Tear-down 8:30-9pm beginning August 25 through February 16.
 - If there is no school on a Monday (ex. Labor Day, Teacher PD Day, etc), we will often still have rehearsal. Please plan accordingly.
- Wednesday & Friday Mornings: 8:00-8:45am beginning October 29 until February 20.
 - There will be no morning rehearsal when there is no school (ex. Teacher PD Day).
- **See “Dates Compiled” at the end for a full list of altered rehearsals and performances.**
- When there is a late start due to weather, we will not have morning rehearsal. If school is released early due to weather, we will follow district guidance for evening rehearsal.
- The expectation is that every member will be at all rehearsals. **Any absence must be conveyed in writing directly to Mrs. Anderson at least 24 hours before the rehearsal.**
- Rehearsal BEGINS at the scheduled time. Please arrive early in order to be on time.
- **Frequent tardiness or absences may result in removal from In Step.**

Camps

Because so much learning and advancement occurs at these extended camps, it is crucial for every member to clear their schedule and be in attendance. Few exceptions are allowed and must be communicated to Mrs. Anderson at least one week before the camp begins.

Camp Dates:

- Monday-Friday, August 4 – August 8, 1:00-9:00pm
- Saturday, December 6, 9:00am-1:00pm
- Saturday, December 13, 9:00am-5:00pm
- Saturday, January 10, 9:00am-5:00pm

Performances

These performances and competitions require the whole group to be in attendance. **An unexcused absence from one of these performances may result in dismissal from the group.**

- Get In The Spirit: Thursday, December 18. Performances at 5:30 and 8:00pm.
- Linn-Mar Supernova: January 17, 2026 (Exhibition performance and volunteering)
- Echoes of the East at Gretna East High School, Omaha, NE: January 24, 2026
 - Students will take charter buses to Nebraska on Friday and stay overnight in a hotel before the competition on Saturday. After the competition, we will drive straight back to Marion.

Performances Continued

- Prairie Premiere at Prairie High School, Cedar Rapids, IA: January 31, 2026
- Urbandale Show Choir Invitational, Urbandale, IA: February 14, 2026
- Jefferson Show Choir Invitational, Cedar Rapids, IA: February 21, 2026
 - In Step and Hi-Style will attend this competition. 10th Street Edition will attend a different competition on February 28.
- Show Choir Finale Performances: Thursday, March 5 at 7:00pm & Friday, March 6 at 5:30pm and 7:30pm.

Fees

Fees cover the bulk of costuming needs, including clothing, shoes, and accessories. These items then become property of the student at the end of show choir season.

\$475 total:

- \$225.00 due to Linn-Mar High School on **September 12, 2025**
- \$250.00 due to Linn-Mar High School on **October 31, 2025**

Fees can be paid online or by check. Check should be made payable to Linn-Mar High School and taken to the Cashier's office next to the Counseling Office (next to Door 13). **Directors will not collect any payments.** If you need a more flexible payment plan, please contact our associate principal, Abbie Parker, to make arrangements. We will find a way to make this opportunity work for your student no matter what!

Student Communication



We use the BAND App to communicate with students. Students should download the app and join the In Step 2025-2026 group.

To join, either search for "In Step 2025-2026," scan the QR code, or click this link:
<https://band.us/n/a4a3b6C8m4z1U>

Parent Communication



We use email and Facebook groups to communicate with parents. The Facebook groups are a great place to share announcements, resources, pictures, videos, and interact with others in the LMHS show choir community.

We encourage all parents to be members of "In Step Parents 2025-2026" and the "LM Show Choir Supporters" groups

Dates Compiled (All events at LMHS unless otherwise indicated):

These dates do not include our regular weekly rehearsals

- Monday-Friday, August 4 – 8, 1:00-9:00pm: Choreography Camp
- **August 25: Start of Monday evening rehearsals**
- Monday, October 13: No Rehearsal (unless Metro Marching Festival is rained out)
- Monday, October 20: No Rehearsal (Band Extravaganza)
- Tuesday, October 21: Added Rehearsal, 5:30-8:30pm
- **October 29: Start of Wednesday & Friday morning rehearsals, 8:00-8:45am**
- Friday, November 21: No morning rehearsal (All-State Festival)
- Saturday, December 6, 9:00-1:00pm: Camp with Crew & Costumes
- Monday, December 8: No rehearsal (Holiday Concerts)
- Saturday, December 13, 9:00-5:00pm: Camp with Band, Crew, & Costumes
- Tuesday, December 16, 4:00-6:00pm: Individual and Group Pictures
- Thursday, December 18, 6:00 & 8:30pm: Get In The Spirit Performances
- Saturday, January 10, 9:00-5:00pm: Camp with Band, Crew, & Costumes
- Saturday, January 17: Linn-Mar Supernova (exhibition show and volunteering)
- Saturday, January 24: Echoes of the East, Omaha, NE
- Saturday, January 31: Prairie Premiere, Cedar Rapids, IA
- Saturday, February 14: Urbandale Invitational, Urbandale, IA
- Saturday, February 21: Jefferson Invitational, Cedar Rapids, IA
- Monday, March 2: Final Show Choir Rehearsal, 6-8pm (with Hi-Style and 10th Street)
- March 5 at 7:00pm & March 6 at 5:30 & 7:30: Show Choir Finale Performances