



## Hilhi Band

**To 8<sup>th</sup> Graders and families: We hope you'll join the Hilhi band next fall. It's an amazing experience that we're sure you'll love! Here are some answers to your frequently asked questions.**

**Question:** How do I get more information about Hilhi Band and stay in touch over the summer?

**Answer:** Access the Hilhi Band website at <http://www.hillsborohighband.org>. The site will be updated over summer to include a link to online registration for marching band and other upcoming events. You may also email or call Geoff Fotland, Band Director: [fotlandg@hds.k12.or.us](mailto:fotlandg@hds.k12.or.us)

**Phone:** (503) 267-9563

**Question:** For which Band should I sign up?

**Answer:** All incoming freshman should sign up for Concert Band or Percussion. All drummers must be in Percussion Class but are encouraged to also do Concert Band if it fits into their schedule.

**Question:** If I am in Concert Band am I still able to participate in Marching Band?

**Answer:** Yes. Everyone in Concert Band, Percussion, and Symphonic Band are required to do Marching Band. Marching Band season runs September through the first weekend of November. 2018 Band Camp at Hilhi will be August 13<sup>th</sup>-24<sup>th</sup> 9am-8pm (M-F). Percussion and Colorguard Camp will be August 6<sup>th</sup>-10<sup>th</sup>. Following Band Camp, we practice on Tuesday and Thursday night from 6-9pm (a total of 18 practices a year) with an occasional Saturday practice. We will do as many 4 competitions and 4 or 5 football games plus playoff games. Then we are finished marching until parade season in Spring!

**Question:** Do I have to do Band Camp?

**Answer:** Yes, if you choose to do marching band, then it is required that you do Band Camp. This is the best opportunity for us to teach basic marching skills, learn show music and routines, and become part of a team. It's fun too!

**Question:** How much does band cost for the year?

**Answer:** The Annual Fee is \$250, there's a required fundraising activity to raise another \$200 plus the Hillsboro School District activity fee of \$150. Scholarships are available and there are multiple individual fundraisers scheduled to help defray the cost. HBBA will never turn away a student that wants to be in band due to financial concerns. Please talk with us!

**Question:** What do these fees cover?

**Answer:** Band operating expenses such as competition entry fees, marching program music arrangement and choreography, props, transportation, at least two meals for each competition, uniform and equipment maintenance, non-district staff, instrument maintenance, etc.

**Question:** What do you do in High School Band?

**Answer:** Travel-Perform-Compete-Make Friends. Hilhi's band is of the most successful programs in Oregon. We have qualified for State Championships for the past 8 times in the past 14 years.

**Question:** Can I participate in the Band Program and also do Sports?

**Answer:** Yes, we have a lot of students in the band program who are also athletes. Students need to communicate with the band director and their coaches so schedules can be adjusted.

**Question:** I did not sign-up for Band on my forecast sheets but now I want to. Is it too late?

**Answer:** No, give me a call. We still want you on the team.

**Question:** I've done Band in middle school, but I'm not sure if I should try it as a 9<sup>th</sup> grader. Why should I join the band?

**Answer:** We want you in the program because of your experience. You will make friends in all grades, develop your musical talents and leadership skills, travel, perform, improve your high school resume, develop your mind, and you will love being part of an awesome group.

**Question:** How do I know if I'll like marching?

**Answer:** All eighth graders are invited to march in the Starlight Parade, Grande Floral Parade, and Hillsboro 4<sup>th</sup> of July parade!

