

### How Do I Enroll in Band?

**Simple!** Pick a band class during enrollment. You need to pick one class for fall and one for spring. If you have specific questions, speak with a high school director.

#### Fall Semester

**PA 500 Concert Band** – ALL Band Students currently in grade 8. (If you choose to do marching band your class will be changed for you)

**PA 510 Marching Band** – ALL Band Students currently in grades 9-11. (Non-marching students should visit with Mr. Love regarding their fall class enrollment)

#### Spring Semester

Spring band class enrollment will be adjusted after chair placement tests in November. For now pick the following:

**PA 500 Concert Band** – ALL Band Students currently in grade 8

**PA 515 Symphonic Band** – students currently enrolled in Symphonic, Concert Band, or Percussion Ensemble

**PA 520 Wind Ensemble** – students currently enrolled in Wind Ensemble

### How Can I Fit Band into 4 Years of High School?

Olathe USD #233 requires 24 credits for graduation. Students have 28 course options over their 4 years of high school. Credits distributed as follows:

English – 4 credits Required

Applied Communication / Language – 1 Credit Required (2 Credits Recommended)

Math – 3 Credits Required (4 Credits Recommended)

Science – 3 Credits Required (4 Credits Recommended)

Technology – 1 Credit Required (.5 Class of 2022 & beyond)

Social Science – 3 Credits Required

Fine Arts – 1 Credit Required

Practical and Consumer Studies – 1 Credit Required (1.5 Class of 2022 & beyond)

Health and Wellness – 1 Credit Required

Individual Focus / Electives – 6 Credits Required (10 Credits Available)

#### Sample Schedule

Class	9th	10th	11th	12th
1	Band	Band	Band	Band
2	English	English	English	English
3	Math	Math	Math	Math
4	Science	Science	Science	Science
5	World History	Social Science / Elective	American History	Government / Technology
6	PE / Health	Foreign Language	Technology / Pract. & Consumer	Pract. & Consumer / Elective
7	Elective AND / OR Academy Class	Elective AND / OR Academy Class	Elective AND / OR Academy Class	Elective AND / OR Academy Class

- Band fulfills the Fine Arts Requirement as well as 3 required electives.
- This sample schedule includes additional credits in Math, Science, and Foreign Language. These are not required, but are **STRONGLY** recommended for college bound students.
- Driver's Ed through the Olathe Public Schools fulfills ½ credit of the Practical and Consumer Studies requirement.
- 21<sup>st</sup> Century Academy requirements meet certain credit categories. **You should check with your Academy teachers for details.** With careful planning, it is entirely possible to participate in band for 4 years as well as complete the requirements of a special program such as a 21<sup>st</sup> Century Academy endorsement, AVID, or OATC.
- Some students choose to make extra room in their class schedule by taking advantage of **eAcademy** options available in Olathe. See your counselor for more details.
- Honors, Pre-AP, AP, and College Now level courses can be substituted in any of the spots above where offered.
- Plan ahead!** The most important key to fitting band in is to carefully look at your 4-year schedule **before** enrolling for 9<sup>th</sup> grade. This will help students be sure to get their required courses in as well as plan for band and other elective areas of interest. If you need help, please visit with your band director and counselor. They will be happy to work with you!