

Frequently Asked Questions

Now is the time when many of you are asking yourself if you should continue with band in high school. The answer is a resounding "Yes!" Below are answers to some typical questions incoming freshmen ask about joining band in high school.

Important Information

- Email: jennifer.olis@ghschools.org
- Visit the band web page for more information at www.grandviewhtsband.org

What class do I sign up for?

Marching/Concert Band

Reasons to join band in high school

- Being a part of the band gives you a place to belong. The band family is a diverse one with a place for everyone.
- Belong to a highly successful program where the emphasis is on community, excellence and hard work.
- You have spent years learning an instrument and high school is a time to capitalize on that hard work. We have many unique performance opportunities waiting for you!

Typical questions regarding band at GHHS

- "Do I have to be in the marching band to be in the band at Grandview?"

Yes, all band members are required to participate in marching band and its activities unless the student is playing football. Football-band students can choose to participate in marching band in addition to football and receive the full credit or start their band course in the second quarter and receive 0.75 credits. Marching band begins before the school year starts with rehearsals in July. Concert band begins after football season ends and continues for the remaining three quarters of the year.

- "I don't have room in my schedule."

This is likely not true. We have students who fit all of their academic requirements, choice classes, study halls, AND band in their schedule every year for four straight years. Talk to your counselor and they should be able to help you make it work. Sometimes it may mean you wait to take a class until later in your high school career so you can continue taking band now.

- "I heard marching band takes up all of your time."

There are required rehearsals and performances during the summer and outside of the school day, but the schedule is minimal compared to most other high school bands across the state of Ohio. I strongly believe the time and energy are worth it for what you get out of it. The biggest myth is that after school practices go all year long. The marching season is finished in late October. December through June there are virtually NO after school obligations.

- "What is the marching band practice schedule?"

Marching Band Summer 2024 Rehearsals

July 15-19 (M-F): Pre Camp Rehearsals, 10am-1pm, Band Room/Bobcat Stadium

July 21-26 (Su-F): Band Camp, All Day, Otterbein University

July 29, 31 (M, W): Marching Band Rehearsal, 8-10pm, Band Room/Bobcat Stadium

August 5, 7 (M, W): Marching Band Rehearsal, 8-10pm, Band Room/Bobcat Stadium

Marching Band Fall 2024 Rehearsals

(*These dates are subject to change based on stadium availability and will be confirmed ASAP*)

August 22 (Th): Marching Band Rehearsal, 8-10pm, Band Room/Bobcat Stadium

September 5 (Th): Marching Band Rehearsal/Ox Roast, 6-10pm, Band Room/Bobcat Stadium
OR

September 12 (Th): Marching Band Rehearsal, 8-10pm, Band Room/Bobcat Stadium

September 26 (Th): Marching Band Rehearsal, 8-10pm, Band Room/Bobcat Stadium

October 3 (Th): Marching Band Rehearsal, 8-10pm, Band Room/Bobcat Stadium

October 17 (Th): Marching Band Rehearsal, 8-10pm, Band Room/Bobcat Stadium

Performance dates can be found on the Google calendar on the [band website](#)

All rehearsals and performances are required. Please contact Mrs. Olis as soon as possible with any issues and we will work together to find a solution.

- "Can I play a sport and be in band?"
Yes, yes, yes, yes, and yes!
- "Are there auditions to be in the band?"

No. If you want to be in band you have a spot in band.

- "What about grades? I'm worried about my grades, getting the right classes."

Many of the top students in the school are in the band. Each year top 10%, National Merit Scholars and students with full loads of AP classes are a part of the band program. Band helps you to manage your time better, not hurt your academic success.

- "What about jazz band-do I have to be in marching/concert band and how do I get in?"

You must be enrolled in the marching/concert band class in order to participate in jazz. Auditions take place in March of the previous school year. Jazz Ensemble is an advanced course for students wishing to gain more understanding of music as a universal language and is its own separate music class during the school day.

The Grandview Heights High School Band can be a gateway to an amazing high school experience and I am excited to welcome you to the GHHS Band Family!