

Frequently Asked Questions:

Q: Do I need to have prior musical experience to join Band?

A: NO!!! No prior experience or knowledge is necessary. We teach the basics with lots of games and other incentives while learning the musical language together!

Q: Will I be able to fit Band into my daily schedule?

A: All middle school students are able to take at least TWO electives thanks to our six-period schedule! They can also fill out a PE waiver to add another type of elective.

Q: Can I be in Band AND be on a sports team/club?

A: ALL KIDS ARE BAND KIDS!!! Band students are often the most involved students on campus. Each year, the top athletes and student leaders are filled with band students.

Q: I heard that Band costs a lot of money! Will I be able to afford it?

A: Most instruments are supplied by the student/parents. Area music stores offer a variety of affordable rental/purchase plans that will fit each family's budget! Most instruments can be rented for less than the cost of a daily soda. The school also owns a few instruments that are available for a yearly maintenance fee. At no point do we want cost to be a barrier to participation.



Solo & Ensemble - Solo & Ensemble festival occurs annually and allows students the opportunity to perform by themselves or with their peers. This event allows students the ability to show off their skills and grow more confident as a person and musician

All-County & All-State Bands - This year, we had 8 of our symphonic band students make the 2023 Okaloosa All-County Honor Band. Last year, we had 2 students selected for the 2022 Florida All-State Band. Both of these events showcase the talent that we have in Meigs Middle School and create lasting memories and friends for the students

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Meigs Middle School Wildcat Band



The Meigs Wildcat Band

“The Sound of Shalimar”



The Meigs Band consists of over 115 brass, woodwind and percussion student musicians. We offer Football Band, Symphonic Band, Jazz Band, Concert Band, Intermediate Band, and Beginning Band. Throughout the school year our ensembles will perform at special events on and off campus, which may include: Veteran’s Day Concerts, Holiday Concert, Spring Concert, the Music Performance Assessment (MPA), at all home football games, at the Fort Walton Beach Christmas Parade, as well as at special events for our community and local elementary schools. The mission of the Meigs Middle School Bands is to team with parents, students, and the school to provide an atmosphere where students progress musically and academically while maintaining a commitment to excellence within each student. We strongly believe that music is a part of a student’s comprehensive education. Middle school and high school students who participate in music classes scored significantly higher than their peers on standardized tests as shown by studies conducted in Georgia and Texas. Involvement in music not only furthers the development of a well-rounded student, but also makes children smarter!



Symphonic Band is composed of the most advanced musicians in the band program and performs in a variety of concerts across the region and the state. Selective membership is based on auditions. This class is designed to prepare musicians for entry into the Choctaw High School Band Program. Students in this ensemble will participate in Football Band, Music Performance Association (MPA), and Fall/Spring Concerts

Jazz Band is a premier ensemble made up of students from the Honor Band who must pass an audition to be selected. This ensemble does not meet as a class during the day, but instead meets after school on Tuesday and Thursday afternoons. The Jazz Band performs several times each year and is a definite crowd pleaser at concerts.

Concert Band is composed of second-year musicians and is designed for the continued development of basic fundamentals, technique, and musicianship skills. Students in this ensemble will participate in Football Band and perform at the home football games. This ensemble may also perform at the state band assessment (MPA) and will perform concerts in the Fall and Spring.



Football Band is made up of students who are in Concert Band and Symphonic Band. Participation in Football Band is mandatory for these students. Because Beginning Band students do not yet possess the performance skills necessary to play in this group, they are not eligible for Football Band. In addition to performing at the home football games, this ensemble will also participate in school pep rallies, spirit events, and the Fort Walton Beach Christmas Parade.

Beginning Band is open to ANY student at Meigs and is designed for new members with little or NO prior experience. Students will try every instrument in the band and begin to learn the basic skills necessary to read music and will perform both alone and with the full ensemble. There will be no required commitment outside of school for this class aside for 2 concerts in the Fall and 1 in the Spring

Field Trips— Band students have a unique opportunity to go on field trips across the state and the country. Through these trips, your students will have fun while learning more about the world around them.

