

Reasons to Continue with Band in High School

- ★ Likelihood of academic success. Music students outperform their non-music peers on standardized tests like the ACT & SAT!
- ★ A positive social network that promotes academic prowess, self-discipline, creativity, teamwork, peer interaction, and leadership
- ★ Recognition in an award-winning program.
- ★ Familiarity with teachers, school campus, and new friends prior to the first day of school.
- ★ College admissions officers continue to cite participation in music as an important factor in making admissions and scholarship decisions. They are always impressed that students are involved in a program and demonstrate time management, creativity, expression, and open-mindedness.
- ★ Band provides students with an identity, a place to belong, and a place to be accepted by their peers.
- ★ Travel out-of-state on trips every other year!



*Become a Wolf Band Member for a truly
life-changing experience!*
www.wolfband.org

Frequently Asked Questions:

Q: Is participation in Marching Band required?

A: Yes! If you sign up for a band class, you are required to participate in the Wolf Marching Band. You'll love it! You'll be a part of the most visual organization on campus and will perform for 1000s of people. You also get your P.E. credit!

Q: Do I have to audition to participate in Band?

A: While there is no "audition" to participate in the Band program, we do ask all students to complete a placement evaluation to ensure that we have placed each student in the appropriate ensemble. West Briar & Revere MS will have private auditions at their campus. All other middle school students should contact Mr. Brunson by e-mail to set up an audition. Audition music will be located on www.wolfband.org All students can join band!

Q: I'm concerned about my grades and how much time Band takes. What should I do?

A: Students in the Wolf Band consistently have some of the highest GPAs in the entire school, and outperform their non-music peers on standardized tests like ACT & SAT! Some students are concerned that the 4.0 band class will lower their 5.0 classes. Did you know that if you stay in the Wolf Band program in high school, most of the 4.0 classes are waived?

Q: I want to participate in the Wolf Band, but I also want to participate in a Fall sport/activity. Can I do both?

A: Maybe not, but probably! Juggling the Wolf Band and a Fall sport takes a high level of dedication, organization, and commitment. If it's a Spring sport, it's not a problem! While we have had MANY students do both over the years, some sports make participation in both difficult. PLEASE ask questions before making your decision. It's probably possible! E-mail Mr. Brunson.

Q: Is there a yearly band fee?

A: Yes, but it's incredibly reasonable. The fee covers basically everything. It will cover food at all events, shirts, marching shoes, instrument rental (if it applies to you), etc. We have payment plans available. NEVER say no to being in band because of a financial decision. We WILL make it work for our hard-working students!

Westside High School Wolf Band

Band Program & Course Registration
Information



For more information

www.wolfband.org
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success stories

The Westside High School Wolf Band, at nearly 140 members, is the largest and most active organization on the High School campus. The Westside program consistently receives the highest ratings possible at UIL, has been invited multiple times to perform in the Disney World parade, has received the WGI Gold Medal for our Indoor Percussion Program, hosts the highly-anticipated fan-favorite Shades of Blue Concert highlighting our Jazz Band, hosts professional musicians and composers in concerts, coordinates a community-wide Holiday March-A-Thon in the Lakes of Parkway subdivision, and much more!



**Q: Where can I find the Wolf Band online?
Everywhere!**

 @WestsideHSBand

 @WHSWolfBand

 @whswolfband

HOW CAN I JOIN?

1. Sign up for BAND on your course selection sheet. (Ask your Westside Dean for help) ***If you accidentally didn't choose band, it's not too late. E-mail Mr. Brunson!
2. If you are NOT from Westbriar, please e-mail jbrunson@houstonisd.org We will add you to our e-mailing list. We want to make sure you are getting information!
3. Westbriar & Revere MS will have private auditions at their campus. All other students should contact Mr. Brunson by e-mail to set up an audition. Music will be located on www.wolfband.org All students can join band! We will use this evaluation to put you in the correct class/ensemble.
4. Check our Band Website Calendar for our summer band camp! You will receive several emails throughout the year.
5. Show up in August! It's that easy!



Save the dates

<p>New Marchers start July 30th (required) Rehearsals will continue until the first day of school</p>	<p>Check the calendar wolfband.org</p>
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All students are in the Marching Band

(You get your PE & Fine Arts Credit! You'll either be placed in the Wind Ensemble, Symphonic Winds, Concert or Percussion Class, but it will be coded as Marching Band.)

Additional Courses/Programs available:

Indoor Percussion (After school-Spring Semester)

Westside Jazz Ensemble

AP Music Theory