

High School Transfer Band Students and Parents:

Families with students who are moving here during their high school years often have questions about music opportunities at Southridge High School. This flyer provides an overview of those opportunities and includes a calendar of events for students and parents.

Curricular and Extra-Curricular Music at Southridge

Music courses offered at Southridge vary from year to year depending upon enrollment. Offerings have included Concert Band, Symphonic Band, Wind Ensemble, Jazz Band, Percussion Ensemble, Guitar, and Music Theory. Detailed course descriptions may be found in the Southridge Academic Program Guide. These academic courses are the curricular portion of music at Southridge. Each year, band students have the opportunity to compete in solo competition and audition for all-state honor bands through the Oregon Music Education Association and OSAA.

SIMDE extra-curricular music and dance opportunities at Southridge are optional and most require additional fees. Some fundraising is available. For high school students, extra-curriculars include Marching Ensemble, Winter Percussion, Winter Guard, Musical Theater Pit Orchestra, and Basketball Band. For middle-school age students, SIMDE offers Youth Guard and Youth Percussion Ensemble.

Band Curriculum & Forecasting for Transfer Students

Southridge band students usually progress from Concert Band to Symphonic Band to Wind Ensemble. Southridge counselors and the band director will assist transfer students in forecasting for the appropriate class. Enrollment in Wind Ensemble requires an audition with the Southridge band director. Percussionists should forecast for Percussion Ensemble. If enrollment is not high enough to allow a separate Percussion Ensemble, percussionists will be placed in the appropriate band class.

Students attend band class like any other class. Band students usually perform in three concerts per year, one or more band festivals, a parade, and Southridge's graduation. A few rehearsals may be held outside normal class hours.

It is possible to take band each year, meet all graduation requirements, and take AP or IB classes, if desired. Most students complete PE and health in grade 9 and 10, but shifting some PE or health classes to later years is an option.

Marching Band

The Southridge marching band is an exciting, competitive show band. The band performs at home football games, marches in parades, and competes at band competitions. Joining the marching band is a great way to become involved at Southridge. The band provides an opportunity to make friends from all grade levels, gain confidence from performing and competing, earn a varsity letter, and boost school spirit.

As with any rewarding activity, marching band requires a time commitment. Band camp is at school at the end of August. During the fall, there are practices and performances each week with competitions on several Saturdays. The season ends by early November. All Band students are encouraged, but not required to be in the marching band. Option school students living within the Southridge attendance area may also join the marching band. There are participation fees for marching band. Some fundraising is available.

Questions

If you have any questions, please contact:

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A-Year-at-a-Glance for Southridge Instrumental Music & Dance Ensembles

Many curricular and extra-curricular events occur each year for the Southridge High School music and dance programs. This chart shows a general overview of a year. Some events involve all band and guard students. Many events do not involve all students. Dates may vary slightly from year to year. Some events and fundraisers are not listed. Please consult the calendar at www.simde.org for specific information.

<p>August</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Marching Band Season Begins <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - 2 day Rookie Camp for new marchers OR 3 day Percussion Camp for percussionists - Final registration day & Uniform fitting - 2 week Band Camp for all marchers - Parent meeting - Family barbeque <p style="text-align: center;">Save the dates!</p> <p><i>If you plan to participate in marching band, please do not make other plans for the second half of August, including the Saturday of Labor Day Weekend.</i></p>	<p>September</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Marching band season (practice, football games, competitions) • Beaverton Parade • Fall Band Day (fundraiser) • School & band class begin • All-state recordings due (optional) • SIMDE Board meeting (all parents may attend)
<p>October</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Marching band season continues • Southridge Spectacle of Sound (fundraiser) • SIMDE Board meeting (all parents may attend) 	<p>November</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Marching season ends (late Oct. or early Nov.) • Auditions for Jazz Band & Pit Orchestra • Jazz Band & Pit Orchestra begin • Winter guard & winter percussion rehearsals begin • Fall marching awards family gathering • SIMDE Board meeting (all parents may attend)
<p>December</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Southridge Band Concert • Winter guard & winter percussion rehearsals continue • SIMDE Board meeting (all parents may attend) 	<p>January</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Basketball band • All parent meeting (January or February) • All-state for selected students • Winter guard & winter percussion rehearsals continue • SIMDE Board meeting (all parents may attend)
<p>February</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Southridge Forecasting • District solo competition (optional) • Winter guard & percussion competitions • Southridge Slam (fundraiser) (February or March, subject to school gym availability) • Basketball band • SIMDE Board meeting (all parents may attend) 	<p>March</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • School musical • Basketball band • Winter guard & percussion competitions (end late March – early April) • SIMDE Board meeting (all parents may attend)
<p>April</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Southridge Band Concert • Band Competition class field trips (Concert Band & Wind Ensemble) • Winter guard & percussion awards family gathering • After school rehearsals for Wind Ensemble • Jazz & Dine (fundraiser) • Spring Band Day (fundraiser) (April or May) • Spring Dance Concert rehearsals begin • SIMDE Board meeting (all parents may attend) 	<p>May</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • State Solo Contest for selected students • After school rehearsals for Wind Ensemble • State Band Contest • Spring Dance Concert rehearsals begin • Fall guard auditions • Parade rehearsals & parade for all band and guard students (some years) • Registration begins for fall guard & marching band • SIMDE Board meeting (all parents may attend) • Applications due for varsity letters, band council, & marching leadership
<p>June</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Southridge Band Concert • Graduation (all band students perform) • Spring Dance Concert (fundraiser) • Guard begins practice for fall season • SIMDE Board meeting (all parents may attend) • SIMDE Board transition meeting (board members only) • School and band class end 	<p>July</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Guard practices for fall season • SIMDE Board meeting (all parents may attend)

* SIMDE (Southridge Instrumental Music and Dance Ensembles) is the booster organization that raises money and provides volunteer support for Southridge High School's many instrumental music and dance programs. SIMDE is a not-for-profit, 501(c)3 organization.