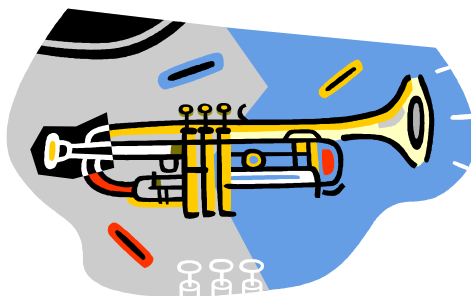


## Quick Facts

- Students can participate in a band class and remain involved in after school activities like athletics.
- Participating in a band class does not interfere with advanced courses, honors courses, AP, and college prep courses.
- Middle School band does not require outside-of-school commitments during the school year other than regularly scheduled performances.
- The CSHS Band students have the opportunity to travel every three years.
- Our Music Booster organization raises funds for the students involved with the band. These fundraisers help to support the students' overall music experience.
- Participating in 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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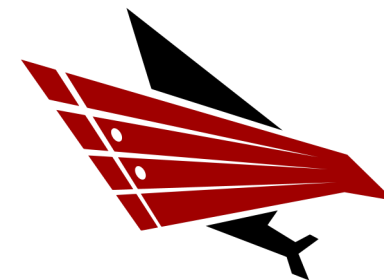


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# BAND — WHAT'S IT ALL ABOUT?

## Overview

At Cedar Springs, we have an award-winning band program that offers a variety of ensembles and experiences for the middle and high school student. We are proud to have great band facilities.

Currently, we offer 6th Grade Band, 7th Grade Band, and 8th Grade Band at the Middle Level. We offer Symphonic Band, Wind Ensemble, Marching Band, and Jazz Band at the High School.



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.

## Middle Level Bands

The **6th Grade Band** is the beginning band for Cedar Springs. It is a full year class where students learn how to play and perform on a musical instrument.

The **7th Grade Band** is the intermediate ensemble, where we continue develop off the skills of our year in 6th Grade Band.

The **8th Grade Band** is the premiere ensemble at the Middle Level and plays advanced music in various styles for middle school students.

All Middle Level Bands perform 2-3 concerts a year.

## High School Bands

The **Symphonic Band** is the intermediate concert band at the high school level, and plays a wide variety of styles and difficulty levels.

The **Wind Ensemble** is the premiere ensemble of Cedar Springs and plays the most advanced wind band literature of the Cedar Springs Band Program.



The **Marching Band** includes the Symphonic Band and Wind Ensemble and meets in the fall semester. This ensemble provides entertainment at home football games, community events, and participates in the Michigan Competing Band

Association Competitions and State Championships.

**Jazz Band** is a co-curricular class that meets in November. This ensemble plays in all styles of jazz and students work on improvisation skills.

Taking Band for three full years in high school satisfies the following graduation requirements: 1 semester of Physical Education, 1 year of a Visual, Performing Arts, AND your second year of foreign language.

## What else is available?

Starting in 7th Grade, students will have the opportunity to participate in student-run chamber ensembles, including small groups, percussion ensembles, jazz combos, and pep bands.



Students in the high school band have the opportunity to travel with the band every three years. In 2021, the band traveled to Walt Disney World and Universal Studios in Orlando, Florida.

## How does band work in my schedule?

All Cedar Springs 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 three years in middle school and all four years in high school and not miss any honors, college-prep, advanced placement, or other graduation requirements.