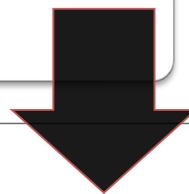


4 Easy Steps to be a Cougar Band Member!

#1 - Sign Up

Select "Band" on your Course Request. Sign up for the class even if you are not sure. This can always be changed later.



#2 - Evaluation - Now-May

Data & observations from Mr. Greenwood, Mr. Brooks, & Mrs. Brooks will be collected during this time to determine your high school band class recommendation & marching band production assignment.

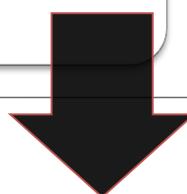


#3 - Attend Band Orientation - April 29th-May 1st

***STUDENTS:** All students that signed up for Band MUST attend Spring Band Orientation April 29th-May 1st from 4-6pm. Details to come!

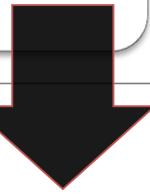
***PARENTS:** At least one parent per student that signed up for Band MUST attend the Band Parent Orientation on May 1st from 6-7pm. Details to come!

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



#4 - Attend Band Camp & Receive Your Recommendations

Students will receive their marching band production assignment and class recommendation during Band Camp/school registration. All registered band students MUST attend Band Camp! The first day is projected to be July 21st. **All other camps, mission trips, and/or vacations need to be completed before this time.**



We can't wait for you to continue to be a part of the Cougar Band program and family next school year!!!



FUTURE MEMBER GUIDE

Possible Class Placement Recommendations

Note: Band is a year-long course of study

<u>1st Semester</u>	<u>2nd Semester</u>
Marching Band/PE (CP & Honors) Cougarettes/PE	Symphonic Band or Wind Ensemble (Honors) Cougarettes
	<u>JAZZ BAND</u> (Honors) 1 credit - This is a "5 th block" course that meets outside of the of the traditional school day. 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. This is a supplemental course and should be taken WITH Symphonic Band and/or Wind Ensemble

Current band members also members of Cadette Cougarettes will need to plan for a Cougarettes only track, or a band only track in high school.

What should I keep in mind?

- University admissions officers clearly state that students who participate in arts classes continually through high school have an advantage over students who do not when applying for high-end schools.
- The College Board, the administrator of the SAT Test, identifies the arts (including music) as one of the 6 areas that students should study in order to succeed in college.
- Having music on a student's transcript all through high school shows that a student has developed skills in group work, multi-tasking, spatial reasoning, mathematics, leadership, community spirit, and many other areas. These types of skills cannot be found all together in any other class.
- Learn more about what the YCHS Cougar band has to offer by visiting our website and "liking" us on Facebook!
 - www.yorkcougarbands.com
- The Cougar Band now travels EVERY YEAR! Trips in past years have included Disney World, Baltimore, Philadelphia, New York, Universal Studios, performing at Carnegie Hall, performing at a bowl game, Williamsburg, Busch Gardens.
- Your current band director is constantly evaluating your skill level on your instrument, tone, technique, sight reading., behavior, maturity, and responsibility
 - Decisions concerning class recommendations & marching band assignments will be based on these items, as well as your individual evaluation at Spring Orientation as noted on the reverse side.

Save these dates!!!

April 29th-May 1st 4-6pm Student Orientation @ YCHS Band Room

May 1st 6-7pm Parent/Student Orientation @ YCHS Auditorium

July 21st Projected 1st Day of Band Camp

Questions? Need more information?

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