



Edina High School Band Program

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Frequently Asked Questions About EHS Band

Q: What are the curricular band offerings at EHS?

A: Symphonic Band – Open to all 10th, 11th, 12th grade band students, no audition required

Varsity Band – Open to all 10th, 11th, 12th grade band students by audition

Concert Band – Open to all 11th, 12th grade band students by audition

Marching Band – required of all band students grades 10 – 12 (fall season only)

Pep Band – required of all band students grades 10 – 12 (winter season only)

Q: What are some extra-curricular band offerings at EHS?

A: Jazz I, Jazz Too!, Chamber Winds, Pit Orchestra, Solo/Ensembles, Adventures In Good Listening (AIGL)

Q: How do I know which band I should be in?

A: In May, auditions will be held for 9th graders interested in advancing to the Varsity Band as a Sophomore. Students will be placed based on musical skill, ensemble citizenship, instrumentation needs, and personal interests. **Don't want to audition? Register for Symphonic Band.** We believe that we have a place for ALL students in the band program regardless of skill level or year in school. Each ensemble offering provides a meaningful music education and fulfilling musical experience.

Q: How does the marching band work?

A: All high school band students combine together to form the Edina Hornet Marching Band. There is a camp in August where we learn the halftime show. Please plan any vacations or camps around the August camp as it is vitally important that everyone is present to learn the formations and be welcomed into the “band family”. During school, each class rehearses separately primarily on memorizing the music. The marching band performs at the Edina home football games (as little as 2 and as many as 5) as well as the homecoming and State Fair parades. Every other year, students have the option of going with the marching band on a trip (2009: Chicago, McDonald's Thanksgiving Parade; 2011: New York, Veteran's Day Parade, **2013: TBA**).

Q: When is marching band?

A: Marching band begins two weeks before school starts in what we call SPAT Camp. SPAT Camp generally runs Monday through Friday from 9 am – 5 pm two weeks before school starts. Members of the Drumline have an additional camp the week prior to SPAT camp to work on the drum cadences and building the technique required to play marching percussion instruments. The dates for the 2013 Drumline Camp and SPAT Camp are pending until the district calendar is finalized.

Q: Can I be in sports/activities and in marching band at the same time?

A: YES!!! It is entirely possible for students to participate in both Marching Band and a Fall sport or activity. We do our best to be flexible and supportive of students who have a fall conflict with the Marching Band schedule. We have students representing virtually every fall sport and activity who march in marching band and make it work successfully. It does take good time-management and communication skills, but the students who make it happen have rich and rewarding experiences at EHS. The best advice is to find other bandies who are in your same sport/activity and work together in figuring out how to navigate both schedules successfully.

Q: I can't seem to fit band into my schedule, what should I do?

A: Consider the following options to make band fit into your schedule

P.E. credits: Zero Hour Rec Sports, Blended Guided Fitness (11th and 12th grade only), Online P.E.

Health credits: Take it 9th grade year, Online Health

Other options: Deferring *required* and/or *desired elective* classes (ex. Health and or P.E.) until your Jr. or Sr. years when more electives are available.
Taking a zero hour course (**many students who double in choir and band do this**).

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