



Dear Band Families,

We are excited about your student becoming a member or continuing with the Charger Band program! Summer and Fall dates are at the bottom of this page. We believe there is a place for each student to be in band, sports, and advanced academics. All full rehearsals are held during school as a class so students are free to be in clubs, sports, and activities.

We have three levels of concert bands, two jazz bands, jazz combos, marching band, and two pep bands. First semester students will meet in marching band during 1st hour. Marching Band excuses students from PE. Students will learn the field show during 1st quarter. Second quarter, the marching band will learn music for basketball games, form jazz bands, have talent shows, and form concert bands.

Beginning Band is an academic option that meets during 1st hour of the second semester. This class allows students to practice independently, serve as a student leader, or to learn a new band instrument. All students are invited to take this class whether they have been in band or not.

One out of every ten students in the school is in band. Our band is defined by student leadership, respect, and sense of belonging within a huge family.

Attached is a sample schedule of a Centennial senior who was in a music classes all four years and was ranked number one. You will see that the top students at Centennial are involved with fine arts, AP classes, sports, and multiple activities. We always find ways to make schedules work for each student.

Sign up to receive emails, calendars, and upcoming events at www.chargerbands.com.

Sincerely,

Michael Allen

Band Director

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SUMMER/FALL Dates

July 18-21	Band Rehearsal	9AM to 3PM	Centennial Football Stadium
July 25-28	Band Rehearsal	8AM to 5PM	Centennial Football Stadium
July 28th	Performance	5PM	Centennial Football Stadium
Aug 27th	Band Rehearsal	9AM to Noon	Centennial Football Stadium
Sept 2	Home Football Game	5:15 Call	Centennial Football Stadium
Sept 3	Six Flags Performance	All Day	St Louis Six Flags
Sept 9	Home Football Game	5:15 Call	Centennial Football Stadium
Sept 17	Monticello Competition	TBA	Monticello, IL
Sept 24	Home Football Game	2:00PM	Centennial FB Stadium
Oct 1	Mt. Zion Competition	TBA	Mt. Zion, IL
Oct 15	Newton Competition	TBA	Newton, IL
Oct 17	Awards Concert	7:00PM	Centennial Gym
Oct 21	Homecoming Football Game	5:15 Call	Centennial Football Stadium
Oct 24	Fall Concert Band Concert	7:00PM	Centennial Auditorium

Band Classes at Centennial

Marching Band/Color Guard:

Any student interested in being a part of the Champaign Centennial Marching Chargers should request Marching Band/PE instead of PE first semester. This class fills the PE requirement. The course number to request is 9PEBAF. There is no audition for this band.

Jazz Bands:

Jazz Bands are made up of students who are enrolled in one of the bands and/or orchestra. Jazz Bands start after the start of the Fall semester.

Beginning Band:

Beginning Band is an academic class that meets second semester 1st hour. This class allows students to learn a new band instrument, practice their own instrument independently, and/or serve as a student leader to help others learn to play new instruments. All students are invited to take this class whether they have been in band or not. The course number to request is 562.

Concert Band:

Basic High School level concert band for students developing intermediate skills. There is no audition required for this performing band. All students should sign up for "Band" with your counselors this year. We will give them a list that shows which band each student should be in. We will place students based on their abilities so each student is challenged at an inspiring and attainable level.

Symphonic Band/Wind Symphony:

Advanced level band music for advanced students. An audition based on four lines of the ILMEA scale sheet and at least four lines one of the ILMEA etudes is required for this ensemble. Complete audition information is available from your directors, the band website, and can be requested by emailing allenmike@u4sd.org. All students should sign up for "Band" with your counselors this year. We will give them a list that shows which band each student should be in. We will place students based on their abilities so each student is challenged at an inspiring and attainable level.

Proof That Students Can Be In Band and the highest level Academics!

This is an example schedule

Band Classes are Shaded

College level classes are in *italics*.

*Denotes an Honors Level Course Higher Weight for GPA

Freshman Year

AP Prep Biology*

Freshman Comprehensive English - only one level available

Accelerated Geometry*

Concert Band

Human Geo

General PE/Marching Band with jazz, small ensembles, independent projects, talent shows

Spanish II

Sophomore Year

Accelerated Algebra II*

AP Prep Chemistry*

AP Prep Advanced Comp English II*

Concert Band

*AP World History**

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Spanish III*

Junior Year

Accel Precalculus with Trig*

Accelerated Amer Literature*

*AP U.S. History**

AP Prep Physics*

Symphonic Band

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Spanish IV*

Senior Year

*AP Calculus AB**

*AP Physics C: Mechanics**

*AP Spanish Language**

*AP U.S. Government & Politics**

*AP Macroeconomics**

*Dual Credit English Composition**

Wind Symphony

General PE/Marching Band with jazz, small ensembles, independent projects, talent shows

First Semester**Second Semester****Freshman Student 1**

Spanish II	Spanish II
Concert Band	Concert Band
PE/Marching Band	Health
Lunch/Study Hall	Lunch/Study Hall
Personal Finance	Human Geography
Freshman Comprehensive English	Freshman Comprehensive English
AP Prep Biology	AP Prep Biology
Accelerated Geometry	Accelerated Geometry

Freshman Student 2

Algebra I	Algebra I
Symphonic Band	Symphonic Band
PE/Marching Band	Health
Lunch/Study Hall	Lunch/Study Hall
Freshman Comprehensive English	Freshman Comprehensive English
Biology	Biology
Spanish I	Spanish I
Academic Support	Human Geography

Freshman Student 3

Freshman Comprehensive English	Freshman Comprehensive English
PE/Marching Band	Health
Symphonic Band	Symphonic Band
Lunch/Study Hall	Lunch/Study Hall
Accelerated Geometry	Accelerated Geometry
AP Prep Biology	AP Prep Biology
French II	French II
AP Computer Science	AP Computer Science