

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 may include youth in high school Winter Percussion.

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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