

2021 Summer Band Schedule

Marching Kick-off & Forms Fest: Thursday, May 27

- **Who:** All BVW Band Members & Parents
 - **When:** 6:00 – 9:00 PM
 - **Where:** BVW Band Room & Rehearsal Field
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Summer Conditioning: Select Thursdays in June & July

- **Dates:** 6/10, 6/24, 7/8, 7/22, 7/29
 - **Who:** All band members. *In town? – attend; On vacation? – no worries!*
 - **6:00 – 7:30** Woodwinds & Percussion
 - **7:30 – 9:00** Brass & Color Guard
 - **Where:** BVW Band Room & Rehearsal Field
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Percussion Camp: July 26 – 30

- **Who:** All percussion students
 - **When:** 6 – 9 PM
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Full Band Camp: August 2 – 6 & 9 - 11

- **Who:** All Band Members
 - **When:** 7:00 – 11:00 AM (All dates) & 5:00 – 9:00 PM (August 2-6 only)
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Parent Preview and Picnic: Thursday, August 12

- **Who:** Full Marching Band
 - **When:** 6:00 – 9:00 PM
 - **What:** Opportunity to see all of our hard work in action!
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Fall Marching Band Rehearsal & Performance Schedule

In Class Rehearsals: Begin Wednesday, August 18

- In the fall, Woodwind and Brass students are in their regularly assigned concert ensemble class (Wind Ensemble, Symphonic Band, or Concert Band) and will rehearse both marching and concert music and fundamentals.
 - Percussion students are all assigned to one class for fall.
 - Color Guard Members will be assigned to a concert ensemble class during the fall semester for rehearsals.
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Evening Rehearsals: Mondays & Thursdays – Begin Monday, August 9

- **When:** 6:00 – 9:00 PM
 - **What:** The full Marching Band will rehearse several Monday and Thursday evenings from August through the end of the season in October. See the schedule on the band website for specific dates.
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Performances: TBA

- Please refer to the band calendar for specific dates. Marching festivals will be finalized over the coming weeks, and football schedules will be released in the late spring.
- For 2021, the Blue Valley West Marching Band intends to participate in the following events:
 - Home Football Games (4)
 - 8th Grade Marching Picnic and Exhibition – TBA - August
 - Saturday mini-camp and Show Preview – TBA – late September
 - Blue Springs Golden Regiment Marching Invitational – Blue Springs, Missouri: October TBA
 - Olathe District Marching Invitational – Olathe, Kansas: October TBA
 - Kansas Bandmasters Association Marching Championships – Lawrence, Kansas: October TBA
 - **Note:** The BVW Band has traditionally participated in at least one Bands of America (BOA) Regional event every fall. Due to anticipated COVID travel restrictions we are limiting festivals to those in closer proximity to West this fall. Pending approval, we are looking for travel experience(s) for band members in the Spring of 2022!
- ***Please see the band calendar for specific dates and times.***



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Some dates and times are still subject to change pending facility availability and COVID restrictions.

COVID mitigation protocols will be followed at all in-person rehearsals.

Virtual attendance options may be provided as needed.



Blue Valley West Marching Band

Frequently Asked Questions

Why marching band?

Marching band is a unique component of the high school band curriculum. Marching band offers students a rich artistic experience and provides students opportunities to contribute to the spirit and enrichment of our school community.

Is marching band required? I don't play a traditional marching instrument!?!

All high school band students participate in marching band as part of our curriculum. In fact, many of our students cite marching band as a highlight of their year! Some students may learn a secondary instrument for their marching band experience.

When does Marching Band rehearse?

Summer: Bi-weekly Conditioning Sessions followed by Percussion Camp and Full Band Camp, usually held at the end of July and early August. [Please see the band calendar for specific dates and times.](#)

Fall: Woodwind and Brass students rehearse both concert and marching music and fundamentals as part of their regular ensemble class. All Percussion students are grouped into a single class during the fall. Color Guard members also enroll in a band course for the semester. Students also have two evening rehearsals per week. [Please see the band calendar for specific dates and times.](#)

Why evening rehearsals?

Most high school marching bands rehearse at 7 AM 4 – 5 days per week in addition to an evening rehearsal. Research and experience show high school students are more alert and engaged later in the day. This schedule allows students to focus on school work during the day and makes for more efficient use of time and facilities.

What is Summer Conditioning?

As with any other sport or activity, band students must practice and refine certain fundamental skills on a consistent basis. These shorter, but more frequent sessions develop a strong foundation for success throughout the marching season. Students also have more opportunities to connect with their section!

Do we do anything besides rehearsing and performing?

YES! While rehearsals do focus on refining our marching show, we take time to further develop our relationships as an ensemble through team building and social activities including spirit days and competitions. We have a lot of fun!

When does marching band perform? Do we compete? Do we travel?

Marching Band performs at 4 football games each fall in addition to 3-4 competitions or exhibitions. Our competition schedule often includes travel to neighboring states. [Please see the band calendar for specific dates and times.](#)

What about sports and extra-curricular activities? Do I have time for band?

Band AND...! We **encourage** students to take advantage of the many athletic and extra-curricular opportunities available at Blue Valley West! With careful planning and advanced communication, students can very successfully participate in band and other activities!

What does it cost?

There are some costs associated with participation in the West Band Program. The fantastic Blue Valley West Band Boosters handle the band's financial support and provide fundraisers throughout the year. No student is ever turned away from the band program due to finances.

Questions?

If you have additional questions, **PLEASE** reach out to one of the directors. We want students to have a positive and meaningful experience here in the West Band Program! We look forward to working with you this coming fall!