

COPPELL HIGH SCHOOL BAND

MOST FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS



A) Will band take away from my other classes? Out of over 300 in the high school band, less than 10 on the average fail a class. Compared to the high school average of 21%, this is an extremely low rate. This is directly related to the hard work and dedication put forth by our band students. These same band students are the leaders of our school in student government, various clubs, take every type of advanced placement and IB course, and also take part in many of the athletic teams on campus. The number one reason for student failure is neglect of homework assignments or lateness of work turned in. So far we have not had a student fail due to lack of time or the ability to complete their work!

B) When does summer band start and why do we need early rehearsals? Summer band will begin with Freshmen Camp on Monday, June 4th to June 8th, with Full Camp from August 1st through 24th. The purpose for summer rehearsals is to get started early on the music and marching. The more we get done in the summer, the less time we will have to spend during the actual school year. This helps alleviate the adjustment period for Freshmen especially, and helps to reduce added stress from lack of time. It also helps to give more time to concentrate on our homework. It is a period for everyone to learn how the high school band operates. Also, Freshmen Camp is for Brass & Woodwinds only. Drumline Camp and Color Guard Camp are the following week from June 10th-14th.

C) Will there be extra rehearsals? There are full band rehearsals during marching season, and sectionals at different times of the year. The amount of time depends upon how much material is learned during summer band.

D) What if I can't march and play at the same time? Any student that is trying and giving 100% effort will be successful at marching and playing. This is part of the reason we start in summer rehearsals.

E) Will I know anyone in the band or in the high school? Band is considered a "family away from home" by our high school band students. Entering a new school such as Coppell H.S. is very intimidating, especially for the freshman class. You will be attending a new school with 1,000 new faces. Band provides an immediate family of friends consisting of over 300 students.

F) High School band is also a haven of social activities.

Summer band parties, cookouts, after-game bashes, Christmas parties, spring events, ultimate frisbee, band football, soccer, baseball, basketball and volleyball games are only a few of the many fun things available to you as a band member. Participation at these events is not required; however they help to create the "total band experience" enjoyed by so many students.

G) Will I get to travel with the band? As a musician in the Coppell Band program, you will be exposed to a great deal of traveling. Marching Contests, Drum Corp International shows, Concert contests, solo and ensemble, All-Region, Pre-area, All-Area, and All-State auditions, state solo contest and spring trips, you could be traveling to San Antonio, Austin, and even across the country... not to mention the numerous trips in our immediate area.

H) What are the costs of being in band? At the present time, our school system and the Coppell Band Booster club furnish basic equipment similar to the middle school such as: selected instruments, uniforms, and other various supplies. Students that use school-owned instruments pay a rental fee to the school similar to the middle schools. Students are asked to furnish marching band shoes, "scrubs," and a uniform bag. These items are yours to keep at the end of the season, and some items may be used again for following years. There is a band fee for the year that takes care of most of the usual fees for the year. This past year included audition and contest fees, band t-shirt and show shirt, our annual lock-in, uniform cleanings, summer band camp and masterclass/sectional instruction.

If you have any further questions, please feel free to contact one of the directors at the high school and we will be happy to assist you! Also, some questions can simply be answered by going to www.chsbandboosters.com

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