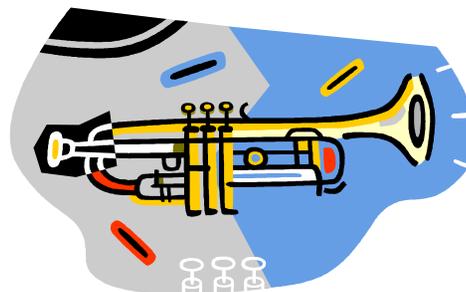


Quick Facts

- The EHS Instrumental Music Program has consistently maintained a reputation for excellence in music, including a performance at the 2015 Michigan Music Conference (MMC).
- Participating in a high school band class does not interfere with participating in after school activities like athletics/dance.
- Participating in a high school band class does not interfere with college prep but does meet the Fine Arts requirement for high school graduation in Michigan.
- High School band does not require outside -of-school commitments during the school year other than regularly scheduled performances or rehearsals.
- EHS Instrumental Music students have the opportunity to take a semi-annual trip. Past trips have included performances in New York City and Walt Disney World! All major trips are voluntary.
- Our Band Booster organization raises funds for the students involved with the instrumental music program. These fundraisers help to support the students' overall instrumental music experience.
- Participating in Marching Band in 9th grade means you will start the school-year knowing many upperclassmen and can talk to those older students about classes, rides, schedules, the school, teachers, etc.
- Did You Know? - "The nation's top business executives agree that arts education programs can help repair weaknesses in American education and better prepare workers for the 21st century." (Business Week Magazine)

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HIGH SCHOOL BAND — WHAT'S IT ALL ABOUT?

Overview

At Eisenhower HS, we have an award-winning instrumental music program that offers a variety of ensembles and experiences for the high school student. We are proud to have a diverse program that strives to provide an art experience to the entire Eisenhower Community.



Currently, we offer three different bands which include the Concert Band, Symphonic Band, and our premier group the Wind Ensemble. In addition, we also offer a Jazz Ensemble course, a co-curricular Marching Band which meets outside the school day, and a Fundamentals of Music/Guitar Ensemble Class

Through the learning, rehearsing, and performing of music, it is our goal that the students of the instrumental music program become:

Creative Problem Solvers who can think critically, can make decisions through artistic modes, and in situations where there are no standard answers.

Culturally Aware Citizens who have a sense of history and an appreciation for the fine arts through multicultural experiences.

Humanistic Thinkers who have creativity, sensitivity, and emotion.

Collaborative Workers who are self-confident, receptive to others ideas, and utilize peer input to develop interpersonal relationships within the framework of their setting.

Marching Band

The Marching Band is an all-volunteer co-curricular class that meets in the fall after school. This unique ensemble provides entertainment at home football games, local parades, festivals, and various community events. The members of the Marching Eagles are very dedicated and have lots of fun!

Participating in the Marching Band involves an exciting experience at a week-long summer MB camp where the students become comfortable with the various aspects of marching band technique. The Marching Eagles season generally runs from August through late-October.

New for 2015: 3 years of Marching Band will satisfy the student's HS .5 credit gym requirement!

What else is available?

There are various student-run chamber ensembles that instrumental music students can join. These include Jazz Combos, Pep Bands, Woodwind Quintets, Brass Ensembles, Saxophone Quartets, and all Solo and Ensemble events. Groups that fit into this category are excellent ways to become more involved with the overall program while also having fun and improving on your own musical ability!



A bi-annual trip is also available to instrumental music students. These trips are totally volunteer-based and usually include a clinic or performance situation for the students. The Band Boosters do

their best to help raise funds toward making these trips more affordable to all students. Past Eisenhower trips have included Chicago, New York, North Carolina, and trips to Disney World in Florida.

How does band work in my schedule?



As Freshmen, all UCS students take four core classes and two electives. Your band class will be one of your elective choices and will be for an entire year. The other elective may be used for whatever other course is of interest to you, including a foreign language. In addition, you should be able to take band for all four years in high school and not miss any college-prep, advanced placement, or other graduation requirements.

Jazz Ensemble is also offered as a full-year course during the school day. If students are interested in this course, they should try to get as many of the required classes as possible in their freshmen and sophomore years as there may be a pre-requisite to enroll. Some required classes can also be taken at night/summer school, online, or at Macomb Community College for credit.

Marching Band is an after school co-curricular group that meets outside the school day. As it is after-school, Marching Band itself will not conflict with any classes or share-time programs. Please note however that you must be in a full year concurrent Band class to join the Marching Eagles.