

## Band Program Detailed Overview

### Concert Band

A non-auditioned concert band for students of all grades who have experience playing a wind instrument. Most freshmen are placed into this band. In this ensemble, students will develop instrumental techniques and fundamentals through the performance of quality wind band music.

### Symphonic Band

An auditioned concert band for intermediate instrumental musicians. Students in this ensemble will perform technically and musically challenging repertoire throughout the year.

### Wind Ensemble

An auditioned concert band for advanced instrumental musicians. Students perform the highest level band literature and are expected to contribute individual artistry to the ensemble.

### Percussion

A class for intermediate to advanced percussion students. Students will perform as part of the Concert Band, Symphonic Band, and Wind Ensemble, as well as participate in the Drumline and various percussion ensembles.

### Marching Band

All students from Concert Band, Symphonic Band, Wind Ensemble, and Percussion join together to form the award-winning Ballard High School Marching Band. This group performs at football and basketball games, pep assemblies, and parades. The year starts off right away with several marching band dates, including “band camp” and football games. Dates TBD. BHS Marching Band includes ALL band students.

#### *Football games are held at Memorial Stadium*

Friday Oct 1, Homecoming Game, 5 p.m. Call Time: 3:45pm

Friday Oct 8, 7:45 p.m. Call Time: 6pm

Friday, Oct 15, 5 p.m. Call Time: 3:45pm

[Visit the separate Marching Band FAQ page for more information.](#)

### Jazz Band II

For beginning to intermediate wind and rhythm section players who would like to learn the art of playing jazz and the skill of improvisation. This group meets Mondays, Tuesdays, Wednesdays, and Fridays each week.

### Jazz Band I

A highly advanced ensemble for the most dedicated and skilled musicians. This ensemble competes at regional and national jazz competitions and festivals. This group meets Monday through Friday each week.

Jazz Band I and II are zero period classes meeting in the morning before school. Students earn full credit. To participate in Jazz Band I or II, students enroll in an instrumental music class during the school day. Jazz I is by audition only and Jazz II is open to anyone who is interested!

**New this Year: Brass Band!** Jazz 1 and 2 will combine every Friday to learn New Orleans style Brass band music. New Orleans style brass bands are exciting, mobile groups that play anything from funk to traditional Americana music and are composed entirely of winds, brass and percussion. These songs will be learned completely by ear and develop students' skills improvising with pentatonic scales, blues, and modal chord changes. If you would like to hear some good examples of this genre of music, the Dirty Dozen Brass Band, the Soul Rebels, and the Rebirth Brass Band are great bands to look up!



## Uniforms

Everyone in music programs needs to be fitted for uniforms. For concert wear, students can choose from dresses or tuxes. All band students participate in marching band and must be fitted for marching band uniforms. Fittings will be on the stage in the auditorium.

### **Marching Band uniforms – same for all genders.**

Uniforms are stored at school and checked out to students at each marching event. Band t-shirts are provided to students and must be worn under the marching band uniform. Band t-shirts must also be worn at pep assemblies and at all basketball games. *Students must provide their own black socks.*

### **Concert Tux Uniforms - Measurements for tuxes will be handled in class after school begins.**

Owned and maintained by the Ballard Performing Arts and loaned to students for the school year and kept at home.

Tux jacket and pants, bow tie, cummerbund, garment bag, and hanger

Students must provide:

Black socks, black dress shoes (no tennis shoes), tux shirt, cufflinks, and studs. Tux shirts, cufflinks, and studs are available to purchase from Ted Brown Music, 1006 NE 50<sup>th</sup> St, 206-622-0171. The tux shirts cost \$19.99.

### **Concert Dresses Uniforms - to be fitted Sept 1-10**

Owned and maintained by the Ballard Performing Arts and loaned to students for the school year and kept at home.

Black velvet top, black satin skirt, garment bag, and hanger

Students must provide:

Black, low heeled, closed-toe dress shoes, and black hose.

## **Uniform Fittings Start Sept. 1**

**Volunteers are NEEDED to help with uniform fittings. [Please check the SignUp genius to let us know when you are available to assist.](#) Seniors and Section Leaders are invited to sign up to assist and earn volunteer hours.**

### ***Concert Dresses and Marching Band Uniforms***

***Incoming students:*** Before and after school - Sept 7, 8, 9 according to last name.

**Last Name Begins A-G** - Sept 7 from 8-8:45am or 3:45-5pm

**Last Name Begins H-P** - Sept 8 from 8-8:45am or 2:30-5pm

**Last Name Begins P-Z** - Sept 9 from 8-8:45am or 3:45-5pm

### ***Returning Students:***

Juniors and Seniors should come between 8 and 10:30 a.m. on the first day of school, September 1, to fit your concert dresses and marching band uniforms. (School for upperclassmen does not start until 11 am that day)

For students in Link Crew or with other obligations, we will have additional fittings at the following times. All returning students must be refitted by the end of day Sept 3.

Sept 1 - 3:45-5pm

Sept 2 - 8-8:45am and 3:45-5pm

Sept 3 - 8-8:45am and 3:45-5pm

## Fees

### **Music Department Annual Fee**

*\$155 yearly fee paid by all band students. The fee must be paid by September 25, 2021.* Each year we ask that all students pay a Music Department annual fee to help cover the cost of our operating expenses—sheet music, festival fees, transportation, uniforms, t-shirts, instrument repair, and uniform cleaning and maintenance. As many of you know, the Seattle Public School District funds only the teachers’ salaries. Running a professional quality music program requires significant support from our community. We are grateful to our Ballard Performing Arts community and deeply appreciate your support. Band students may participate in choir and/or orchestra without paying another fee. Jazz Bands and the percussion class include separate fees as described later.

### **Band camp**

This year band camp will be a day camp from September 10 to 12. All members of Concert Band, Symphonic Band, Wind Ensemble, and the percussion section participate in this event. Band camp is a great opportunity for students to renew friendships and meet new incoming freshmen. Students will participate in sectional practices and receive intensive field and parade marching skills. Section leaders will also meet with Mr. Gillespie and Mr. Aguilar at the Ballard Football field On September 3rd after school and September 5th from 11-3. Band camp fee will be announced soon.

### **ASB cards**

*\$35 fee required by the school of all marching band students.* Once all marching band students have purchased their ASB (Associated Student Body) card, the Music Department receives a significant allotment of money to help with our expenses. Payable through theSource/SchoolPay or at school in the Activity Center next to the Commons.

### **Percussion Class**

*\$50 equipment fee paid by all percussion students. Fee must be paid by September 25, 2021.* The Ballard High School percussion section has been growing in skill and size in recent years, resulting in exciting new opportunities. As the students develop their musicianship and technique we have been able to play exciting percussion ensemble pieces that demonstrate their talent. To continue with this positive momentum, we charge a percussion specific equipment fee of \$50 per year. This fee allows us to provide the students with the appropriate mallets, sticks, and equipment to maximize their musical progress.

### **Jazz Band I and II**

*\$200 coaching fee paid by Jazz Band I students. \$100 coaching fee paid by Jazz II students. Fees must be paid by September 25, 2021.* The Ballard Jazz program has established itself as one of the premier programs in the Northwest and beyond. Jazz Band I has been a two-time finalist at the Essentially Ellington festival in New York and the “Next Generation” Festival in Monterey, CA, has been invited multiple times to perform in Starbucks’ “Hot Java Cool Jazz” concert at the Paramount Theater and has won 1<sup>st</sup> place at several local festivals and competitions including the Bellevue Jazz Festival, Viking Jazz Festival, and Mt. Hood Jazz Festival. The groups have an immense amount of talent and enthusiasm which brings the potential for an extremely high level of success. To maintain our high level of performance and compete with the nation’s best jazz bands, we will provide the students with extra instruction including sectional and individual coaching and improvisation guidance. To provide the highest quality instruction available we charge coaching fees per year. These funds are necessary to maintain our status as a distinguished high school jazz program. This fee also includes a jazz band t-shirt.



# Ballard High School Performing Arts

P.O. Box 17774, Seattle, WA 98127 – [www.ballardperformingarts.org](http://www.ballardperformingarts.org)

## How to Make Payments

Pay online - this is the preferred method. There are no extra fees and you will receive a receipt. You can also review if payment was made by checking over your credit card statements. For payment link, go to [the payment page of the Ballard Performing Arts Web Site](#).

Pay by check made out to BPA and mailed to:  
BHS Performing Arts Booster Club, P.O. Box 17774, Seattle, WA 98127.

*The Music faculty, together with the Ballard High School Performing Arts Booster Club (BPABC), is committed to providing a high-quality experience for all students who wish to participate in Performing Arts activities regardless of financial circumstances.* If you are in need of scholarship assistance, please fill out the Scholarship Form, which will be live on our website (click on the “Payments and Tickets” Tab) after the first day of school. Please contact your group rep if you need assistance.

## Estimated Tentative 2021-2022 trips & fees

At this time, we don't know if we can take any overnight trips this year. Any new information we have will be communicated ASAP.

## Band Events - Save the Dates

**Ballard Performing Arts Boosters Meeting:** September 14 at 7:00 pm

**Section Leader Marching Practice:** September 3rd, 4:00-6:00pm & September 5th, 11:00am-3:pm

**Band Camp:** Sept 10 - 12, 2021

**Fall Band Concert:** November 4, 2021

**Winter Band Concert:** December 14, 15, 16 2021

More events at [ballardperformingarts.org](http://ballardperformingarts.org)

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