



Welcome to the Eastern Alamance Band Family!! We are so excited that your child is looking ahead to being a high school band member! Being a part of the Eastern Alamance Band will help prepare your child for success not just in high school, but in college and beyond. Below is some information about the positives that being in band can offer:

1. Students who take four years of arts and music classes score an average of 150 points higher on the SAT than students who take a half year or less (College Board Study 2016)
2. Harvard, Brown, Yale, and Penn State (to name a few Universities) have begun requiring humanities and arts electives for medical students as research shows these courses help medical students become more empathetic and reflective (Stat News 2015)
3. Students who earn 4+ arts credits more often enrolled in postsecondary education (59.8%) versus with 2 or less credits (US Department of Education 2013)

These are our core values of the EAHS Band Program:

- Teaching music by its actual performance
- Developing performance skill and leadership skills within each student
- Providing for the musical needs of the school and the community
- Providing all students with the opportunity for worthy use of their time, a means for self expression, and a healthy social experience, ensuring safety and success

The Eastern Alamance Band has a reputation of Excellence. Since 2016...

- Eastern Alamance has had the most student representation in the ABSS All-County Band.
- Students have also been selected to participate in All-District and All-Region Jazz Band, as well as the North Carolina All-State Concert and Jazz Bands.
- Bands have earned Superior Ratings at NC Bandmasters Music Performance Adjudication (MPA) every year attended since 2017 in music ranging from Grade III-Grade VI
- Frequently earns top three and first place honors in Marching Band Competitions around North Carolina
- Traveled to Walt Disney World in February 2017 and performed in the Epcot Park
- Traveled to Washington DC where they performed in the 2019 National Independence Day Parade
- Traveled to New York City in April 2023
- Performed as the pep band for the Boston College Women's Basketball Team in the ACC Tournament in Greensboro in March 2025
- Traveled to Walt Disney World in March 2025 and performed in the Magic Kingdom Parade.

## **Frequently Asked Questions**

**Question:** What exactly does band offer my child?

**Answer:** Taking band allows a student to do SO much more than play their instrument in class. It offers them the ability to travel and meet like-minded students around the state, engage in exciting performances, enables them to pursue leadership and honor band opportunities, and teaches them many of the soft “life skills” they need to find success in their chosen career path!

**Question:** Does my child HAVE to sign up for both semesters of band?

**Answer:** Students may select just one semester of band...however, we STRONGLY encourage students to participate in band year round! Not only does this provide the consistency for your child to unlock their full potential as a musician, it allows them to participate in all activities offered in band throughout the entire school year!

**Question:** What will a class schedule look like for my student?

**Answer:** Using the block schedule at Eastern Alamance, students can expect to earn 4 credits across core classes, the required Health & PE Credit, and still leave room for electives and CTEC. Taking band also satisfies North Carolina's new graduation requirement of having an arts class to earn your high school diploma!

**Question:** Can I try different instruments in band, switch, or play multiple instruments during the school year?

**Answer:** YES!!!! Many of our students play different instruments across our classes! One of the biggest advantages to our schedule is students can take multiple classes (Ex Concert Band and Percussion Ensemble) or play a primary or secondary instrument in Marching Band while playing the other in an indoor ensemble! There are PLENTY of ways for you to try new things!

**Question:** Why should my child consider joining Marching Band?

**Answer:** Marching Band is where your students have the opportunity to learn more than any other band opportunity here at Eastern. Performing at multiple venues both in state and out of state, the camaraderie between the Marching Band students, the trips, and overnight trips all combine to give your child the most exciting and well-rounded band experience they could possibly have! They also have the opportunity to earn leadership positions as they progress through their high school career...and that looks great on a college resume!

- [2025 Marching Band Calendar](#)

**Question:** Is Marching Band a class at Eastern Alamance?

**Answer:** No. Marching Band is an ensemble that rehearses before the beginning of the school year and after-school on Tuesday's and Thursday's once the school year begins. Students who participate are ***strongly encouraged*** to be enrolled in a Fall Semester class. This ensures that all students grow each day, which helps ensure the best performance possible under the Friday Night Lights!

**Question:** My child is unsure about Marching Band. How can they know for sure if they should commit?

**Answer:** We have three "Spring Training" Days in May that allow students to literally "try out" Marching Band before committing! If a student attends spring training but does not sign up...that is fine!

**Question:** Does my child have to be in Marching Band in order to participate in the Eastern Alamance Band?

**Answer:** NO! Students who do not participate in Marching Band can still participate in band on a daily basis. During first semester, all students not participating in Marching Band are grouped together in a class, and Marching students are spread out between a winds and percussion class. ALL classes perform two concerts per semester (Fall and Spring), and students who do not march are just as active in these performances as those who do.

**Question:** What classes should my child register for if they want to participate in band?

**Answer:** If your child is a *brass or woodwind player* they should sign up for **Band Intermediate Level for Fall and Spring Semesters**. If your child is a *percussionist*, they should sign up for **Percussion Intermediate Fall and Spring Semesters**. Mr. Crotts will work with you over the remainder of the semester to ensure each student is enrolled at the level that corresponds with their musical ability.

**Question:** What are the performance requirements for the band classes at Eastern?

**Answer:** Students should expect 2-4 performances each semester. Most often, we have a concert with its own unique theme, and offers a variety of music throughout the year. There may be 1-2 after-school rehearsals scheduled to prepare for these concerts, but typically we are able to fully prepare within the daily classes.

**Question:** How involved does my student have to be in the high school band?

**Answer:** As little or as much as they want! We offer multiple extra-curricular options, including Marching Band, Colorguard, a before school Jazz Ensemble, and more!! Students also have the option to audition for ABSS All-County Band and NC Bandmasters All-District Band. These options are completely up to the student! If a student simply wishes to play in the classes and pursue other extra-curricular interests, that is FINE! We want EVERYONE to be involved!