

JOHS Music Ensemble Information

2023-2024 School Year

School Day Ensembles (and Descriptions)

Concert Band (Course Code: Marching Band/Concert Band) – this is the 3rd band, and is composed of students in grades 9-12 that are recently new to band and haven't been playing their instrument for a very long time. *Note: this is NOT a marching band class. The course code just has to be like that for students to get PE credit who are actually in marching band.*

Symphonic Band (Course Code: Marching Band/Concert Band) – this is the 2nd band, and is composed of students in grades 9-12 that are at an intermediate playing level. *Note: this is NOT a marching band class. The course code just has to be like that for students to get PE credit who are actually in marching band.*

Wind Ensemble (Course Code: Wind Ensemble) – this is the advanced band, and is composed of students in grades 10-12 (some 9th grade exceptions) that are advanced on their instruments. *This ensemble is audition only. Auditions take place in April and May.*

Percussion Ensemble (Course Code: Instrument Tech) – this is a percussion only class, and is composed of students in grades 9-12 that played percussion in middle school. *All middle school percussionists will be placed in this class and not a band class.*

Orchestra (Course Code: Orchestra) – this is a strings only ensemble, and is composed of students in grades 9-12 that played a string instrument in middle school. String instruments include violin, viola, cello, and bass.

Music Production – this course utilizes Overton's recording studio. Students learn to use recording equipment and technology. *Prerequisite required – students have to have prior music ensemble experience.*

Extracurriculars

Marching Band – this is an after-school ensemble in which anyone is welcome to participate. The first event for marching band is kick-off camp in May of each year.

Jazz Band – this is an after-school ensemble that takes place every Wednesday. Instruments such as drum set, bass guitar, electric guitar, and piano are part of this ensemble in addition to the typical band instruments. *This is an audition only ensemble.*

Hypeline (spring semester only) – this is an after-school ensemble that takes place in the spring semester. This group performs at basketball games as a "spirit drumline." Any student with a musical background is welcome to be on the hypeline even if percussion is not their primary instrument.

What do I, as a middle school student or parent, need to do?

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- If you play a band instrument, sign up for band.
- If you play a string instrument, sign up for orchestra.
- If you are a percussionist, sign up for concert percussion.
- Every student in marching band HAS TO be in a school day ensemble, so make sure you're signed up!

At the beginning of the 2022-2023 school year, check your schedule and make sure you're in the appropriate class. Sometimes schedules get messed up and a percussionist gets placed in a band class or you don't have band scheduled at all! When that happens, contact a band director and/or a counselor and let them know so they can help you.