

Why Join The DHS Band?

The DHS Band Program is made up of over 100 students interested in helping you achieve great things in high school!

It's fun. You make a new family of life-long friends that will help you navigate DHS.

Teaches self-discipline, motivation, critical thinking and many other non -musical things.

Band members have a higher success rate in everything they try to accomplish in life.

The Band is one of the most successful groups in the De Soto School District.



Band promotes higher test scores. (avg. 62 point SAT increase)

Increases success rates in college and in the workplace.

Potential for college scholarships through performing in band.

Travel across the country.

A Message from the Director of Bands

At DHS it has been my goal to create an experience for our students that they are excited for, our parents can take part in, and our community can be proud of. Students at the HS are able to experience things from a new perspective that is simply not possible at the JH level. Our HS students are working with professional composers learning how to compose and arrange music, getting clinics from internationally recognized musicians, and learning to be leaders not just in music but in life. From leading ensembles in marching band to performing a solo for adjudication, students at DHS are developing musicality as well as skills that will take them far in their future careers.

This is truly an exciting time for the De Soto Bands as our band program continues to evolve and students are afforded more opportunities. I look forward to meeting and speaking with all of you at the HS.

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De Soto High School



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Band Classes at the HS

HS Marching Band - performs at all HS football games and competes in marching band contests across the state. (9-12)

HS Concert Band - Performs concerts for the community, competes across the state and travels regionally. (9-12)

HS Symphonic Band - Performs concerts for the community, competes across the state and travels regionally. (9-12)

HS Jazz Band - Auditioned group, rehearses during school, plays pop/rock/jazz. (9-12)

HS Jazz Lab- Introductory group for students interested in learning Jazz. (9-12)

OPPORTUNITIES IN THE BAND



Woodwind/Brass Choir- These are small groups made up of Symphonic Band Members.

HS Drumline - performs at drumline competitions and performs some awesome cadences at athletic events and parades. (9-12)

HS Basketball Band - Performs at home HS basketball games. (9-12)

Honor Band - Select band with other top players from the area. (7-12)

All- District Band- Auditioned band with other players from our area.

All-State Band - Auditioned band with other players from across the state. (9-12)

Additional Opportunities at DHS

Fountain City Jazz Fest- A regional festival hosted here at De Soto featuring pro Jazz musicians. Last year we had 3x Grammy-nominated Trombonist, Steve Wiest!



Fountain City Composition Fest- Students interested in learning how to compose music are able to compose and get feedback from professional composers.

Scholarships

Thousands of dollars are available to DHS Band students that take part in districts, state, and Tri-M.

Tri-M Music Honor Society- An Honor Society for students grades 10-12 that meet GPA and attendance qualifications. Students participate in community service projects.



More information on the DHS Band Program can be found on the De Soto Bands website:
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For additional questions, please email Mr. Boyer or Mr. Howard.