

Cabrillo Band and Orchestra Classes

A guide for incoming students

Symphonic Winds

Advanced band for students who play wind instruments. Focuses on marching band 1st semester, concert band literature 2nd semester. Marching Band participation is mandatory 1st semester.

Percussion Ensemble

Advanced band for percussion students. Focuses on marching band 1st semester, percussion ensemble and concert band literature 2nd semester. Marching Band participation is mandatory 1st semester.

Color Guard

The Color Guard are the primary visual performers of the Marching Band. These performers dance and use props like flags, rifles, sabres, and anything else that helps to tell the story of the show. Second semester the Color Guard continues their dance and performance education by putting on their own independent shows.

Band Techniques / Concert Band

This is a year-long class, different name each semester. This class is a mixed level band for students just starting out on a wind instrument or percussion, or learning a second instrument. If you want to learn a band instrument from the beginning, or if you want to play but can't do Marching Band, start here.

Orchestra Strings

If you play or want to learn to play Violin, Viola, Cello, or String Bass, Orchestra Strings is the class for you. There are two class periods of Orchestra Strings so that we can meet students at their current level. Students will be assigned a class based on their current level and needs based on recommendation of their current teacher.

Jazz Band

Meets 0 period (7:45am) every school day except Wednesdays. Students must provide their own transportation. A class that focuses on jazz, rock, and latin music. Students must be enrolled in Symphonic Winds, Percussion Ensemble, or Orchestra Strings in order to also enroll in Jazz Band.

Conquistador Marching Band

This is a co-curricular ensemble that rehearses after school. Think of it like a sport for band students. Marching Band is not a class itself, but participation requires enrollment in the appropriate class for your role (see above), and an application that can be found on www.conqmusic.com starting in March.

Participation in marching band requires participation in Band Camp, which is a summer training camp at Cabrillo during the day.

The dates for band camp are Monday, July 27 - Friday, July 31, and Monday, August 3, 9:00am - 6:00pm each day.

Marching Band rehearses after school on Tuesdays, Thursdays, and Fridays once school starts. Students must participate in all rehearsals, so sometimes students need to choose between marching band and a conflicting sport. You can still be in a band class if you can't do marching band.