

## Noblesville High School Band Frequently Asked Questions

1. Do I have to be in concert band to be in Jazz Band? Every year??  
You are required to be in concert band your freshman year to also be in jazz band. You may decide after your first year if you would like to do only one, but the best students choose both (especially alto saxophonists, who play alto in jazz and learn clarinet in concert band).
2. What is the cost of each activity throughout the year?(approximate)  
Concert Band: \$100 or less for uniform (optional)  
Pep Band: \$0  
Marching Band: \$300-350  
Jazz Band: \$50  
Winter Percussion or Guard: \$350
3. Do I have to attend football games if I am in band?  
Only if you are in the marching band.
4. Can I take more than one class and how does it work? Band and Choir?  
Absolutely! You can take multiple music classes each year and still graduate with your Academic Honors Diploma!
5. Am I required to take percussion class if I am a percussionist?  
Yes, the percussion class receives special percussion instruction AND learns the concert band literature and plays with the bands at the concerts.
6. Do we pick our own music for tryouts (jazz band)  
Miss Robinson will come by your school during a December SLT to listen to you play the music you're already learning in jazz band. She will also have applications to fill out if you're interested in continuing jazz band into high school.
7. Can you do jazz band and marching band?  
Yes, there are no conflicts with these two groups.
8. Will jazz band accept 'alternative' instruments? i.e. f horn, bass clarinet, etc  
Jazz Band in high school will not typically include f horn, bass clarinet, flute, etc. However, all Saxes, trumpets, trombone, and rhythm section instruments will be considered for the high school groups.
9. Are there Multiple grades in jazz band?  
Yes, students ranging from 9-12 are in each jazz band.
10. Are the classes every day or every other day?

High School classes meet every other day for 90 minutes during the school day.

11. Does extra curricular mean only after school?  
Correct. Co-Curricular means in the school day plus after school concerts or trips.
12. What meets during day and what is after school?  
Marching, Pep, Winter Guard, Winter Percussion are all After School Only (extra curricular) events and are all optional. Concert Bands (including percussion class) and Jazz Band are co-curricular similar to your current concert band, which has rehearsal during the school day, and multiple evening concerts throughout the year.
13. will woodwinds and brass be separated  
Some days yes, some days it will be a combined rehearsal.
14. how many bands can you be in during the year?  
You can be in 2 bands a year, depending on your schedule.
  
15. when does marching band start? Calendar? What is the time commitment?  
Marching band commitment has a few rehearsals in May, and then starts the week of July 4<sup>th</sup> and goes until Fall Break.
16. Does marching band go all year? Football only? What are the requirements?  
See rehearsal schedule. It meets during the summer and then on Thursdays after school during the school year, and Friday football games.
17. Can you do marching band AND pep band?  
Yes, these two do not overlap.
18. When does high school pep band start?  
High School Pep Band starts in late October.