

HIGH SCHOOL BAND – WHAT’S IT ALL ABOUT?

Overview

At Imlay City High School, we have a strong tradition of excellence in our instrumental music program. We offer a variety of ensembles and experiences for students. We are proud to have one of the finest instrumental music facilities and programs in the area.

Currently, we offer two high school bands, the Concert Band and the Wind Ensemble. Membership in these groups is acquired through audition. Both groups are combined to form the Spartan Marching Band. We also offer jazz and chamber ensemble experiences throughout the year.

Through learning, rehearsing, and performing 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.

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

Confident Leaders who can lead by example as well as by providing a wealth of knowledge to their group. Leaders must also be able to motivate and manage others for a common good.



How does band work in my schedule?

As a freshman, all ICHS students take five core classes and one elective. Your band class will be your elective choice and will be for an entire year. Foreign language is considered an elective and may be scheduled in any elective opening. 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.

Spartan Marching Band

The Spartan Marching Band is an extension of your band class. Both bands are combined to form the marching band. This exciting ensemble provides entertainment at home football games, local parades, festivals, and various community events. The members of the Spartan Marching Band are very dedicated and have lots of fun!

Participating in the Marching Band involves an exciting experience at a week-long summer camp where the students become comfortable with the various aspects of marching band technique as well as learn our half-time show for the upcoming football season. The Marching Band rehearses and performs from August through mid-October.

SAMPLE MUSIC STUDENT SCHEDULE

	Grade 9	Grade 10	Grade 11	Grade 12
Period 1	English 9	English 10	English 11	English 12
Period 2	Algebra I	Geometry	Algebra II	Math Elective
Period 3	Science 9	Biology	Chem or Physics	Elective
Period 4	World History/Geo.	U.S. History/Geo.	Elective	Gov./Econ.
Period 5	P.E./Health	Elective	Elective	Elective
Period 6	Band	Band	Band	Band

Michigan Merit Curriculum

ENGLISH – 4 Credits

English Language Arts 9, 10, 11 & 12

MATH – 4 Credits

Geometry, Algebra I, Algebra II, one math or math-related course in the final year of high school

SCIENCE – 3 Credits

Biology, Chemistry or Physics, one additional science credit

SOCIAL STUDIES – 3 Credits

World History & Geography, U.S. History & Geography, .5 credits in both Civics and Economics

PHYSICAL EDUCATION & HEALTH – 1 Credit

VISUAL, PERFORMING AND APPLIED ARTS – 1 Credit

ONLINE LEARNING EXPERIENCE

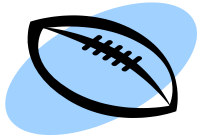
Effective beginning with students entering 3rd grade in 2006

LANGUAGE OTHER THAN ENGLISH – 2 Credits

In grades 9-12; OR an equivalent learning experience in grades K-12

Quick Facts

- Participating in a high school band class does not interfere with participating in after school activities, including athletics. The majority of high school band members also participate in sports and clubs.



- Participating in high school band class does not interfere with college prep but does meet the Fine Arts requirement for high school graduation in Michigan.



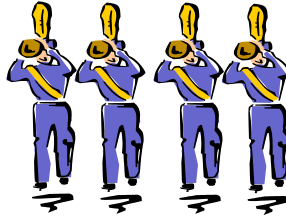
- The ICHS Instrumental Music students have the opportunity to take a trip every other year. Past trips have included New York City, Washington, D.C., and Walt Disney World. All major trips are voluntary.



- Our Band Booster organization raises funds for the students involved in the instrumental music program. Periodic fundraising opportunities are available to help defray the cost of trips.



- Participating in Marching Band 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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