

Things To Remember!

Band at Krum High School requires commitment, dedication, and hard work, but the rewards are fantastic!

The Krum Bobcat Band students are some of the smartest, brightest, and most well-rounded students at Krum High School. You should become one of the best!!!

The Bobcat Band has a long lasting tradition of winning. It is fun to be associated with a winning organization!

The majority of 11th and 12th grade band members at KHS are in Honors, Duel Credit, and AP courses. Many are at the very top of their class. Your participation in band will actually push you to achieve higher academically.

You can be in any Area of Study and be in band for 4 years. There is also the "Arts and Humanities" area of study that will help refine your musical skills to prepare you for a future in music.

You can also participate in other activities at Krum High School. Band students participate in athletics, clubs, FFA, Art, Theatre, and Choir. Many students also hold jobs after school.

The Krum Band members get to perform in the Krum Performing Arts Center for all their contests.

Band is **not** expensive.

This year 42 members made the All-Region Band. 19 Students advanced to the Area Band and 2 students earned membership in the prestigious All-State Band.

Reasons to be in the Bobcat Band

You will be a part of one of the most successful organizations at KHS.

You will have a ready-made group of friends when school starts.

You will be associating with some of the best and brightest students at KHS.

You will learn to work hard and play hard.

The Bobcat Band will teach you how to be organized, responsible, dedicated, self-motivated, disciplined, and how to be a leader.

You will get to perform over 20 times a year in front of thousands of people!

You will make lots of new friends—some for life.

You will get to go on awesome band trips.

You are a varsity team member as a freshman!

Research shows that students who are involved in a school activity perform better academically and on standardized tests than those who aren't. ***Students who participate in Band do even better.***

You can earn multiple graduation endorsements.

You can earn the Arts and Humanities graduation endorsement just by being in band!

BAND IS FUN!!!

Krum High School Bobcat Band



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Note From The Directors

Greetings:

The Krum High School Band is the next step in musical development of a student's education. Middle School students have learned a great deal since the beginning of 6th grade, and they have become an invaluable part of their band program. It's time to take the exciting step of becoming a member of the Krum High School Bobcat Band.

As a member of the award-winning Bobcat Band, you will perform at all of the KHS varsity football games, pep-rallies, marching contests, and concerts. Through these events, band members become accustomed to being organized, as well as working under pressure.

It's no wonder that many students in the KHS Bobcat Band achieve at a higher academic level than those who are not in band. Personal responsibility, dedication, goal-setting, self-discipline, and diligence are some of the things you will learn. We also pride ourselves on having fun.

Through participation in the KHS Band, you will not only develop musically, socially, and academically, but you will develop a life-long love and interest in all of the arts.

Please call or email a director if you have any questions or concerns that are not addressed in this brochure!

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Frequently Asked Questions

Q: How much time does band take?

A: Band meets one period every day like all of your other classes. In addition, at various times of the year, band rehearses before or after school in order to facilitate successful performances. During the fall semester, the band travels with the football team to perform at the football games, and several Saturdays are involved with UIL and other regional marching contests. In the spring semester there are several Saturday events such as Solo & Ensemble contest. In 2021 the band will take a trip to Disney World.

Q: Will I be able to participate in other activities?

A: Yes!!! We encourage students to participate in as many activities as they can. We work hard to accommodate scheduling and work well with sponsors and coaches. We have students in just about every activity on campus including athletics, cheerleading, student council, FFA, and choir.

Q: Will band interfere with academics?

A: No!!! In fact, nothing could be further from the truth! The Bobcat Band takes pride in having some of the very brightest and top performing students at KHS. The vast majority of our students take Honors and AP classes and are college bound. Many students develop the musical and academic skills to earn money to help pay for college. There have even been students that were able to attend college on "full ride" scholarships because of the skills they have learned. The Bobcat Band Staff stresses the importance of academics and will do everything in our power to ensure the students make good grades.

Q: Does it cost a lot to participate in band?

A: No!!! There are some fees required, but we do our best to keep them manageable. We routinely spread fees out over the summer so it does not create a hardship for families. Our Band Booster Club ensures money does not keep a student from participating in band!

Band Courses at KHS

Bobcat Marching Band

The Bobcat Marching Band consists of all students enrolled in the band program. The marching season begins in late July and continues through the end of the football season. Marching Band performances include football half-time shows, local parades, and marching contests. The marching band may include smaller ensembles such as color guard, drum line, and drum majors. The Marching Band is one of the largest and most successful student organizations at Krum High School. Participation in marching band fulfills your physical education requirement.

Concert Bands

All members of the Krum Bobcat Band Program are placed into one of our concert groups. Auditions for bands are typically at the end of each semester. The Honor Band consists of the most accomplished musicians in the band program. This award-winning group is a UIL Sweepstakes recipient, as well as having been recognized for outstanding performances at numerous music festivals. The Symphonic Winds is dedicated to the continued development of quality student musicians in the band program. This group has also been recognized for superior performance at various music festivals. The Symphonic Winds is committed to the improvement and maturation of students, both musically and academically. This UIL Sweepstakes award winning group seeks to accommodate students at their respective levels of ability and work to prepare them for future placement in the Honor Band. All Concert Bands are expected to perform a holiday concert, pre-UIL concert, and a spring concert in addition to competing at UIL and at regional and national music festivals.

Jazz Band

Jazz Band is for students looking to learn about jazz. Students will perform all styles of jazz music from Big Band Swing to Funk, and Rock. The Jazz Band is featured throughout the year in various settings throughout the district and community.

Individual Opportunities

In the fall, students may audition for the All-Region Jazz Ensemble and the All-Region Band. Many members advance from All-Region to the Area level and on to the Texas All-State Band which performs in San Antonio in February. In the spring, students perform solos and ensembles for UIL competition.