

Common questions and answers

If I'm in a magnet program will I be able to do this?

Yes, many of our students are in the Health Academy and I.B. programs. Seminole wants you to be successful academically and to be a part of the school's spirit. Our past drum majors have been Health Academy students, IB students, Valedictorians, and Salutatorians. I know people worry about whether they can handle both band and their classes, and the answer is YES. If you stay on top of your assignments it will be no problem.

Do I need to attend band camp to be in the band?

Yes, this is the only time of the year where we can teach the students marching fundamentals. This is also the time we start our half-time show. Once the show is set we do not change the show numbers. All field placements will be assigned at Band Camp.

How much of my time will this take up?

The class enables us to get most of the music learned but not all can be covered, so after school rehearsals are necessary. During marching season, there is band camp and, when school starts, there are two after school practices on Tuesday (2:45 - 5:00) and Wednesday (1:45 - 5:00). Football games are Friday nights. During concert season we have four after school rehearsals, a Pre-Festival Concert and Concert MPA.

What if I don't have my own instrument?

The school has a few instruments for students to rent, but on a "first come first serve basis". There is a \$50 rental fee per semester for student use of school instruments. This includes all percussion instruments. If there is no school instrument for you to use, it will be necessary for you to rent or buy an instrument from a music store.

How much will all this cost me?

Band fees at \$250 for returning members and \$350 for new members. Money is due at the band registration night prior to band camp. The money pays for uniform cleanings, clinicians, instructors, equipment, music, awards, some travel expenses, and many, many other expenses generated throughout the year. We don't want anyone to not participate in band because of finances - There is financial assistance available. You will need to speak to a treasurer about assistance.

So you want to join the band, Now What?

1. Fill out the Online registration form.

Go to the New Student section on the band website: seminolehsband.org or click link to the online registration: <https://forms.gle/1FAFjCCAeaKJUtXq9>

2. Contact your guidance counselor to make sure you are signed up for a band class.

3. Attend the Spring Training - Cancelled this year due to coronavirus

4. Attend Registration Night and Band Camp. See Band Camps Forms Online (website)
See schedule on the next page

5. If you have any questions, please call the band room at 407.320.5161 or e-mail Mr. Malcolm at SeminoleBand@gmail.com , Mr. LaBonte at labontcz@scps.k12.fl.us.

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Wind Ensemble

The *Wind Ensemble* is Seminole High School's top performing concert band. Admittance into this class is based on auditions and demands the highest commitment to a performing ensemble. Private study is strongly encouraged. The *Wind Ensemble* is a class that meets (for credit) each school day and performs at several concerts and festivals each year. After school rehearsals will take place in the Spring for preparation for district and state concert festival. Students will also be required to perform at the Solo and Ensemble Festival in February.

Symphonic Band

The *Symphonic Band* is open to wind and percussion instrumentalists who have achieved a specific level of playing ability. Admittance into this class is based on auditions and demands a high commitment of participation. Private study is highly recommended. The *Symphonic Band* is a class that meets (for credit) every school day and performs several concerts and festivals each year. After school rehearsals will take place in January and February for preparation for district concert festival.

Concert Band

The *Concert Band* (9GC) is a performing ensemble open to all wind and percussion students. The group will perform several concerts during the year and will emphasize the study of basic musicianship skills. The *Concert Band* class meets every school day (for credit). Opportunities for playing in small groups and solos will also be available. After school rehearsals will take place in January and February for preparation for district concert festival.

Percussion Class

The *Percussion Class* is open to students who wish to study percussion instruments in the band department. The class meets every school day for credit. Students will learn basic fundamentals to advance playing skills on a variety of percussion instruments. During the Fall semester all students work on the marching portion of the band. In the Spring semester students will play solos and ensembles. Percussionists are also assigned to bands and will give a Percussion Recital at the end of the year.

Jazz Combos and Big Bands

Jazz classes are dividing in two performing groups, combos and big bands. The Jazz Chiefs Big Band is the top performing jazz class and auditions are required to participate in this group. Selected years the Jazz bands will travel, the next traveling year is 2021-2022. Students interested in participating in the Jazz program should contact Mr. Malcolm as soon as possible (SeminoleBand@gmail.com).

Band Parent Association

The purpose of the Band Parent organization is to support the band directors and students by assisting with transportation, chaperones, and fund raising activities. This organization is critical to the success of the band program and it is a good way for parents to become involved in their child's school activities. Parents we need you!!! The band utilizes a number of methods of communications; email, and social media (Facebook/Twitter/Instagram). Receipt of our band emails and Remind texts will require parent and student sign-up, more information about how to sign up will be provided.

The Pride of the Tribe *Marching Band*

The "The Pride of the Tribe" is the combined forces of the Wind Ensemble, Symphonic Band, Concert Band, Percussion Class, and Color Guard. The purpose of this organization is to provide entertainment for football games, pep rallies, band festivals, parades, and concerts. It is an integral part of the instrumental music education curriculum at Seminole High School. All members are expected to devote TOTAL DEDICATION and MAXIMUM EFFORT and INVOLVEMENT in all aspects of marching, playing, and performance.

After School Rehearsals for the Marching Band will be as follows:

Tuesday: 2:45 PM to 5:00 PM (subject to change)

Wednesday: 1:45 - 5:00 PM (subject to change)

**Report time for football games are 4:45 PM unless otherwise notified.
(please report conflicts ASAP to the band office)**

Band Camp Dates: (Plan A - if we are allowed to have it)

These dates are for both Guard and Instrumentalists

Saturday, July 25, 2020, 9:00 AM-1:00 PM

(1st time band members and leadership)

Monday, July 27th - Friday, July 31, 2020, 9:00 AM-9:00 PM

(all band members)

It is mandatory for all students to attend band camp. During this week marching fundamentals are taught and reviewed. Playing foundations, warm-ups, and music is taught by clinicians during the week. Drill charts for the opener of the halftime are taught and the foundations of the band family are formed. It really is a critical week for the band. *PLEASE ORGANIZE YOUR SUMMER SCHEDULES VACATIONS AROUND THIS WEEK.*

Band Registration Night & Uniform Fittings:

Thursday, July 23, 12:30 pm - 1:30 pm

Only Guard new and returning

Thursday, July 23, 2020, 6:00 pm - 8:00 pm

Returning Members

Friday, July 24, 2020, 6:00 pm - 8:00 pm

New Members

Last Name (A to L) begins every 15 minutes from 6:00pm to 7:00

(M to Z) begins every 15 minutes from 7:00pm to 8:00

Guard Camp Dates:

Color Guard Camp: July 22 - Guard leaders & New members, 9:00 AM - 1:00 PM

July 23 - All Color Guard, 9:00 AM - 1:00 PM

July 24 - All Color Guard, 9:00 AM - 1:00 PM

Color Guard Registration will be Thursday, July 23, 12:30 PM - 1:30 PM

Percussion Camp Dates:

Percussion Camp: July 22, 23, & 24 - 9:00am to 1:00pm

Please see the band website, SeminoleHSBand.org, for warm-ups and exercises