

Dear 8th Grade Band Students and Parents,

We are excited to welcome you to the Hinsdale South band family! As you navigate your course registration materials, we thought it would be helpful to email you with answers to some FAQs regarding band at South.

Our hope is that this information will help affirm your decision to stay in band and continue the essential study of music.

During the next few weeks, we send a few concise emails covering different topics so that you are informed without being given too much information to digest. Please feel free to contact us if you have any questions or need additional information.

We also have a link just for the class of 2024 if you go to:
<https://www.hinsdalesouthband.com/class-of-2024.html>

Today's topic:

Being in band at Hinsdale South

What is the time commitment?

- Band at South is a one period, year-long elective. Our band students are involved in every kind of sport and club South has to offer. During the fall, the students participate in marching band, during the winter 3-4 pep-band performances, and concert band.
- Students are not graded on home practice time, but they are graded on the quality of preparation on their band music.

Is band for everyone?

- Yes! Any student who wants to play will have a place in band. All classes are leveled so students will be in an ensemble with others who are ready to move at a similar pace.
- South band has students who are also athletes, theatre/speech, in all honors/AP classes, electives, working part-time, and even students who fit all of these categories.

Will students be pulled out of core classes for lessons?

- No. All of our instruction takes place during our 5 weekly rehearsals.

Students who wish to study with a private instructor may do so during several different times not taking them away from academic classes.

Upcoming email topics:

- How to navigate elective choices in high school
- Balancing band with honors & AP Classes
- Benefits of music study on post-high school plans
- Sample 4 year Schedules of South Alumni!