

Lyman High School Band

General Information

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Summer rehearsals will take place every Tuesday night throughout June and July. Band Camp will take place from July 31st through August 8th. Please contact Mr. Muse with any conflicts. For more information and our complete calendar please see our website: www.lymanband.com.

8th Grade Concerns About Band in High School:

I'm not good enough to be in the High School Band.

The high school band program has a place for all students currently enrolled in a band program regardless of ability. Everyone is a participating member of the marching band, and then all are divided into concert bands according to ability and scheduling availability. Everyone is welcome and encouraged to join the high school band.

I don't have time to be in band. I'm taking advanced classes.

A large number of students in the band program at Lyman High School are in gifted, honors, advanced, advanced placement, and in our Engineering institute. Your schedule can be worked out to accommodate the band and you do have time to participate. After school rehearsals during football season are twice a week. After that there is very little after school rehearsal scheduled. There are many other opportunities and activities related to the band program, but with planning, you have time to participate fully. The students with the heaviest academic loads always seem to be the ones participating in the most extra activities.

I've been in band for three years, I want to do something else.

If that is how you really feel, you probably should do something else. However, if you think you have done all you can do on your instrument, and learned all you can learn about music, think again. We are fortunate in Seminole County to have outstanding middle school band programs, but you have only scratched the surface of your potential at the end of 8th grade. High School is very different from middle school. You owe it to yourself to try it and see what it's about.

I can't be in band. I'm going to play football (basketball, soccer, volleyball, swim team, baseball, track, lacrosse, crew, cheerleading, etc.)

With effort, communication and cooperation from all involved, it is possible to participate in band and any activity on campus. It is up to you to discuss this with the band director and coach/sponsor ahead of time. In the past few years, our band program has had students participating in cheerleading, football, softball, baseball, track, cross-country, lacrosse, crew, the swim team, water polo and ROTC. This can be worked out and compromise can be achieved.

I can't afford to be in band, it costs a lot of money.

The activities and other band costs are funded through band booster fund raising activities (worked by both parents and students). Numerous opportunities are provided for students to earn the necessary money for band activities rather than paying out of their own pocket. Scholarship money is also potentially available for those in need.

Do I have to do marching band?

Yes, marching band is a requirement for high school bands nearly state-wide. Most students are apprehensive about participating in marching band. Ironically this usually becomes one of their best memories of high school.