

# You're Invited

To Join

Horizon High School's

Band Program


**JAZZ BAND**  
**CONCERT BAND**  
**MARCHING BAND**  
**PEP BAND**

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*Reaching our potential today- meeting the challenges of tomorrow.*

# Horizon High School

*Home of the Hawks*



## Why HHS Band?

- Because our daily class schedule is awesome! Every band class meets every day. Marching band is built into the daily schedule (7<sup>th</sup>/8<sup>th</sup> period).
- We have a full-time band program/band director with 3 concert bands, 1 marching band, and 3 jazz bands.
- We have a lot of fun, work hard, and strive for success each day.
- GOAL OF EVERY REHEARSAL = to be better in today's rehearsal than the last rehearsal. Make improvements all the time!
- Our administration supports the arts and music.
- We are putting the HHS Band "back on the map" in Colorado.
- It is SO important to be involved in the life of your school beyond the academic classroom. Colleges want to know that you can be successful at more than academics, AND music classes are well respected on a college application.
- It's fun to be part of a program striving for excellence each day!

## FAQs about Enrollment

1. **Can I make marching band and an afterschool sport work?** Yes! Many students have done fall sports and marching band. The HHS Marching Band does not meet afterschool each day– it meets during the school day (periods 7/8). You will be busy during first quarter, but you can make it work and it will be worth it! 😊

**When does the HHS marching band rehearse?** We rehearse during 7<sup>th</sup>/8<sup>th</sup> hour of the school day and approximately one night per week during the first quarter.

2. **Is Marching Band a required band class?** No, it isn't required but we strongly encourage ALL band students to enroll in the HHS Marching Band due to its family environment, prominence in the fall and throughout the community, and the life lessons it teaches far beyond music. While it may seem hard at first, it's very fun to be part of the marching band. NOTE: Students who cannot enroll in marching band (due to scheduling issues) must enroll in the Concert Band Class. If you are not in marching band, you may not enroll in symphonic band.

3. **Why should I be in marching band?** It is fun, teaches students about teamwork and responsibility, and gives students a successful, hard-working place to belong the minute they arrive at HHS! It is the flagship ensemble of our program and most visible in the community. You will be glad you are in marching band, a band family!

4. **When is marching band camp? Tentative:** July 29<sup>th</sup> – August 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2018 (8 a.m. 12 p.m., 1 - 5 p.m.) at Horizon High School. **Do I have to attend marching band camp?** Yes, please make this a priority! This is the foundational learning week (40 hours) of the marching band and we begin learning the marching show. Please avoid scheduling family vacations and extra trips during this week.

**5. How do I make SOAR and band work together?** First of all, remember that many band students are also in SOAR and it can work. It can all work together and has for the band students. Think of the four-year picture, not just the yearly enrollment and be open to unique scheduling options. NOTE: Know that many band students have done this and it can work for you. It's not as complicated as it may seem. ☺

**6. What if I want to be in a Jazz Ensemble?** You will need to audition on February 11<sup>th</sup> or 12<sup>th</sup> to be considered for the HHS Jazz Ensembles. The auditions will be live and you will need to sign up for a time at the signup genius link. Audition information is also listed at the link or go to the band website for the link.

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/60B0E4BACAC29ABF85-500>

**Audition NOTE:** You may list Jazz Ensemble II or III on your enrollment form. The registrar will be given a final jazz band enrollment once auditions are complete.

**7. May I enroll in jazz band only?** As a 9<sup>th</sup> grader, you need to enroll in a concert band, as well as jazz band. The foundational training for all bands occurs within a concert band setting. Jazz band class does not include the formal classical training that provides a foundation for all musicians.

**8. How do I tryout for Drumline and Front Ensemble?** Materials will be posted and handed out in February at Horizon HS. Tryouts will be in April and we will have clinics through March. Dates will be posted to the calendar at [Horizonhawksbands.org](http://Horizonhawksbands.org) If you can attend any/all of the clinics, you will be that much more prepared for the audition. Percussionists must tryout for your spot in the Drumline. We want to find the instrument that is best for you and the percussion section.

**9. How do I tryout for Color Guard?** Color Guard Tryouts will be in April at HHS. We encourage those interested in Color Guard to attend our Color Guard Spin Club in February and March. Spin Club meets from 6:00 – 7:00 pm in Horizon's Band Room to begin learning flag basics. The week of the audition there will be "pre-audition clinics" from 6:00 – 7:00 pm. These are not required but will help so much with your audition! All students interested in Color Guard must complete a tryout. NOTE: If you are interested in Color Guard but don't play an instrument, you need to enroll in marching band only.

## **What to do after enrollment.....**

**1. Plan to attend the 2018 Mandatory Marching Band Show Read-Through Rehearsal on Thursday May 16<sup>th</sup>, 4:30 – 6:00 p.m.** Immediately following the rehearsal at 6:00 p.m., we will have an incoming 9<sup>th</sup> grade student/parent meeting. Parents, please plan to join the students to attend the meeting. Don't miss these events on May 16<sup>th</sup>.

**2. Contact Mr. Dailey** at [Timothy.Dailey@adams12.org](mailto:Timothy.Dailey@adams12.org) or (720) 972-4472, **if you have any questions.** PLEASE do not hesitate to ask questions!

**3. HHS Band Leadership Corps will be contacting students in late May regarding summer sectional rehearsals.** Summer sectional rehearsals will be held and led by the HHS band leadership corps. Please respond to phone calls/texts from these leaders, and make every effort to attend the section events.

**4. Put the Summer marching band rehearsal dates on your calendar.** These dates are: 5/28, 5/29, 5/30, 6/5, 6/12 from 8:00 a.m. -12:00 p.m. and 6/17, 6/18 from 8:00 a.m. -12:00 p.m.

NOTE: These rehearsals include small section rehearsal time, large section rehearsal time, and marching basics. Dress in athletic clothing and athletic shoes, in order to march outside. Wear sunscreen, a hat, sunglasses, and bring a water jug. Make these a priority, so you'll learn the music correctly and be prepared for marching season. If you're out of town for vacation or a camp, that is fine. We understand that it's summer!

**5. Keep checking the HHS Band Website and HHSBPA FB page for updates.** These two places are full of information! If you have a Facebook account, please consider "liking" the Horizon High School Band Parent Association page. This page is one to be "liked" by both parents and students. The band website is located at <https://www.horizonhawksbands.org>.

**6. Don't forget to attend the May 16<sup>th</sup> marching band rehearsal for the show read-through.** Come and meet other band students. You'll be glad you did!

**7. Practice over the summer!**

**8. Get excited for the 2019 – 2020 school year!** We are looking forward to having you in the HHS Band Program! The HHS Band will provide students with memories that will last a lifetime.

## **What if I want to be a parent volunteer?**

**1. We need all of the band parents to volunteer within our program!** We are looking forward to serving with you in the Band Parent Association. The BPA conducts a general meeting one time per quarter – put those quarterly meetings in your calendar and plan to attend them in order to receive the most current information and partake in discussions. As the school year progresses, we often have a need for volunteers and will request help through the sign-up genius website, so be on the lookout for links to those. Start serving soon! ☺

**2. Complete the information form at Open House to get connected to the Band Parent Association email list-serve.** You may also email them at [horizonbandparents@gmail.com](mailto:horizonbandparents@gmail.com) and request to be added to emails.

