

Frequently Asked Questions

(for incoming 9th grade Interlake High School Band students)

Which band class do I sign up for?

All 9th grade band students sign up for **Concert Band**.

If I'm in band at Interlake, am I also in the marching band?

Yes! All band students at Interlake High School participate in the marching band and pep band. This is the case at every comprehensive high school in the Bellevue School District. We typically perform at 4 – 5 regular season Friday night home football games throughout the first quarter, and at multiple parades during the school year.

Are there rehearsals in the summer, before school starts?

Yes! Every year our Interlake band students meet before the school year begins to start learning music, teach new students how to march, review marching for returning students, and put together our first two halftime field shows. For the 2020 – 2021 school year, our Interlake High School Early Week Marching Band Camp will happen August 16 - 20, 2021.

What if I have a conflict with the band schedule and other activities that I'm involved in?

Many of the Interlake band students participate in other activities, sports, and classes at Interlake. It's possible to participate in band AND any other activities that you may be interested in. Communication between parents, students, coaches, and teachers in resolving schedule conflicts makes this possible. Bottom line: if a student wants to play in band, there is a place for them to do so at Interlake!

Does band travel?

Yes, the Interlake band does a handful of performances that are one-day trips (Central Washington University, the University of Washington, and Seattle are regular destinations, for example), and there is opportunity for all band students to participate in an overnight trip. Generally every three years the Interlake Marching Band travels to Disneyland in Anaheim, CA. The Jazz I and Jazz II bands also travel on overnight trips.

When does jazz band start?

Jazz bands at Interlake begins on the first day of the school year during zero period. The jazz students audition over the first two weeks of September for placement in the Jazz I and Jazz II bands. Audition materials are first made available during Interlake Early Week Marching Band Camp.

Visit our Interlake Music Parents Association website for more information about our bands and music department at Interlake: www.interlakemusic.org.