



Band Registration Information for 2010-2011

Parents & Students - Please take a few moments to look over this information so you know how to register for the next school year. I look forward to teaching your children!

It **is** possible to take band **every** semester and still complete your graduation needs and experience courses that are offered. To do this, you simply need to **plan ahead**.

A school fee of \$10 will be collected for each semester enrolled in band class. This money is used for general upkeep of equipment, facilities, locker use, and music. Specific class grading details are available from the Director.

What you should register for:

Woodwinds and Brass

Freshmen – Concert Band I and Concert Band II. You are required to be in band both semesters. As current high school students can attest, if you miss a semester of band you will be behind. Playing is a frangible skill, and the knowledge base gained in both semesters of concert band is hard to replace.

Sophomores – Symphonic Band I and Symphonic Band II. Please register for both semesters.

Juniors and Seniors – Wind Ensemble I and II (or Honors Band A and B). Schedule your ideal classes. Do not assume that any other course will conflict with band, schedule the classes you want and see if it works out.

Percussion

Freshmen – Percussion I and Concert Band II

Sophomores – Percussion II and Symphonic Band II

Juniors and Seniors – Percussion II and Wind Ensemble II (or Honors Band B)

Course Descriptions

Freshmen - Concert Band I (fall) and II (spring)

The Concert Band is for freshmen. They perform two concerts per semester, along with traveling to Festival (in the spring) and possibly other performances. Extra rehearsals are a possibility. This class includes re-enforcement of the basic playing skills and moves toward extended musical concepts.

Sophomores – Symphonic Band I (fall) and II (spring)

Students in Symphonic Band meet during the same period as Wind Ensemble. (We offer a separate course code because colleges like to see a progression of courses on transcripts) They perform *at least* two concerts per semester, along with traveling to NC State Festival (in the spring). Extra rehearsals are a possibility. This class covers musical concepts, literature, and materials in more depth and faster than Concert Band.

Juniors & Seniors – Wind Ensemble I (fall) and II (spring)

The Wind Ensemble is a select group of top instrumentalists. They perform *at least* two concerts per semester, along with traveling to NC State Festival (in the spring). Extra rehearsals are a possibility. This class moves through musical concepts, literature, and materials quickly, and presents students with a broader musical components than other classes.

Prerequisite – two previous semesters of high school band and an audition.

Juniors and Seniors – Honors Band Option: Honors Band is a course code for the advanced players who want to broaden their musical interest and abilities. Honors Band students attend class and perform with the Wind Ensemble. Honors Band students have additional experience-related requirements outside of band class. (*A list of requirements is available from the Director.*) An added benefit to students is that Honors Band’s grades are based on a 5-point scale, instead of the normal 4-point scale.

To register for Honors Band, students must be a Junior or Senior who has been accepted into the Wind Ensemble have outstanding participation, attendance, and behavior, achieve an ‘A’ average the previous year, and pass an advanced audition.

Percussion I (Fall semester only)

This course is offered to percussionists with experience in band or by audition. Topics to be covered include how to play all percussion instruments in percussion ensemble, indoor bands, and marching bands. A student may not specialize in only one instrument for the entire semester. This ensemble will play at least 3 concerts.

Percussion II (Fall semester only)

Pre-requisite: Percussion I. This course delves more into playing more complicated percussion music and working toward deeper musical understanding. Only those who have completed Percussion I may take Percussion II. This ensemble will play at least 3 concerts.

Extra-Curricular Ensembles

These groups ARE NOT registered through guidance and are open to all students!

Marching Band (fall) - The Marching Spiders are is the most active and the most visible band at Concord High School. They perform at all home football games, most away football games, marching band competitions, and parades. A “FairShare” of the budget is needed from each participating student. This may be given either out-of-pocket or by working at the numerous fundraisers available to all students. Membership information is available from Mr. Morin.

Jazz Band (winter & spring) - The Jazz Band plays at concerts and “gigs” throughout the community. Rehearsals will start after Marching Band ends and continue through the rest of the year.

Winterguard (winter & spring)- Concord’s Winterguard is a competitive troupe combining dance and visual artistry. It meets after school from November to early April. Membership is based on audition. A “FairShare” of the budget is needed from each participating student. This may be given either out-of-pocket or by working at the numerous fundraisers available to all students.

If ever you have questions, please contact Mr. Morin.

College/University Prep Curriculum

Freshman Year	Sophomore Year	Junior Year	Senior Year
English 1 Math Earth/Environ Sci. World History Physical Education Concert Band 1 Concert Band 2 Foreign Language	English 2 Math Biology Civics and Economics Foreign Language 2 Symphonic Band 1 Symphonic Band 2 Elective	English 3 Math Chemistry US History Foreign Language 3 Wind Ensemble 1 Wind Ensemble 2 Elective	English 4 Math Science Social Studies Elective Foreign Language 4 Honors Band A Honors Band B Elective

College Tech Prep Curriculum

Freshman Year	Sophomore Year	Junior Year	Senior Year
English 1 Math Earth/Environ Sci. World History Physical Education Concert Band 1 Concert Band 2 Pathway Elective	English 2 Math Biology Civics and Economics Pathway Elective Symphonic Band 1 Symphonic Band 2 Elective	English 3 Math Science US History Pathway Elective Wind Ensemble 1 Wind Ensemble 2 Elective	English 4 Math Science Social Studies Elective Pathway Elective Wind Ensemble 1 Wind Ensemble 2 Elective

Your Personal Plan

To help you complete your registration

Please plug in the courses you need for each year in the slots labeled, “your choice.”

Freshman Year	Your choice	Sophomore Year	Your choice
English 1		English 2	
Math		Math	
Science		Science	
World History		Civics and Economics	
Physical Education		Foreign Language	
Band	Concert Band 1	Band	Symphonic Band 1
Band	Concert Band 2	Band	Symphonic Band 2
Foreign Language		Elective	

Junior Year	Your choice	Senior Year	Your choice
English 3		English 4	
Math		Math	
Science		Science Elective	
US History		Social Studies Elective	
Foreign Language		Foreign Language	
Band	Wind Ensemble/Honors Band	Band	Wind Ensemble/Honors Band
Band	Wind Ensemble/Honors Band	Band	Wind Ensemble/Honors Band
Elective		Elective	