

Band

This is only just the beginning, be a part of the music!

Band Courses Offered:

- Honors Band Advanced (Wind Ensemble) – Audition required
- Honors Band Proficient (Concert Band) – No audition required
- Honors Band Proficient (Percussion Ensemble) – No audition required
- Honors Jazz Band Advanced (Jazz Ensemble) – Audition required

*When a student registers for HS band, they are automatically placed in Concert Band (Honors Band Proficient) or Percussion Ensemble (Honors Band Proficient), unless they audition and are placed in a more advanced ensemble. The advanced ensembles are wind ensemble (Honors Band Advanced) and jazz ensemble (Honors Jazz Band Advanced). Placement into one of these groups requires an audition.

*There is no audition to be in high school band! Auditions are only for advanced ensembles. Any student with previous band experience can take a band class at the high school.

Marching Band:

*Marching band is open to all students. No audition is required for flute, clarinet, saxophone, trumpet, horn, trombone, baritone, or tuba to play in the marching band. An audition is required to join the drum line.

- Full Band Camp: August 8-12, 2022 (Link for times: [Band Camp Schedule 2022](#))
- Registration for marching band will be from April 15-May 15, 2022. You will find the link on Mr. Ray's page at <https://www.gcsnc.com/domain/14591> beginning April 15, 2022.

Drumline Auditions:

- Monday, August 1, 2022 (9:00 am to 4:00 pm) – Grimsley Band Room
- Contact Mr. Ray or current members of the drum line for information about preparing for auditions. rayj2@gcsnc.com
- Drumline Camp: August 1-5, 2022 (9:00 am-4:00 pm) – Grimsley Band Room

Auditions for Advanced Ensembles:

- May 2-4, 2022 (A sign-up genius will be used and posted on Mr. Ray's website by April 1, 2022. Link above.)
- Auditions will be held in the Grimsley Band room.

Wind Ensemble Auditions:

- Audition requirements are this year's All County materials (2021-2022).
- All students auditioning for Wind Ensemble will play their current year's audition material. Rising 9th graders will play the middle school scales and solo.
- Auditions will include scales, solo, and sight-reading.

Jazz Ensemble Auditions:

- Audition requirements are listed on Mr. Ray's website under All County & All Region Jazz 2021-22: <https://www.gcsnc.com/Page/79404>

Visit Mr. Ray's website for more information: <https://www.gcsnc.com/Page/49381>

Questions can be emailed to Mr. Ray at rayj2@gcsnc.com.