



# COME AND JOIN SHELDON HIGH SCHOOL'S BAND & COLOR GUARD

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THE SHELDON HIGH SCHOOL BANDS SERVE OVER 130 STUDENTS BY OFFERING THREE CONCERT BANDS, TWO JAZZ BANDS, MARCHING BAND, PEP BAND, COLOR GUARD, AND A VARIETY OF CHAMBER ENSEMBLES THAT ARE OPEN TO THE STUDENTS OF SHELDON HIGH SCHOOL

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**"YOU WILL HAVE MORE FUN THAN  
YOU REALIZED WAS POSSIBLE."  
-KADEN STEIGELER**



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## How Does Band Work in High School?

In high school we have three general types of bands: Concert Bands, Marching Band, and Jazz bands.

At Sheldon HS, each 9th grade band member will sign up for Concert Band. Any 9th graders interested in applying for the marching band needs to contact Ms. Bounds. If you do not apply for marching band you will be in the Freshman Concert Band and will join the marching band as a sophomore. (All students in grades 10-12 participate in marching band fall trimester).

Concert Band is the freshman band class that meets during the regular school day. Freshman may audition for a jazz band in the spring prior to their freshman year or wait until fall to see if there are any open spots. Contact Ms. Bounds for information about spring jazz band auditions.



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### Freshman Concert Band

The Concert Band performs at 3-4 band concerts at Sheldon each year, as well as participates in music festivals in the spring. Concert Band members have the option of participating in winter guard, chamber music ensembles, jazz band, and basketball pep band. Any 9th graders interested in participating in marching band need to apply. Contact Ms. Bounds for more information.



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### Band in Grades 10-12 at Sheldon HS

Once students complete their freshman year at Sheldon HS, all continuing band students in grades 10-12 participate in the marching band. Marching Band & Color Guard is a co-curricular activity that takes place during fall trimester (Co-curricular: an activity that is a class that also has an after school component). The members of the marching band are all enrolled in the marching band class during the school day and participate in a limited amount of after school practices, home football games, and marching band competitions in Oregon. After fall trimester the marching band student moves into either Symphonic Band (intermediate band) or Wind Ensemble (advanced band) for the following two trimesters. All students have the opportunity to participate in jazz bands, pep band, and other after school music opportunities.





## Bonds

Band allows students to form new friendships and strengthen old ones as well! Since band is a 3 trimester course, you get to spend a lot of time with your classmates, allowing you to get to know those around you even better. Marching band is a fantastic one; spending the vigorous practice days creates a one-in-a-lifetime experience. There are also band bondings, mainly throughout summer!

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## Traveling

Not many people know this, but the band travels all around the region, performing for various reasons, such as attending jazz festivals, state football playoffs, Florida trip, future jazz band trips, marching band competitions, and concert festivals. These activities occasionally take place during the school day but primarily on weekends.

## Professional Sectionals

The Sheldon Band is always wanting to help our students improve as musicians, so to do that, we ask local professional players to help you! They are all wanting to help our future generation of musicians play with more emotion, passion, and joy through the rehearsals. Opportunities like these are frequent, encouraging improvement amongst all students in all sections.



## Extra Band Activities

In support of our love for music, we encourage and support students to take on other activities such as Willamette Valley Honor Band (WVHB), Western International Band Clinic (WIBC), solo ensemble, summer music camps, chamber groups, and more! We will gratefully help our students find what music suits them best and how to fulfill our students' needs.

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## The 8 Myths about the Sheldon HS Band

**Myth #1-** I won't have time to do band in high school: In high school you have many choices for classes, activities, sports, and clubs.

**Truth:** What's great about the Sheldon Bands is that all of us register for one band per trimester. Ms. Bounds works with each students' unique schedule if and when conflicts arise between sports and other activities. Band students can choose to participate in jazz bands and other activities such as honor bands and basketball pep band.

**Myth #2-** I want to be in marching band as a freshman, but I heard it was hard to get in.

**Truth:** We have a limited number of spots for freshmen in the Sheldon Marching Band. If you are interested simply contact the director, Ms. Bounds at sheldonhsband@gmail.com to apply.

**Myth #3-** I can't do Band and \_\_\_\_\_ (IHS/Honors/SI/Languages/Sports/etc.).

**Truth:** We have several students in the band that participate in IHS, honors courses, advanced language programs, sports, and other activities. Each student's schedule and situation is unique and we work with each student to allow them to participate in the program!

**Myth #4-** I am not going to bother doing band in high school because I won't have time to do marching band my sophomore year.

**Truth:** Marching band is a short season with a lot of flexibility. Before you decide not to continue, just try out concert band your freshman year, get to know the program and ask questions about potential conflicts and concerns before not continuing in band!

**Myth #5-** I am not good enough to do high school band.

**Truth:** The high school band members all come from different musical backgrounds and levels. It's our job to help you grow into the best musician that you can be!

**Myth #6-** Band won't be the same as it was in middle school.

**Truth:** You are right! It won't be the same but that doesn't mean it won't be awesome. You will get to meet some many more students, play more concerts, attend festivals and participate in BAND TRIPS!!!

**Myth #7-** I am not going to be a professional musicians, so why should I keep playing?

**Truth:** Participating in music doesn't have to be tied to a career. You can participate in music because you love it! You can continue playing music after high school and not be a music major or make it a career!

**Myth #8-** Marching Band Camp is too hard!

**Truth:** Marching Band camp is a required day camp held at Sheldon High School that lasts 2 weeks in August. Freshmen not participating in marching band do not attend band camp. Detailed schedules are provided in the spring for all marching band members. The band camp is actually a day camp that focuses on teaching the students basic marching band techniques and the drill moves for the show. The camp also includes music rehearsals and sectionals. What's great about marching band camp is that the days are spent doing marching and music rehearsals, so you aren't marching the entire time! We also have a lot of social events, learn our fun pep band music to play at games, play community gigs (last year we played an Em's Baseball game during band camp), and have snacks daily! We spend a lot of time repeating things so learning how to march and learning how to memorize your music will actually be much easier than you probably think!

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