



# WINTER PARK HIGH SCHOOL

## 2024-2025 BAND REGISTRATION

WEDNESDAY, MAY 15, 2024

Registration for the Winter Park High School Band's 2024 - 2025 school year will take place in the WPHS Main Campus Band Room on Wednesday, May 15 between 6 PM and 9 PM. Please note that Band Registration Night is different than the "course registration" done by guidance counselors in the winter, and it is for all new and returning Band students.

The following forms are included here and should be turned in at the May 15 Registration Night:

- Emergency Treatment Authorization Card
- OCPS Model Release Form
- WPHS Bands Financial Obligations 2024/2025 (*specific for "Woodwind / Brass / Percussion," and "Color Guard / Winter Guard"*)

To keep everything moving smoothly, the schedule for Registration Night is arranged by grade (2024-2025 grade level). If at all possible, please attend during your scheduled time. However, if you are unable during the designated time, please attend at a time that fits your schedule. This is a drop-in registration process and generally only takes a few minutes to complete. It will be helpful to have all registration paperwork completed before arriving to register.

<b>Freshman:</b>	<b>6:00 PM - 6:45 PM</b>
<b>Sophomore:</b>	<b>6:45 PM - 7:30 PM</b>
<b>Junior:</b>	<b>7:30 PM - 8:15 PM</b>
<b>Senior:</b>	<b>8:15 PM - 9:00 PM</b>

If you have any questions regarding the registration process, please e-mail Mike Clemente, Director of Bands, at [michael.clemente@ocps.net](mailto:michael.clemente@ocps.net).

Sincerely,

Mike Clemente  
Director of Bands

# Frequently Asked Questions About the Winter Park Band Program

## Why should I be in the Winter Park High School Band?

The Winter Park High School Bands have a long tradition of being one of the most well-known and distinguished band programs in the state of Florida. For 85 years, the Bands have represented Winter Park High School with excellence at local, regional, state, and national performances. In addition, the Florida Department of Education has recognized Winter Park High School as a "Music Demonstration School." **The Winter Park Bands represent some of the very best students at Winter Park High School.**

Along with the musical experiences that come with being a part of the Winter Park Bands, this organization attracts some of the most outstanding individuals in the school. Over the years, some of the leaders among our student body, including valedictorians, have been part of the Winter Park Bands, and **being a part of the Band Program has an extremely positive impact on a student's high school experience.** Life-long friendships are developed here, and this band is truly a family!

**And the benefits of participation in a high school band program go far beyond the social and musical aspects:**

Students of the arts continue to outperform their non-arts peers on the SAT, according to reports by the College Entrance Examination Board. In a recent report the College Board found that students in music performance scored 57 points higher on the critical reading, 43 points higher on the math and 58 points higher on writing than students with no arts participation.

**- The College Board, Profile of College-Bound Seniors National Report.**

The very best engineers and technical designers in the Silicon Valley industry are, nearly without exception, practicing musicians. **- Grant Venerable, "The Paradox of the Silicon Savior"**

Physician and biologist Lewis Thomas studied the undergraduate majors of medical school applicants. He found that 66% of music majors who applied to medical school were admitted, the highest percentage of any group. 44% of biochemistry majors were admitted. **- As reported in "The Case for Music in the Schools," Phi Delta Kappan**

At perhaps no other time have music and arts education been more important. Apart from their obvious benefits, music and the other arts produce critical thinkers, people who are decision makers. In the information age, our company needs people with these critical thinking skills.

**- Susan Driggers, Bell South Corporation**

## Is There an Audition for High School Band?

There is **not** an audition to be a member of the Winter Park Band Program unless you are seeking a position in the Wind Symphony or Jazz Ensemble I. **There are no auditions for Concert Band, Symphonic Band, Jazz Ensemble II, Freshman Jazz Band, or Color Guard.**

## What Band classes are offered at Winter Park High School?

There are 7 Band classes offered at Winter Park High School. The classes available to freshman Band students are **highlighted below**. All of these classes meet during the school day. The Sound of the Wildcats Marching Band is an extension (a co-curricular) of Concert Band, Symphonic Band, and Wind Symphony.

Listed below are the 2024/2025 Band class offerings:

CLASS	GENERAL INFORMATION
<b>Concert Band</b>	Only open to Freshman. There is no audition.
<b>Symphonic Band</b>	Only open to Band students in grades 10, 11 & 12. There is no audition.
<b>Wind Symphony</b>	Open to Band students in grades 9, 10, 11, & 12 who have passed an audition. Freshman must also be enrolled in Concert Band unless they are in the Freshman Jazz Band.
<b>Jazz Ensemble I</b>	Open to Band students in grades 10, 11, & 12 who have passed an audition. Students must also be enrolled in either Symphonic Band or Wind Symphony.
<b>Jazz Ensemble II</b>	Open to Band students in grades 10, 11, & 12. Students must also be enrolled in either Symphonic Band or Wind Symphony. There is no audition
<b>Freshman Jazz Band</b>	Only open to Freshman. Students must also be enrolled in either Concert Band or Wind Symphony. There is no audition
<b>Color Guard</b>	Open to students in grades 9, 10, 11, & 12. Guard is a full year class with a mandatory Winter Guard component.

There is no audition for Freshman Jazz Band, and prior jazz experience is not necessary, however, students do need to be enrolled in either Concert Band or Wind Symphony. **Students enrolled in the Freshman Jazz Band are exempted from taking the "Study Skills/Freshman Experience" class requirement, and this allows for more flexibility in their schedules.**

## Can Freshman Audition for Wind Symphony?

**Yes!** The auditions for Wind Symphony take place in the spring for the following school year, and information will be available prior to spring break. There are always freshman students in the Wind Symphony; however, those who successfully audition into the Wind Symphony do need to be enrolled in *both* the Wind Symphony and Concert Band (both take place at the WPHS Main Campus during 6<sup>th</sup> and 7<sup>th</sup> periods, respectively). The only exception to this is those students who enroll in the Freshman Jazz Band. **And don't worry, the IB and AP schedules will allow for students to do both.**

## Can I be in sports and Band?

**Yes, of course!** Most of the coaches at Winter Park High School are very accommodating of the Band schedule, especially if they know in advance of potential conflicts, and we have just about every athletic team represented throughout the Band program. In addition, it is the policy of the Winter Park Bands to be as flexible as possible with students juggling an extra-curricular activity and the Band schedule. **We strongly believe that students learn incredible life skills by being in both activities, and experience has shown that Band athletes tend to be some of the strongest musicians.** There are rarely events that occur outside of the school day that would conflict with an athletic event, and some **exceptions are made for fall sport participants when it comes to the marching band requirement.**

## What is Marching Band?

All Winter Park Band students in grades 9 – 12 combine together each fall to create the Sound of the Wildcats Marching Band. The marching band performs at varsity football games, FBA Marching Band Music Performance Assessment (MPA), and three local parades. There are a few circumstances where the OCPS marching band requirement may be waived. If you have questions about this, please contact Mr. Clemente directly.

## What is My Time Commitment for Marching Band?

Marching Band can seem overwhelming at first, but the schedule is **designed to allow students to maintain an academic focus**, while still producing one of the finest marching bands in the state of Florida. **A majority of the Winter Park Band students are enrolled in the IB or AP programs, as well as other activities outside of the school day, and Marching Band is very doable for everyone.**

The marching season begins with a required 2-week marching band camp just prior to the start of the school year. After that, the weekly rehearsal schedule is Tuesday, 6 – 8:30 PM, and Thursday, 2:45 PM – 5 PM.

## What is Color Guard and Winter Guard?

Color Guard is a class within the Band Program that uses props, flags, rifles, sabers, and movement, to express dynamic passages in music. Equipment choreography is layered over dance technique to create a new form of theatrical expression. Color Guard is separated into two areas: “Color Guard” takes place during the summer and fall, and performers are a section within the Marching Band, adding visual interest and helping to portray show themes and theatrics. “Winter Guard” rehearses during the winter and early spring, and they perform to prerecorded music in an indoor setting.

Along with the Marching Band rehearsal and performance schedule, the Color Guard also meets as a class for credit during the school day, and members are required to participate for the entire school year (not just the fall marching season). Wind players and percussionists can be in both Band and Guard.

## What about being in Chorus, Orchestra, or Theatre *and* Band?

We have several students each year who are shared between either Band and Chorus, Band and Orchestra or Band and Theatre. While a student will have “Band” on their schedule, the music directors work to put together a schedule where the student is shared between the groups – usually on an every-other-day basis. It is best that a student looking to do both should contact Mr. Clemente and either Mrs. Bitters (Orchestra), Mr. Campbell (Chorus), or Ms. Mangold (Theatre).

## Will I have time to study?

**Nearly all students in Band are in the top of their class taking Honors, AP, and IB classes.** Band students learn to manage their time. The marching band only rehearses 2 days each week after school during the first marking period. **There is ample time to complete homework – even if you have a very demanding course-load, as most of our students do!**

Following the first marking period, the obligations outside of the school day decrease dramatically. There is the occasional evening rehearsal, especially when we have a guest clinician or conductor working with the Band, but these are kept to a minimum, and are scheduled well in advance.

It is important to understand that most students adjust to this schedule, and they enjoy the daily *break* from the traditional academic coursework. It doesn't mean that there isn't work to be done (practicing, sectionals, etc.), but it is "different work" from the rest of the school day. It is also important to realize that, just about any activity in high school requires some time commitment, and this time management discipline pays off great dividends for the students as they prepare for life outside of high school!

## **How Expensive is it to be in the WPHS Band Program?**

**There is a place for all students in the Winter Park Band. We never want a student to be kept from participating in the Band Program due to a financial limitation, and we will work to accommodate any situation.**

Every effort is made to keep participation in the Band Program affordable. The typical student pays around \$250, **spread over the school year**. The incoming freshman students have some first-time purchases; however, those items will last all 4 years if taken care of properly. **And, again, these payments are spread across most of the school year – they are not all due up front!**

**The WPHS Band Boosters hold several fundraisers that allow students to earn credit toward their Band fees.** With active participation in these fundraisers, it is possible to cut the Band fees by 50% or more. **In fact, there are many students who have 100% of Band fees covered through their fundraising participation!** These credits "roll over" from one year to the next until they graduate.

## **When is Band Registration?**

Current 8<sup>th</sup> grade students will "sign-up" for Band through their guidance counselor sometime in January/February. However, if you are reading this after January/February it is not too late! **The official Band Registration takes place on Wednesday, May 15, 2024, in the WPHS Main Campus Band Room.** During this drop-in registration night, various information and health forms will be turned in, along with the initial Band Fair Share payment. In order for us to make plans for the following school year, we must know in advance who is going to be in Band. Our marching band shows are designed far in advance and are charted for only the students who can be counted on to be in Band. An exact number in each section is necessary to design the show, therefore, we must require a commitment from each individual student.

## **Who Should I Contact if I have Additional Questions?**

For students or parents with additional questions, please contact all listed below:

- **Mike Clemente**, Director of Bands / [Michael.Clemente@ocps.net](mailto:Michael.Clemente@ocps.net)
- **Daniel Smith**, Associate Director of Bands / [Daniel.Smith2@ocps.net](mailto:Daniel.Smith2@ocps.net)
- **Dana Adkinson**, Band Booster President / [dana@keepsakefloral.com](mailto:dana@keepsakefloral.com)

EMERGENCY TREATMENT AUTHORIZATION CARD - ENGLISH  
SCHOOL BOARD OF ORANGE COUNTY, FLORIDA

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My child has the following allergies: \_\_\_\_\_

Please identify any serious injuries or illnesses your child has had: \_\_\_\_\_

Alternate family member/friend to contact in case of emergency Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone Number (s): \_\_\_\_\_

Primary Care Doctor Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Telephone Number: \_\_\_\_\_

You understand that the insurance offered by Orange County Public Schools is a secondary policy and will pay only after your personal insurance pays.

Please write "none" if you have no personal insurance on this student.

Primary Insurance Company: \_\_\_\_\_ Policy Number: \_\_\_\_\_

Insurance Company Address: \_\_\_\_\_

You understand if a parent, guardian or student falsifies any signature or information on the emergency medical treatment card, the student will be declared ineligible to participate in any Orange County interscholastic activity for one full calendar year from disclosure date. You further give your permission for appropriate school staff and their designees to render medical treatment or authorize medical treatment by a hospital and/or doctor and agree to hold the School Board and its employees harmless in the administration of such assistance. I hereby acknowledge and certify that I have read the emergency medical document, that I understand and agree with its terms. Florida Statutes (92.525) "Under penalties of perjury, I declare that I have read the foregoing and that the facts stated in it are true." I agree to be bound by its terms and I have reviewed and explained the notice with my child.

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Signature of Parent/Legal Guardian

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Print Name of Parent/Legal Guardian

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**Please list any physical limitations and/or food allergies here:**

### Authorization for Ibuprofen/Acetaminophen

My permission is given to the **WINTER PARK HIGH SCHOOL BANDS** to assist

\_\_\_\_\_ by administering either

(Student's Name)

**IBUPROFEN** or **ACETAMINOPHEN** (circle one or both) as needed throughout the school year for pain or fever.

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Favor de identificar cualquier lesión seria o enfermedades que su hijo(a) ha tenido: \_\_\_\_\_

Miembro de familia/Amigo alterno que pueda contactarse en caso de emergencia Nombre: \_\_\_\_\_

Números de teléfono: \_\_\_\_\_

Nombre del Médico de Cuidado Primario: \_\_\_\_\_ Teléfono: \_\_\_\_\_

Usted comprende que el seguro ofrecido por las Escuelas Públicas del Condado Orange es una póliza secundaria y pagará sólo después de que haya pagado su seguro personal.

Por favor escriba "ninguno" si no tiene seguro personal para este estudiante.

Compañía Primaria de Seguros: \_\_\_\_\_ Número de Póliza: \_\_\_\_\_

Dirección de la Compañía de Seguros: \_\_\_\_\_

Usted comprende que si un padre, encargado o estudiante falsifica cualquier firma o información en la tarjeta para tratamiento médico de emergencia, el estudiante será declarado inelegible para participar en cualquier actividad interescolar del Condado Orange durante un año calendario completo a partir de la fecha del descubrimiento. Usted adicionalmente concede su permiso para que el personal apropiado de la escuela y sus asignados ofrezcan tratamiento médico o autorice tratamiento médico por parte de un hospital y/o médico y acepta librar a la Junta Escolar y sus empleados de responsabilidad en la administración de tal asistencia. Por la presente reconozco y certifico que he leído el documento de evaluación deportiva, que comprendo y acepto sus términos. Estatuto de Florida (92.525) "Bajo pena de perjurio, declaro que he leído lo anterior y que los hechos presentados son verídicos. Acepto estar sujeto a sus términos y he revisado y explicado la notificación a mi hijo(a).

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Home Phone

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# Orange County Public Schools

## Model Release Form- Consent, Waiver, and Release

*Note to parents/legal guardians: We promote Orange County Public Schools ("OCPS") students and programs through photos, videos, on Facebook, Twitter, on our website, in the newspaper, and /by any other means available. This form gives us your permission for your child to be in OCPS informational or promotional sites or materials for current or future use.*

For and in consideration of benefits to be derived from the furtherance of the educational programs of the School Board of Orange County, Florida (the "Board"), (I) (We), personally and on behalf of \_\_\_\_\_ ("Student"), do hereby consent, authorize and grant permission to the Board and OCPS and their respective members, superintendent, agents, employees, and representatives of each to take photographs, video, footage, or likenesses with or without sound (collectively, "Images") of the Student, and do further consent that such Images may be broadcast or published in perpetuity by all public media now known and in the future including, but not limited to, local newspapers, the Internet, websites, online, television, or any other type of social media or any duplication of same for any purposes the Board and OCPS deem appropriate.

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### PARENT/LEGAL GUARDIAN AGREEMENT

*I consent to student's photographs, video, footage, or likenesses with or without sound in OCPS informational or promotional materials for current or future use.*

I agree \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_



# Winter Park High School Bands Financial Obligations 2024/2025

## COLOR GUARD & WINTER GUARD

<b>Payment Schedule A</b>		
5/15	Band Registration Fair Share	\$25.00
5/15	Band Camp Meals (optional)	\$80.00
7/31	Fall Color Guard Fair Share Full Payment	\$325.00
7/31	Marching Band Uniform Shoe (new/replacement)	\$40.00 – <i>fundraising credit cannot be used for this item</i>
7/31	Extra Show Shirt (optional)	\$10.00/each – <i>fundraising credit cannot be used for this item</i>
10/2	School Equipment Semester 1 Maintenance	\$60.00
12/4	Winter Guard Fair Share Full Payment	\$350.00
1/15/2025	School Equipment Semester 2 Maintenance	\$60.00

<b>Payment Schedule B</b>		
5/15	Band Registration Fair Share	\$25.00
5/15	Band Camp Meals (optional)	\$80.00
7/31	Fair Share Payment 1	\$100.00
7/31	Marching Band Uniform Shoe (new/replacement)	\$40.00 – <i>fundraising credit cannot be used for this item</i>
7/31	Extra Show Shirt (optional)	\$10.00/each – <i>fundraising credit cannot be used for this item</i>
8/28	Fall Color Guard Fair Share Payment 2	\$125.00
10/2	Fall Color Guard Fair Share Payment 3	\$100.00
10/2	School Equipment Semester 1 Maintenance	\$60.00
12/4	Winter Guard Fair Share Payment 1	\$150.00
1/15/2025	Winter Guard Fair Share Payment 2	\$100.00
1/15	School Equipment Semester 2 Maintenance	\$60.00
2/26	Winter Guard Fair Share Payment 3	\$100.00

**Fundraisers** – Lower or eliminate your costs!

Program Ads and Sponsors (**50% - 60% of profit** earned to student accounts)

InstaRaise (**35% - 40% of profit** earned to student accounts)

Butter Braid Pastries (**approx. 45% of profit** to student accounts)

Door-To-Door Fundraiser (**approx. 70% of profit** split among students)

*Fundraising Ideas? Bring them to the Band Booster meetings!*

May 2024 – August 2024

September 2024

October 2024

February 1, 2025 (*mandatory for all*)

Winter Park Band financial obligations should not be a deterrent to Band Program participation, and the various fundraising opportunities that are provided throughout the year are designed to alleviate that burden. If, in addition to participating in all fundraisers, you have an extreme hardship in meeting these financial obligations, a separate, individualized payment plan contract can be set up on a case-by-case basis. **Those needing additional information should contact either one of the Band Directors, or our Treasurer, Kim Somers.**

**I understand the financial obligations listed above and agree to make payments on time; I understand that I am responsible for all fees for the school year, even if my child leaves the Band Program. I understand that the Door-2-Door fundraiser on Saturday, February 1, 2025 is a mandatory event. I understand and acknowledge that all payments are non-refundable, and the schedule above represents a payment plan for the total Band fee.**

You are encouraged to use SchoolPay.com for all payments. Checks are also acceptable made payable to WPHS Bands.

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Parent Name (print)

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Parent Signature

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Date

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Student Name (print)

**DUE: WEDNESDAY, MAY 15, 2024 AT BAND REGISTRATION NIGHT**

# Winter Park High School Bands Financial Obligations 2024/2025

## Color Guard/Winter Guard Financial Obligation Descriptions

### **Band Fair Share (Fall Color Guard - \$350/Winter Guard - \$350)**

The Band Fair Share pays for virtually everything we do. Some of our largest expenses are staff, band clinicians, instruments, and transportation of our equipment to performance sites. Other expenses include marching band drill writing, music purchases, show and sound equipment, competition and Music Performance Assessment (MPA) registrations, student awards, post-concert refreshments, and miscellaneous band supplies. **The Band Fair Share is representative of the entire year as whole, not just specific parts of the school year. The payments are spread across much of the year to help alleviate the financial burden.**

### **School Equipment Maintenance (\$60/semester)**

Each student who uses a school-owned instrument/equipment will pay \$60 per semester for the maintenance of that instrument. No student will pay more than \$120 per school year for equipment maintenance. **Unusual or extreme damage resulting in repairs or replacement will be the responsibility of the student.**

### **Marching Band Shoes/Uniform Purchases (cost varies depending on need)**

The purchase of marching band shoes is only needed for new students, or when a student outgrows their shoes. Concert tuxedo jackets and pants and concert dresses are owned by Winter Park High School and will be loaned out to students for use during the school year. Students are responsible for the purchase of a tuxedo shirt, black bow tie, and cummerbund (for gentlemen), pearls and earrings (for ladies), and black closed toe dress shoes (ladies and gentlemen). The bow tie, cummerbund, pearls, and earrings are all purchased through the Band program.

### **Fundraising Credit/Band Accounts**

Fundraising credit is used like a "coupon" toward future Winter Park Band expenses. Fundraising credit CANNOT be used for any taxable item (i.e. extra show shirts) or fundraising purchases. It is the responsibility of the student and parent to monitor their Cut Time account and be aware of the fundraising credit available to them. Unused fundraising credit rolls over to the next school year. All monies raised through fundraising officially belong to the Winter Park Band Program and cannot be refunded for any reason.

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