

5 Easy Steps to be a Cougar Band Member!

#1 - Sign Up - NOW!

Place a check next to "Band" on your Course Request Form. Sign up for the class even if you are not sure. This can always be changed later.

#2 - Evaluation - April

Data & observations from Mr. Robinson, Mr. Brooks, & Mrs. Brooks will be collected during this time to determine band class placement & marching band production assignments. On-site evaluations will begin in April and continue throughout Day 3 of Band Orientation. Mr. & Mrs. Brooks will be testing students at YMS during this time.

#3 - Attend Band Orientation - April 29th-May 2nd

***STUDENTS:** All students that signed up for Band **MUST** attend Band Orientation in the YCHS Band Room April 29th-May 2nd from 4-7pm.

***PARENTS:** At least one parent per student that signed up for Band **MUST** attend the Band Parent Orientation on May 2nd from 6-7pm in the YCHS Auditorium. Registration for the meeting will take place from 5-6pm.

***More information concerning Band Orientation will be sent home prior to Band Orientation.**

#4 - Receive Your Recommendations

Students will receive their class placement & marching band production assignment during, or shortly after Band Orientation.

#5 - Attend Band Camp!

All registered band students **MUST** attend Band Camp! The first day is projected to be July 22nd! All other camps, mission trips, and/or vacations need to be completed before this time.



FUTURE MEMBER GUIDE

The York Comprehensive High School Band is a comprehensive program consisting of a **marching band, two concert bands, jazz band, percussion ensemble, chamber ensembles, fall & winter Cougarettes.**

What might be my class placement recommendation?

Honors Level Track

Marching Band 1 credit (1st sem)
Full Year <
Wind Ensemble 1 credit (2nd sem)

CP Level Track

Marching Band 1 credit (1st sem)
Full Year <
Symphonic Band 1 credit (2nd sem)

JAZZ BAND (Honors) 1 credit This is a "5th block" course that meets after school ONLY from November-May. Students will be given a calendar of class meetings which occur from one to three times a week. Students will apply for course membership Oct/Nov.

Fall Cougarettes / Winter Cougarettes: Current band members will need to plan for a Cougarettes only track, or a band only track in high school.

Students interested in Fall Cougarettes / Winter Cougarettes should sign up for "Band" now, and attend the Orientation as stated on the reverse side of this sheet.

What are my Marching Band Production Assignment Options?

Spot Holder – A numbered position who will have a specific coordinate sheet detailing their positions on the field by the computer. Performs at all games, competitions, etc.

Reserve Member – A student that shares numbered position on the field. Reserve members have the same opportunities in the marching experience except for select performance occasions. Younger students, new students, and those with less experience can expect to be reserve members more often than upperclassmen. This is a training program to be a spot holder.

*ALL members have the same visual and musical expectations.

What should I keep in mind?

- Learn more about what the YCHS Cougar band has to offer by visiting our website and "liking" us on Facebook!
 - www.yorkcougarbands.com
- Every other year The Cougar Band travels! Trips in past years have included Disney World and New York. Last spring, we took a 3 City Tour: Baltimore, New York, Philadelphia! Our Wind Ensemble was invited to play in Carnegie Hall while we are in New York!
- Your current band director is constantly evaluating your skill level on your instrument, tone, technique, sightreading, behavior, maturity, and responsibility
 - Decisions concerning class placement & marching band assignments will be based on these items, as well as your individual evaluation in April as noted on the reverse side.

Save these dates!!!!

April 29th-May 2nd 4-7pm Student Orientation @ YCSH Band Room
May 2nd 5-6pm Parent Registration @ YCHS Pavilion/Auditorium Lobby
May 2nd 6-7pm Parent Orientation @ YCHS Auditorium
July 22nd Projected 1st Day of Band Camp

Top colleges are increasingly after well-rounded student bodies of individual specialists: the football player, the poet, the mathematician. So "it's better to be involved in fewer activities wholeheartedly over time, rather than 9 or 10 superficially," and make an impact.

[IvyWise & U.S. News]

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