

Instrumental Music Information

The Fraser High School Band is comprised of four performing ensembles: Symphony Band (audition only), Concert Band (grades 10-12), Varsity Band (grade 9), and Jazz Ensemble (audition only). The commitment and results expected from all performing groups are identical. The only difference between the ensembles is the level of literature being performed.

Students with special needs will receive appropriate assistance as deemed necessary at all band levels. All students have equal opportunity for growth in the Fraser band program.

Symphony Band: Open to any band member in grades 9-12. Selection for the class is by audition only. **An audition date will be posted in the FHS & RMS band rooms and on the Fraser Bands Website.** Students have the opportunity to audition **one time per year.** Auditions are held in the spring of the year for the following fall. Second semester information on the web site will include a statement of the audition dates. **Auditions will consist of playing all 12 major scales memorized and sight-reading.** Each student must demonstrate the ability to attain the desired technical skill to enter Symphony Band and must maintain the desired technical skill from year to year to ensure selection for the ensemble. A student who has been accepted into Symphony Band, but does not continue in the class consecutively from year to year will need to re-audition to be accepted back into the class. The quantity of players selected is based upon instrumentation needs and band balance as determined by the director.

Concert Band: Open to any band member in grades 10-12. No audition necessary. Students must maintain class requirements to remain in Concert Band.

Varsity Band: Open to any band member in grade 9. No audition necessary.

Jazz Ensemble: Open to any band member in grades 9-12. Selection for the class is by audition only. **An audition date will be posted.** Students have the opportunity to audition **one time per year.** Auditions are held in the spring of the year for the following fall. Second semester information on the web site will include a statement of the audition dates. **Auditions will consist of playing all 12 blues scales memorized, a short prepared selection, and sight-reading.** Each student must demonstrate the ability to attain the desired technical skill to enter Jazz Band and must maintain the desired technical skill from year to year to ensure selection for the ensemble. A student who has been accepted into Jazz Band, but does not continue in the class consecutively from year to year will need to re-audition to be accepted back into the class. The quantity of players selected is outlined in the *Program of Studybook*.

MARCHING BAND: ***Marching band will consist of all Symphony and Concert band members. Volunteers are accepted from members of the Varsity band.***
