

Jasper

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Greetings from the Jasper High School Band! The Jasper Band is the largest student group at Jasper HS and we want you to be a part of our amazing band! The Jaguar Band had another very successful fall season. Our students performed very well at each marching performance and received First Division, Superior Ratings at UIL Marching Contests! We are very proud of our awesome band students and look forward to an exciting spring semester!

This is the time of year when students are making scheduling decisions for the 2012-2013 school year and beyond. The following information is provided to answer questions you might have, regarding band at Jasper, as you make those scheduling decisions. Please know that **band will fit into every schedule!**

Check out our website! Our web address is **JasperHighSchoolBand.com**. The Jasper Band is the largest high school band in Plano ISD and we would love for you to be a part of our outstanding organization. Director contact information is included at the end of this packet. Please let us know if you have any questions.

Statistics

91% of Jasper band students are enrolled in at least one **Honors/AP class**
85% of Jasper band students are enrolled in multiple **Honors/AP classes**
49% of Jasper band students were enrolled in the **PACE Program** in Middle School
16% of Jasper band students participate in **Jasper Athletic Programs (Football, Soccer, Basketball, Volleyball, Swimming, Cross Country, Tennis, Baseball, Hockey, Softball, Cheerleading, Drill Team, Golf, Lacrosse, and Track)**
26% of Jasper band students participate in **athletic programs outside of school**
70% of Jasper band students are taking **private lessons** on their instrument
95% of Jasper band students responded that they enjoyed marching band more than they thought they would.

There are no academic or athletic programs that conflict with participation in the band program.

Schedule

The school day at Jasper High School is from 9:00 AM to 4:15 PM and is divided into 7 class periods.

The following band courses will be offered at Jasper for the 2012-2013 school year:

BAND CLASSES

Concert 1 Band
Concert 2 Band
Symphonic 1 Band
Symphonic 2 Band
Wind Ensemble
Percussion Class - 1st semester only

INSTRUMENTAL ENSEMBLE CLASS*

For Percussion students - 2nd semester only

* Students must be enrolled in a band class to take the Instrumental Ensemble Class

- ♪ Membership in the Jasper Band is by audition only. Auditions are scheduled for May 3, 4, & 5. These auditions will determine band placement for the fall semester. Auditions for the spring 2013 semester will be held in December 2012.
- ♪ All freshman band students should enroll in Concert Band 1. This is for credit purposes only and is not an indicator of band placement.
- ♪ Percussion students will be scheduled in the percussion class first semester and the appropriate band class, as determined by their December audition, second semester.
- ♪ The Percussion Instrumental Ensemble class is open to all percussion students who wish to receive additional instruction each day to improve his/her skills. Percussion students wishing to enroll in this course must also be enrolled in a band course.
- ♪ Honors credit is offered for band at the Senior High School level.

PE and Fine Arts Credit Requirements

- ♪ Students receive ½ Fine Arts credit for each semester that they are in band. Participation in the marching band allows students the opportunity to receive a Physical Education credit fulfilling the PE requirement for graduation and creating more room in their schedule.

Ensembles for Jasper Band Members

Concert Band

- ♪ This is a two semester course. Students are expected to commit to band for a full year.
- ♪ There are five Concert Bands at Jasper High School. They are the Wind Ensemble, Symphonic 1 Band, Symphonic 2 Band, Concert 1 Band, and Concert 2 Band.
- ♪ All Percussion students are scheduled in the Percussion Class during the fall semester and in one of our concert bands during the spring semester.
- ♪ All band students will be scheduled in one of the band or percussion classes.
- ♪ Placement is determined by auditions.

Marching Band

- ♪ The Marching Band meets only during the fall (August-October). It is a new experience for our freshman students and one that most enjoy. Each year, after marching season is over, we have parents tell us how much their child misses marching band. We really do have a great time!
- ♪ Every band student is in the marching band. Exceptions are made only for band members with a direct conflict with an official school activity. (ex. football, volleyball, drill team, cross country)
- ♪ The marching band performs at 5 Jasper home football games and 2 contests.
- ♪ Rehearsals are held mornings from 7:00-8:30 AM. These 7:00 AM rehearsals end after UIL Marching Contest in mid-October.
- ♪ In addition to the Fine Arts credit, band students earn a PE credit for being in the marching band.
- ♪ Auxiliary Units in the marching band are the Colorguard (Flags) and the Drumline.

Percussion

- ♪ The percussion band class meets during the fall only.
- ♪ There is a percussion ensemble class (see below) that meets in the spring.
- ♪ The percussion class is made up of all of the percussionists at Jasper.

Percussion Ensemble Class

- ♪ This class meets during the spring semester.
- ♪ The percussion ensemble class is highly recommended for all percussion students.
- ♪ An audition is not required to enroll in this course. Students in this course must audition and earn placement in one of the band classes.

Private Lesson Program

- ♪ Students may participate in the Plano ISD private lesson program.
- ♪ Participation is optional, however a high percentage of Jasper band students do participate.
- ♪ Cost is \$17.00 per 25 minute weekly lesson.
- ♪ Lessons may be taken during band class time, before school, or after school as the instructor's schedule allows.

I look forward to meeting and working with each of you. Please do not hesitate to email or call if you have any questions.

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