

# Stoneman Douglas Band

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## STONEMAN DOUGLAS BAND PROGRAM

With the Director of Band's approval, membership is open to **all** Stoneman Douglas High School Students with **previous band experience**. Placement in the various classes is determined by a playing audition and/or the recommendation of your previous band director.

### **Band I, II, III (Symphonic Band)**

Generally comprised of underclassmen, the Stoneman Douglas Symphonic Band is a course requiring daily class work and periodic after school rehearsals and performances.

### **Band III, IV, V, VI (Wind Ensemble)**

Membership is usually comprised of upperclassmen that have significantly advanced their musical skills and concepts. The Wind Ensemble explores significant literature via orchestral transcriptions and more contemporary compositions specifically written for wind band.

### **Jazz Ensemble I, II, III, IV**

Students enrolled in this course will be placed in one of two jazz ensembles. Students will be introduced to concepts unique jazz such as improvisation, composition and the myriad of styles embedded within the history of jazz. This course requires daily class work and periodic after school rehearsals and performances.

### **Instrumental Techniques I, II, III, IV (Percussion)**

All members of the Stoneman Douglas Percussion Section are enrolled in this course. During the first few months of the school year, focus will be, but not limited to, marching band music. Following marching season, students will be introduced to all aspects of Concert Percussion through performing in small ensembles. In addition, members of this class will be split up into two separate percussion sections for the Symphonic Band and Wind Ensemble. This course requires daily class work and frequent after-school rehearsals and performances.

**Membership in the Eagle Regiment Marching Band is encouraged of all students enrolled in a band class but NOT required. In order for students to be an active performing member of the Eagle Regiment marching band, they *must* be enrolled in a band course.**

## EAGLE REGIMENT MARCHING BAND

Membership in the Eagle Regiment Marching Band is encouraged of all students enrolled in a band class. To be a member of the Eagle Regiment Marching Band, the student must be enrolled in the proper band class and maintain a G.P.A. of at least a 2.0 ("C" avg.).

### EAGLE REGIMENT MEMBERSHIP REQUIREMENTS

The student agrees to attend all rehearsals, sectionals and performances and is required to attend the 2 summer band camps.

**Band Camp #1** will be held **June 7th - June 12th, 5:00 pm until 9:00 pm.** During this camp, students will be taught basic marching fundamentals, music, flag and dance routines and traditions of the Eagle Regiment. If an absence is necessary, the parent must contact the Director by email ([john.rusnak@browardschools.com](mailto:john.rusnak@browardschools.com)). **Unexcused absences for camp will place students on an alternate status for the upcoming season.**

**Band Camp #2** will be held **August 10th - August 14th, 1:00 pm - 9:00 pm**, this camp is an intense week of learning and training for all band and guard members in preparation for the upcoming competition season. This is the time we need to teach the music and the show designs the band will employ on the field during halftime shows, the FBA Marching Band Festival, and various competitions. All participating Band and Guard members are required to attend this camp unless previously cleared by the Director. Those holding jobs are expected to clear the time off so that you will be in full attendance at all activities of Band Camp. **Students who miss camp will be placed on the alternate squad and given special instruction when school begins. These students will be given a chance to perform in the show when openings become available.**

The majority of the responsibility for meeting the financial needs of our band program rest on the shoulders of the band members and band boosters. Fundraising opportunities are provided to raise the money needed to meet the annual budget for the program.

Each band member is expected to do his/her "**fair share**" of the fundraising. In lieu of, or in addition to, fundraising participation, TAX DEDUCTIBLE donations are always welcome.

The fair share will cover the band's planned operating expenses for the entire year. Budgeted items include instruments, music, repairs, travel, competition entry fees, uniform purchases, auxiliary equipment, marching equipment, student awards, etc. Students will be individually assessed for band trip expenses. The student's fair share requirement will cover all regular expenses.

**No one** will be denied participation in the marching band because of financial hardship as long as steps are being taken to fulfill the obligations. **Each parent is asked to give at least 24 hours of service each semester; most give much more.**

