

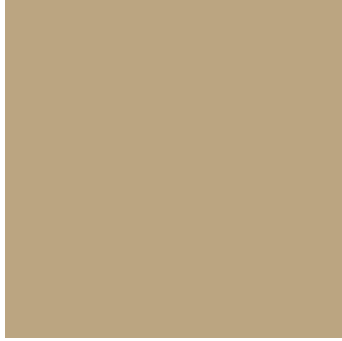
George Rogers Clark High School Band



Future Member Guide

Come be part of the success! The George Rogers Clark Band boasts a proud tradition of musical excellence in the concert hall, on the football field, and in the audition room. Not only do students learn to perform on a musical instrument in a variety of settings, they learn the essentials of *teamwork*, *self-motivation*, *self-discipline*, *individual responsibility*, and *social skills* that prove to be effective in any career, sport or other activity.

Hopefully, many of the questions you have about signing up, schedules, and requirements for participation will be answered by reading this publication thoroughly. If not, please feel free to contact us at any time. We will be more than happy to answer your questions as quickly as possible.



What is this all about?

Your child will have recently met with the counselors from GRC on their campus to learn about class options available to all high school students. It is important to keep in mind during these presentations that it is very possible to take band and other elective choices when you get to high school.

The **GRC Band** prides itself in having students that are involved in **MULTIPLE** activities on campus. Continuing with your band career in high school is a snap!!

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How much will this cost?

Fortunately, **NOT MUCH!** Being in band costs A LOT LESS than most people think. Sure, it will cost SOME money, but we are able to work out arrangements to make sure everyone who wants to participate can do so.

After an initial payment due in May, the rest of the fees are spread out over the course of several months to help out our band family.

Throughout the year, additional needs such as band shirts, uniform parts (gloves), instrument needs (reeds), can be taken care of through the band boosters or school book store.

As with all band programs, fundraising opportunities are held throughout the year to make sure that all students have the opportunity to participate in all band activities.



How much time will this take?

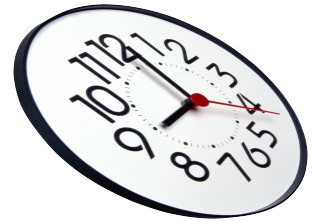
As a high school band student, you can be part of “**Kentucky’s Finest**” **GRC Marching Band**. This collective unit performs regularly throughout the fall semester at football games and competitive marching events. We begin with band camp in July and rehearse after-school 3-4 days a week. Our competitions are held most Saturdays during the months of September and October.

The GRC Pep Band performs at select Boys and Girls Basketball games in December-March.

Students will also be required to engage in regular home practice, just like having homework from a “regular” class. This is not much different from practicing in middle school, except we play a greater variety of music for many different events.

You will also be eligible to audition for all-district and/or all-state concert bands and jazz bands.

We love jazz at GRC, and it is a class! Students are eligible for jazz once they enter 10th grade.



Will being in band affect my child’s grades??

YES – research shows that participate in band will affect your child’s grades for the better.

On average, students who participate in school music organizations score **63 points higher on verbal and 44 points higher on math on the ACT** than students without musical coursework. Also, 70% of the nation’s major universities report that participation in a musical organization is a higher consideration than standardized test scores for admission decisions.

In addition, many real world business concepts are explored and taught in band.

Leadership, team building, interpersonal relationships, and management skills are a regular part of the band environment. Regular training in these subjects are taught throughout the year.

Students can participate in:

Marching Band
Concert Band
Jazz Band
Percussion Ensemble
Color Guard
Fine Arts Cohort



GRC Band

The place you know you belong!



Think about it...

- The first day of high school, you can walk through the halls knowing you have more than 100 friends to count on.
- You would be part of the largest organization at GRC.
- Few other classes offer you the opportunity to travel to places.
- Our student officers, staff, and band boosters organize social events throughout the year.
- No other class will bring you this much excitement, give you so much fun, or make you so many friends!!!

But...

...will band fit into an aggressive academic schedule?

YES!!! The GRC band has been host to numerous top ten members. Band members are among the most academically responsible students in the school.

...can I play in sports and be in band?

...YES!! Quite a few band members participate in athletics. **TALK TO US!** Let us know what you would like to do and we can make it happen – regardless of what anyone else tries to say differently!

...is it difficult to march?

ANYONE can march!

...how much time does band REALLY take?

Marching Band rehearses 6 hours a week, plus home football games and 6 competitions. Concert band performs 4 concerts a year, 2 parades, and 10 basketball games. Many band students still find time to work a job, go on dates, and enjoy high school.

...will I struggle to keep my grades up?

That depends on YOU. What we've found is that students who usually have high grades continue to get high grades and those with lower marks usually show improvement. **WHY?** Aside from an intense influx of strong work ethic, you have access to a 100+ member study group.

GRC Band Sample 4-Year Schedule

Advance Placement/Pre College w/ Band Sample Schedule				
Period	Freshman	Sophomore	Junior	Senior
1	Concert Band	Concert Band	AP Calculus/Pre Cal	AP Calculus/Stats
2	English 1	AP Euro	Ap English Lang	AP English Lit
3	Geometry/Algebra1	Geometry/Algebra 2	Symphonic Band	Symphonic Band
4	Civics	Pre AP Bio	AP American History	Elective
5	Int Science	Pre AP Eng 2	AP Biology	Chem/Physics
6	Foreign Language	Foreign Language/Elective	Elective	Elective
7	PE/Health	Jazz	Jazz	Jazz
Extra	*Marching Band	*Marching Band	*Marching Band	*Marching Band
Advance Placement/Pre College w/Cohort and Band Sample Schedule				
Period	Freshman	Sophomore	Junior	Senior
1	Concert Band	Concert Band	AP Calculus/Pre Cal	AP Calculus/Stats
2	English 1	AP Euro	Ap English Lang	AP English Lit
3	Geometry/Algebra1	Geometry/Algebra 2	Symphonic Band	Symphonic Band
4	Civics	Pre AP Bio	AP American History	Health/Elective
5	Int Science	Pre AP Eng 2	AP Biology	Chem/Physics
6	COHORT	COHORT	COHORT	COHORT
7	Foreign Language	Jazz/Health	Jazz	Jazz
Extra	*Marching Band	*Marching Band	*Marching Band	*Marching Band
Advance Placement/Pre College w/ ROTC and Band Sample Schedule				
Period	Freshman	Sophomore	Junior	Senior
1	Concert Band	Concert Band	AP Calculus/Pre Cal	AP Calculus/Stats
2	English 1	AP Euro	Ap English Lang	AP English Lit
3	Geometry/Algebra1	Geometry/Algebra 2	Symphonic Band	Symphonic Band
4	Civics	Pre AP Bio	AP American History	Elective
5	Int Science	Pre AP Eng 2	AP Biology	Chem/Physics
6	LET1	LET2	LET3	LET4
7	PE/Health	Foreign Language	Foreign Language	Elective/Jazz
Extra	*Marching Band	*Marching Band	*Marching Band	*Marching Band
Career Pathway w/ Band				
Period	Freshman	Sophomore	Junior	Senior
1	Concert Band	Concert Band	AP Calculus/Pre Cal	AP Calculus/Stats
2	English 1	English 2	Ap English Lang	AP English Lit
3	Geometry/Algebra1	Geometry/Algebra 2	Symphonic Band	Symphonic Band
4	Civics	World Civ	US History	Elective
5	Int Science	Biology	Chem/Phys	Career
6	Foreign Language/AG	Foreign Language	Career	Career
7	PE/Health	Career	Career/Jazz	Elective/Jazz
Extra	*Marching Band	*Marching Band	*Marching Band	*Marching Band



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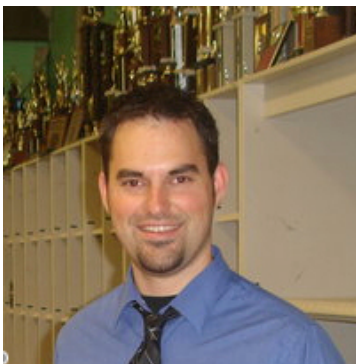
The GRC Band has a proud tradition as one of the most outstanding marching units in the country. Membership is open to any student enrolled in a GRC band class. Recently, the GRC Marching Band has performed in KMEA Class 5A, Bands of America Championships, local parades, and will be performing in the Indy 500 Parade in May.



DO NOT WAIT TO JOIN MARCHING BAND! Many freshmen want to “wait” until after their freshmen year to join marching band, as they are concerned with the time commitment and adjusting to high school. However, Marching Band helps with this transition in many ways.



1. It's a lot of fun.
2. It's a great way for freshmen to make friends before school starts.
3. It's great exercise.
4. It provides unique opportunities to develop leadership skills.
5. It's a chance to learn from very talented musicians/instructors.
6. The staff coaches our students to develop a strong work ethic.
7. It provides opportunities to sharpen your problem solving skills.
8. You can earn a varsity letter and wear it on your letter jacket.
9. It opens doors to other music opportunities.
10. Traveling to competitions is an interesting way to visit new places.
11. You get into football games for free.
12. It's okay to wear black socks with shorts.
13. You won't have to ride the school bus home 3-4 days a week.
14. Carpooling is very entertaining, especially for the parents who are driving.
15. 15 minutes of fame? You get 15 minutes multiple times when you perform for an entire football stadium every week
16. You get to play cool, contemporary songs at a higher volume than normal (here's looking at you, trumpets).
17. Music lovers generally get along pretty well, and you know that most your friends will be or already are people you met in band.



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