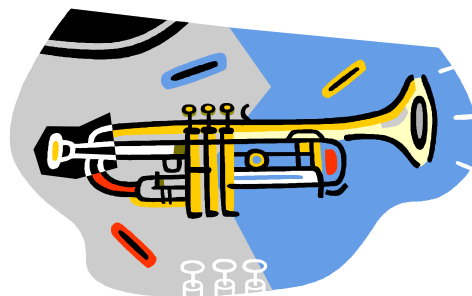


Quick Facts

- Participating in a high school band class does not interfere with participating in after school activities like athletics.
- Participating in a high school band class does not interfere with college prep but does meet the Fine Arts requirement for high school graduation in Michigan.
- High School band does not require outside-of-school commitments during the school year other than regularly scheduled performances.
- The ABHS Instrumental Music students have the opportunity to take an annual trip. Past trips have included performances in New York City and Walt Disney World in Florida; all major trips are voluntary.
- Our Band Booster organization raises funds for the students involved with the instrumental music program. Periodic fundraising opportunities are available to help defray the cost of trips.
- Participating in Marching Band as a Freshmen means you will start the school-year knowing many upperclassmen and can talk to those older students about classes, rides, schedules, the school, teachers, etc.
- Did You Know? - "The nation's top business executives agree that arts education programs can help repair weaknesses in American education and better prepare workers for the 21st century." (Business Week Magazine)

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HIGH SCHOOL BAND — WHAT'S IT ALL ABOUT?

Overview

At Anchor Bay HS, we have an award-winning instrumental music program that offers a variety of ensembles and experiences for the high school student. We are proud to have one of the finest instrumental music facilities and programs in our area.



Currently, we offer five concert bands including the 9th Grade Cadet Band, 9th Grade Symphonic Band, Concert Band, Symphonic Band, and our premier group, the Wind Ensemble. In addition, we also offer a Jazz Ensemble course and a Marching Band course for credit.

Through the learning, rehearsing, and performing of music, it is our goal that the students of the instrumental music program become:

Creative Problem Solvers who can think critically and can make decisions through artistic modes and in situations where there are no standard answers.

Culturally Aware Citizens who have a sense of history and an appreciation for the fine arts through multicultural experiences.

Humanistic Thinkers who have creativity, sensitivity, and emotion.

Collaborative Workers who are self-confident, receptive to others ideas, and utilize peer input to develop interpersonal relationships within the framework of their setting.

Marching Band

The Marching Band is an all-volunteer class that meets in the fall after school (during 7th Hour). This unique ensemble provides entertainment at home football games, local parades, festivals, and various community events. The members of the Marching Tars are very dedicated and have lots of fun!

Participating in the Marching Band involves an exciting experience at a week-long summer MB camp where the students become comfortable with the various aspects of marching band technique. The Marching Band class runs from August through mid-October.

What else is available?

There are various student-run chamber ensembles that instrumental music students can join. These include Jazz Combos, Pep Bands, Woodwind Quintets, Brass Ensembles, Saxophone Quartets, and all Solo and Ensemble events. Groups that fit into this category are excellent ways to become more involved with the overall program while also having fun and improving on your own musical ability. These groups sometimes get called upon to perform at various community events, athletic events, and festivals.



An annual trip is also available to instrumental music students. These trips are totally volunteer-based and usually include a clinic or performance situation for the students. The Band Boosters do their best to help raise funds toward

making these trips more affordable to all students. Past trips and performances have included Chicago, New York, Cleveland, Toronto, and a trip to Disney World in Florida.

How does band work in my schedule?

As Freshmen, all Anchor Bay HS students take four core classes and two electives. Your band class will be one of your elective choices and will be for an entire year. The other elective may be used for whatever other course is of interest to you, including a foreign language. In addition, you should be able to take band for all four years in high school and not miss any college-prep, advanced placement, or other graduation requirements.



Jazz Ensemble is also offered as a full-year course during the school day. If students are interested in this course, they should try to get as many of the required classes as possible in their freshmen and sophomore years. Some required classes can also be taken at night school or at Macomb Community College for credit.

Marching Band is an after school class for 1/2 credit and does not take the place of an elective during the school day. If you take the Marching Band Class for three of your four years in high school, you will become exempt from having to take Phys. Ed. to graduate. This will free up your schedule even more to take other electives!