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Welcome to the Grapevine Mustang Band

Grapevinehsband.com

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Marching Band/Concert Band = BAND

Summer

Band Camp - July 26-Aug.18

Day to day details at
grapevinehsband.com/calendar.html

Fall Schedule

Weekly Rehearsals:

Before School:

Mon.-Thurs. - starting at 7am concluding at 9:20am. All band members in "class" 1st period this semester.

Typically rehearsal with start at 8:40am , not 7am, on game days.

Most games on Friday. If we have a Thurs. game, we may hold a rehearsal on Friday afternoon. This schedule will run until competitive season is over.

Contest and Game schedule on calendar on the website

Spring Schedule

During Class

Concert Bands - class during the school day. Spring Sectionals for each student once a week, approx. 1 hour in preparation for UIL Concert/Sightreading contest

solo/ensemble contest, band trip, banquet, May concert

Marching Band Frequently Asked Questions

Can I take Band and Athletics/Theater/Choir/Debate/Swimming/Cross Country, etc.?

We welcome and encourage you to take Band along with another area of interest during your freshman year. The gap between 8th and 9th grade year is not a time to make a decision about your long-term future. It's important to see what the high school programs have to offer. Once you've seen how these activities function and are taught/coached, you will have a much clearer picture of how your high school years will be defined. Scheduling issues can be worked out. All Elective teachers work very well together to ensure a student can participate in more than one activity.

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Do I have to take P.E. if I am in Band?

No. Marching Band provides a P.E.credit

Can I participate in band for only half of the school year?

No. We require all band students to participate fully in both marching band and concert band unless extremely extenuating circumstances arise. Please speak to a GHS band director for more information.

Can I take advanced classes and Band?

Most AP and Pre-AP are full of band students. It's difficult for students to manage taking these challenging classes (A/B schedule) all-day, everyday. We recommend band as a creative break in the day - a chance to flex your creative muscle and a time to build your musical abilities (and your resume). The Grapevine Band consistently has students in the top 10% of their class and has often times has National Merit Finalist and Semi Finalists. Band also helps students master the very necessary skill of Time Management!

What do double reed players do during marching season?

Double reed players can choose to audition for the Dance Guard or make a seasonal change to a new instrument. Common changes are to percussion, clarinet, flute, or saxophone.

What if I don't own an instrument?

You can rent one from GHS. We have a limited number of upper woodwind, trumpet, and trombones, but have quite a few of the other instrument groups. Once school starts, the school district charges \$50 per semester per instrument to rent from it. This cost covers repair and maintenance as well as suffices as a rental fee.

What is the structure of the band?

Wind Ensemble = Band Varsity = Period 1 in the Fall and Spring. Will start at 8:10 in the Spring.

Honors Band = Band Non-Varsity = Period 1 in the Fall and 8 in the Spring. Will end at 4:30pm in the Spring.

Symphonic Band = Band Non-Varsity = Period 1 in the Fall and 2 in the Spring

Concert Band = Band Non-Varsity = Period 1 in the Fall and 2 in the Spring.

Dance Guard = Band Guard/Dance Guard = Period 1 in the Fall and 6 in the Spring.

Percussion class = Period 1 in the Fall and 4 in the Spring

New this year - Applied Music (2nd, 3rd, 4th, 7th - Spring. 3rd and 7th) - Fall

Jazz Band (7th) - both semesters

A student's placement is determined by tryouts in the Spring. During the fall semester (marching season) all of these parts meet together for rehearsals before school and into 1st period.

In the spring each band will meet during their assigned class time. Percussionists will audition near the end of the first semester to determine their placement in a Spring semester concert band.

What is Summer Band Camp?

The end of July / beginning of August marks the start of Marching Season. It is all about learning the band's marching show-music and drill. Attendance at this camp is mandatory. Speak to the directors about any concerns.

Please check the band website - grapevinehsband.com/calendar.html for details each day. SCHEDULE ON SOME DAYS VARY.

Things to know:

Students must wear a hat, sunglasses, and sunscreen.

They also must bring a large water jug. (Freshman will receive a half gallon jug at band fair included in the band fee. We will also have extra or replacement jugs to buy for \$5.00)

Tennis shoes are required

Cool, light colored clothes are encouraged

Students may bring their lunch or leave campus with parent permission.

Do I have to attend Summer Band Camp?

Yes. If you are registered for band, you must attend summer band camp.

Does every band member march in the show?

Yes! The competitive marching shows are designed for a specific number of wind, percussion, and dance guard members. This number is somewhat less than the number of members in the band. The competitive marching spots will be assigned by the directors during summer band camp after they have had the opportunity to watch the students march and listen to them play. The members who are not assigned a marching spot in our competitive show will be designated to our Spirit Line. Students in the Spirit line are given drill and will perform at every football game half time, play in the stands at the games, attend all pep rallies, parades, and any other function of the Mustang Band. These students will have the opportunity to develop their playing and marching skills through our daily rehearsals and are given the same instruction from our high quality staff as those in the competitive marching show.

Students in the Spirit line will march their drill at football game halftime performances and as we get closer to our first contest, will be utilized to handle props on the field ,when props are part of the show, and/or play another role to enhance the visual aspect of the show. Students in the competitive show will be expected to know all of the music for the show and will be assigned a position on the field they will be expected to learn. When a member can't march because he/she is ill, he/she becomes ineligible because of low grades, or for any other reason, a director may use a student from the Spirit Line to replace him/her on the field. This happens quite often. Students in the Spirit Line are expected to be at every rehearsal and band function.

What is Band Fair? (This year on Saturday, August 4th)

It is a chance for the PARENTS to get all of the information they will need to navigate through the band year. This is when all paperwork must be completed..

Stations will be set up so you can learn about fundraising opportunities, sign up for

Volunteer opportunities, sign up to chaperone, size students for marching shoes, purchase spirit wear and much more.

There is also an opportunity for your uniform fitting if that has not already been taken care of.

Is attending the Band Fair important?

YES! It is Mandatory - at least one parent needs to attend with the student. This is the only time our representative from Totes will be available to size students for marching shoes, which you purchase. It is also where you can purchase the required polo shirt (additional cost), pick up your water jug and band show theme t-shirt. (included - no additional cost).

MAKE SURE YOU BRING FORMS TO BAND FAIR. You can find these forms on our website -

<http://www.grapevinehsband.com/band-handbook--forms.html>. Fill out these forms and bring them to band fair.

Is there a fee for Band?

Yes

The school district only covers the cost of UIL activities and their marching uniform. This means football games and 1-2 UIL marching competitions. The band competes in other marching competitions each season. Fees cover clinicians, master classes, the cost of the marching show, music arrangement (including copyright fees), drill, visual design, Dance Guard design, drill and music techs, all instructors other than Band Directors, contest entry fees, transportation costs to competitions, parades, and other non-UIL events, snacks and meals while at contests, meals for away games, water jugs, show theme t-shirts, and many other items and services that combine to fund this competitive program for our students. To run the Grapevine Band this year will cost upwards of \$100,000. **The District covers about \$11,000 of that.**

The Band Fee for this year is the same as last year - \$500. Due to fundraising, we did NOT have to increase the fee.

Payment plan provided throughout the summer.

Is there an opportunity to fundraise and have the proceeds apply to my band fee and/or trip costs?

Yes, many! We are fortunate to have a fundraising coordinator who has worked tirelessly to provide not only fundraisers that benefit the band program as a whole, but also many opportunities for students to raise funds to help reduce their band fee and/or their trip fee.

We have had many fundraising opportunities on a monthly basis.

More information to come from

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Where can I find more information?

More information about the band, including policies on grading and attendance, is in the Grapevine High School Band Handbook. This can be found online at www.grapevinehsband.com (password - Mustang_Pride)

For **calendar** information, visit <http://www.grapevinehsband.com/calendar.html>

Percussion or Dance Guard specific information on website -About - percussion or Dance Guard/Winterguard

Charms

We use Charms as a data management tool for the band. Frequent mass emails are sent through Charms. Please make sure your data is current. 8th graders will be “promoted” to 9th grade once the school year is over. All data moves over with them.



BAND FAIR - SATURDAY, AUG. 4TH

TIME: 9AM-2PM

GRAPEVINE HIGH SCHOOL BAND HALL

This is a come and go event. At least one parent and the student need to attend. Here you will drop off required forms (find them on our website under the Parents tab – Forms. Print them off and fill them out please), sign up to volunteer with our boosters, visit the spirit booth if you'd like some spirit wear, New Members – try on marching shoes and get your size so we can get the shoe order in. We order these items at band fair and they are delivered to GHS and distributed to the students. You'll also need a band polo. Band polos are for sale at Band Fair - many sizes available. These shirts do run large.

Band Polo - \$23

Marching Shoes - \$45

**This is also a TAX FREE day. Purchases after this date will include tax.*

Many other optional items for sale.

Students will receive their half gallon water jug and show themed t-shirt (included in band fee).

Final Band Fee Payment due at this time. Total band fee - \$500. You will receive a check out sheet when you arrive reflecting all payments you have made so far. Will also reflect any previous balance if applicable.

Uniform fittings for those who have not yet been fitted for a uniform.

Grapevine High School Band Boosters

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The GCISD Band Booster organization operates as a single organization for the benefit of all the band students in GCISD grades 6-12. Each campus has an elected group of band booster parents to tend to the specific needs of that campus. The GHS Band could not operate without the help and support of these parent volunteers. Parents are needed to fill many volunteer spots.

Grapevine High School Band Spring Trip

April 12th - 15th, 2019

Corpus Christi, Texas



- ✓ Round trip charter transportation
 - ✓ Hotel Accommodations
 - ✓ Tour Manager
 - ✓ Night Security at the hotel
 - ✓ Breakfast at the hotel
 - ✓ 2 Lunches / 1 Dinner
- ✓ 2 Day Admission to Schlitterbahn Waterpark
- ✓ Participation in a musical festival or competition
 - ✓ Free time at the beach

Spring Trip Details

Total Cost for Students - \$750.00 (6 students per condo)

Total Cost for Chaperones - \$595.00 (double occupancy)

First payment due on August 14th - \$125.00

\$125 after that each month until January - final payment

***This trip is optional**

More details and website where you can sign up on the band website.

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