

Frequently Asked Questions (FAQ's)... for New Urbana High School Band Members

What bands are available to new students to Urbana High School?

- **Symphonic Band** – Open to anyone with experience on a band instrument
- **Wind Symphony** – Open to anyone that passes a qualifying audition in the spring.
- **Marching Band** – Open to anyone with experience on a band instrument, or anyone that passed a qualifying audition for the color guard or the drumline in the spring.
- **Jazz Band** – Open to anyone that passes a qualifying audition in the fall.

If I play an instrument in band, can I also perform with the Color Guard?

Yes, please sign up for Symphonic Band in addition to Marching Band. All Color Guard members must be registered for Marching Band (1st Quarter Only).

How do I play in a Jazz Band at Urbana High School?

Auditions for the Jazz Bands at UHS take place during the 1st Quarter of School. Students may audition on Trumpet, Trombone, Saxophone, Piano, Bass, Guitar, or Drums.

Do I have to be in Symphonic Band or Wind Symphony to be in a Jazz Band?

Yes, but exceptions can be made for guitar players, piano players, and bass players.

Do I have to be in Marching Band?

No, Marching Band is a volunteer activity at Urbana High School.

Do I have to be in Symphonic Band or Wind Symphony to be in Marching Band?

Yes.

Can I play sports and be in the band?

YES! YES! YES! Many of the UHS band members successfully participate in fall, winter, and spring athletic programs. In addition, many of the band students also participate in drama, choir, orchestra, and several other extracurricular activities.

Does the school provide any instruments?

Yes, UHS can loan all of the larger and more costly instruments including, but not limited to, percussion, tubas, baritones, bass clarinets, baritone saxophones, tenor saxophones, and French horns.

What is Band Camp?

Band Camp is for Marching Band members, and it typically occurs two to three weeks prior to the first day of school. At band camp students will learn the music, drill, and routines for half-time football game performances, competitions, and parades. But it's not all work. There will be time for games, food, and social activities. Plus, this is the best time to "hit the ground running" before starting school at UHS. At Band Camp you will make friends and develop "family-like" bonds. Band camp is only required for Marching Band and Color Guard members.

What is the summer schedule for the Marching Band (TMB)?

Outlined below is the summer schedule for the Tiger Marching Band (TMB). [Check the band calendar at www.urbana-bands.org](http://www.urbana-bands.org) for the most current information. If you have questions about potential conflicts, please contact Mr. Hall as soon as possible. We can probably make it work!

June 15-19: Sectional Rehearsals (Required)

Color Guard: 4pm-6pm

Percussion (Pit & Drumline): 4pm-6pm

Winds (Brass & Woodwinds): 6pm-8pm

July 3, 6pm-8pm: 4th of July Parade Rehearsal (Full Band & Color Guard)

July 4 (morning-noonish): 4th of July Parade (Full Band & Color Guard)

July 27-31: Sectional Rehearsals (Required)

Color Guard: 4pm-6pm

Percussion (Pit & Drumline): 4pm-6pm

Winds (Brass & Woodwinds): 6pm-8pm

Aug. 3-7, 9am-6pm: Band Camp (Full Band & Color Guard)

Aug. 10, 12, 17, 24, 6pm-8:30pm: Full Band Rehearsal

Do the bands travel to events away from Urbana?

Yes, typically the bands at UHS travel to competitions and festivals throughout the Midwest. Two years ago the Wind Symphony traveled to Orlando, FL to perform at Walt Disney World.

Is there a schedule or calendar of events for the Urbana Bands?

Yes, go to **www.urbana-bands.org** for the most current band calendar.

How can parents get involved?

The Urbana High School Band program gets its strength from parent volunteers. We will need your help at band camp, football games, competitions, fundraisers, and concerts. A note of caution... volunteering with the Urbana Bands can be addictive 😊.

How can I get more information?

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~Louis Armstrong

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