

Frequently Asked Questions about being in the Buchholz Band

1. "With so many required subjects, will I be able to fit band into my schedule?"

Participation in one year of band fulfills the one-year Fine Arts credit required for graduation. Buchholz HS is on an optional 7-period day which allows students to fit in the most class choices. Some subjects can be taken during your junior or senior year when less is required and there is even more room in your schedule. Additionally, through participation in band, you also earn a **P.E. waiver** which opens up yet another class slot - **yes, one band credit earns you two graduation credit requirements.** Since you have to take a Fine Arts course anyway, it might as well be band!

2. "Band takes too much time. Will I have time to study?"

Nearly 170 students prove that time is available. Many students in band are at the top of their class, in honor society, etc. Band members learn to manage their time. The marching band generally rehearses only 2 days a week immediately after school during the first 12 weeks of school. **You will get your homework done if you manage your time appropriately!**

3. "Can I be in sports and band?"

Yes. Sometimes we have to work out schedules, but it can be done. Band students are given a calendar of events for the entire year to know ahead of time when activities are planned. **If you plan to participate in a sport, we encourage you to avoid one that takes place during the first 12 weeks of school, which is the approximate length of the marching season.**

4. "I'm in middle school and have never marched before. Will I be able to do it?"

There are many past 8th graders in the Buchholz Band right now who asked themselves the same question, but tried it and were glad they did. The BHS marching band camp takes place 2 - 3 weeks before school starts and is required. During that time we will teach you marching and advanced playing fundamentals as you learn music for the fall, get issued a uniform, and basically get trained for high school band. **If you have a positive attitude and are willing to learn, you will do fine!**

5. "I'm tired of band – should I quit?"

After all the years you have invested, you are now getting to the point where you are good enough to really enjoy it. The Buchholz Band is one of the best in the nation and is getting better and more exciting every year. We need you to make it happen. Don't drop out now when you're on the threshold of getting the most out of it and enjoying it to the fullest. **At the very least, try band in 9th grade!!**

What Band has done for me . . .

"Band has given me an extra family and the ability to push myself to do my best."

9th grade Clarinet player

"Band is much more than learning music; it's learning to expand your mind."

9th grade Tuba player

"Band adds balance to an academically loaded schedule and makes me a well-rounded person. It provides me with music, friends, teamwork, and life-skills."

11th grade French Horn player

"Just summer band camp alone taught me a great amount of self-discipline."

9th grade Trumpet player

"Learning to be punctual in band has helped me be punctual in life."

12th grade Clarinet player

"Band has taught me that to achieve excellence, I must always *strive* for perfection."

10th grade Flute player

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