



Normal Community High School Bands

The NCHS Bands

Has a strong tradition of excellence. We are committed to providing an exemplary musical experience for all students involved. Students are given a wide range of opportunities to grow through musical experiences and learn important life skills. These include two jazz bands, five concert band ensembles, and the "Marching Ironmen" marching band that performs at football games as well as several other musical opportunities.

Concert Bands

ALL Freshman band students will register for Concert Winds. No students are "cut" as a result of the auditions so students should focus on showcasing their skills. Once all the students have completed their auditions, they will then be placed into their proper band based on skill level. Additional information about auditions will be coming in the following weeks, or visit our website at ironmenbands.org for more details.

Jazz Bands

In addition to our curricular Concert Bands, NCHS is also home to two Jazz Bands, the Jazz Ensemble, a traditional "big band" and the Jazz Collective, a group emphasizing jazz for everyone. The NCHS Jazz Ensemble is selected by audition in the Fall and the NCHS Jazz Collective is open to anyone and also begins in the Fall. Both of these groups perform at both the NCHS and NCWHS Jazz Nights in addition to various Jazz Festivals across the state.

Connect with NCHS Bands

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What are Auditions Like?

This is an opportunity for us to meet you and answer your questions about high school band! Additional information will be sent in the coming weeks. You will sign up for a time to play for Mr. Carter. The audition is intended for us to place you in an appropriate ensemble based on your skills. There are no "cuts," so please do not stress over this process. You will play as many major scales as you know as well as your choice of band music, ILMEA music, or solo and ensemble music. Due to the complexity of the high school scheduling process, band placements for next year will not be finalized until the end of this school year.

FAQ

Can I be in Band and play a Sport?

YES! The schedule may also allow you to participate in Marching Band as well as a Sport. Communicate any conflicts with both the Coach and Mr. Carter.

Can I be in Band and Choir?

YES! It takes creative course scheduling. Contact your future director for assistance in developing a four year plan.

Why should I study Music in High School?

A multitude of research and reports acknowledge the positive impact that a music education has on predicting future successes and developing skills across a variety of disciplines. Additionally, college admissions seek those applicants who are well-rounded, active contributors in their schools and communities.

Still have questions? Feel free to reach out to Mr. Carter at carterp@unit5.org