

Guidelines Regarding Concert and Marching Band Participation

The Salem-Keizer Band Curriculum involves a comprehensive training for high quality band experiences that include both Marching and Concert Band opportunities. It recognizes that regular rehearsals and performances beyond the school day for both Marching Band and Concert Band are essential to developing a high quality band program.

The curriculum of large band group performance for high school band courses include both Marching and Concert Band experiences, with Marching being the focus for the first half of the fall semester and Concert Band being the focus from that point on, for the remainder of the school year.

An audition and/or permission of the instructor is required for admission to any band class. The instructor will determine the student's skill level for placement in the appropriate band class. Factors in placement will include ability level, prior grades, and recommendations from the previous band instructor.

The levels of ability will correlate to the following band courses:

Wind Ensemble – The highest level of ability, skills, experience, effort, discipline and reliability.

Symphonic Band – An advanced level of ability, skills, and work ethic.

Advanced Concert Band – A standard level of ability and skills with a developing work ethic.

Concert Band – A high school entry level of ability and skills.

The above bands will join to form the Varsity Marching Band. They will function independently when preparing for non-marching concert performances.

Scheduled practice and performance times beyond the school day are a requirement of these courses. This specifically includes the following scheduled rehearsals and performances:

1. Marching Band camp prior to the beginning of school.
2. Marching Band rehearsals beyond the school day.
3. Band section rehearsals.
4. All scheduled performances such as football games, competitions and festivals, pep assemblies, parades, concerts, etc.

Based on each of the high schools' schedules, a student will be asked to attend regularly scheduled out-of-school rehearsals and/or double-block band in their class schedule to be able to attend all required rehearsals.

Exceptions to full participation in the band program, including marching rehearsals and performances, will be limited to the following:

1. Religious requirements
2. Excused absence due to illness
3. Physical disability
4. Family emergency
5. Athletic participation (Conflicts with students participating in school athletics will be worked out by the involved instructors so students can participate in athletics and Band, if possible.)

A student must complete the fall semester varsity Marching Band course prior to auditioning for membership in the Wind Ensemble, unless transferring from a school where it was not offered, or demonstrating a proficiency of course content.

The following planned course titles will be changed to reflect the inclusion of both Marching performances and Concert Band performances:

<u>Previous Course Title</u>	<u>New Course Title</u>
Wind Ensemble	Wind Ensemble/Varsity Marching Band
Advanced Band	Symphonic Band/Varsity Marching Band
Band	Advanced Concert Band/Varsity Marching Band
(None)	Concert Band/Varsity Marching Band

The above courses will be considered annual band classes. The instructor may take the initiative, based on student ability and availability of instrumentation requirements, to re-audition students for a different band for spring semester. The instrumentation of any band is determined by and at the discretion of the instructor.

The non-performing band class:

<u>Previous Course Title</u>	<u>New Course Title</u>
Instrumental Ensemble	Instrumental Ensemble/Non-Varsity

This would be a semester course consisting of a non-performing instrumental experience. Contents of the course would include, as a minimum, high school level one district curriculum as stated in the Salem-Keizer Band Scope and Sequence. Material may be adjusted to the needs of the students.

Credit Options

Marching Band students do not receive additional academic credit for participating in after-school marching rehearsals and performances. Marching Band is, however, an OSAA approved activity which may be used to fulfill the activity portion of the Personal Enhancement Course which, upon completion, earns .5 PE credit.

Course Requirements for the Personal Enhancement Course

- Application from Counselor
- Activity Journal which includes goal setting and reflection
- Activity Log
- 65 hours of physical activity
- Bimonthly accountability checks for student progress
- 1500-word research paper which includes history, knowledge of activity and works cited; the paper should stress the advantages of their selected activity in relationship to physical fitness for a lifetime
- 5 to 10 minute formal presentation to the school supervisor (oral, video, PowerPoint, other)