



Hilhi Band

To 8th Graders and their parents: 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: Email or call Geoff Fotland, Band Director: fotlandg@hsd.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. We have a two week Band Camp at Hilhi starting August 12th-16th & August 19th-23rd from 9am-8pm. Percussion and Colorguard Camp is one week before Band Camp August 5th-9th. After Band Camp, we practice on Monday and Wednesday evenings 6-9pm (a total of 18 practices a year). We may have one or two Saturday practices. 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! Register for band camp via the Hilhi Band Website <http://www.hillsborohighband.org> > Parents > Marching Band & Colorguard Registration

Question: How much does band cost for the year?

Answer: The Annual Fair Share Fee is \$250, there's a required fundraising activity to raise another \$250 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 9th 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 4th of July parade!

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