

MARCHING BAND INFO

What is the time commitment?

- Practices: (tentative) Monday, Wednesday, Thursday 3:30-6:00
- Football Games: During MB season, specific dates TBA. Friday nights. Usually around 5 per season.
- Extra events: Competitions, parades, and showcases are held on Saturdays throughout the season, concentrated from the end of September to the beginning of November. Expect about 4-5 Saturday events per season.
- BAND CAMP!: Weekdays from Monday, July 23rd to Friday, August 3rd (the two weeks before we go back to school). Band camp days are 8 hours of fun-filled activities and basics practice to kick off marching band season!
- ★ ***Marching band events are MANDATORY, please make sure to notify Mr. Borquez (zborquez@opusd.org) of any potential schedule conflicts ASAP (including band camp this summer!)***

Does marching band count for P.E. credit?

- Marching band and color guard count for 1 semester of P.E. credit for students beyond 9th grade
- INCOMING FRESHMEN: Marching band will exempt you from having to take a P.E. class in your schedule during the fall semester but after-school activities taken during freshman year do not count toward the 2 years of P.E. credits required to graduate. This means that if you take marching band all 4 years of high school (3 semesters counting for credit), you will need fulfill one more semester of P.E. credit through summer school, another P.E. class, a semester of a sport, winter drumline and colorguard, etc.
- It is important to note that freshmen must have a P.E. class somewhere in their schedule both semesters of 9th grade (unless you have taken summer school as in incoming freshman)

How will I balance marching band with academics?

- Even with a challenging schedule, it is possible to manage being in marching band with being a student at OPHS.
- Oak Park encourages students to get involved in extracurriculars, as they help students learn time management skills and they look great on college applications (while being a fun experience!).
- Most students participate in a sport or another after-school 8th period activity and manage their schoolwork!

Can I do other sports if I am in marching band?

- Marching band is a fall activity, so it conflicts with fall sports such as football and cross-country. Marching band kids are free to participate in winter or spring sports!

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