

REED-CUSTER HIGH SCHOOL BAND
FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

When is Band Camp 2022?

August 1-5, 2022. We meet 8:00 am – 12:00 pm daily. You do not want to miss out on Band Camp! Not only do we learn music and drill, but we also have fun! Is Band Camp required? Yes!

Does Drumline & Colorguard meet in the Summer?

The Drumline and Colorguard will meet July 5/6, 12/13, and 19/20. Colorguard is 10:00 – 11:00 am and Drumline is 10:00 am – 12:00 pm. You should have received a full summer newsletter in the mail, but all information is also posted on the website. If you are going to be in Drumline or Colorguard, you must attend the summer practices. Auditions for drumline are posted in Google Classroom and are due by May 20th. I do my best to get you on the drum you want to play! We will have a Colorguard meeting on Monday, May 23rd at 3:00 pm in the HS Band Room. If you are going to be in Colorguard, you MUST attend the meeting. If you are on vacation for a week throughout the summer, just let me know – no worries! (..but please do your best to avoid vacationing during the week of band camp!)

What is “Beginning/Secondary Band”?

If you are a high school student and are NEW to band (you DIDN'T play in MS Band – you never played an instrument before in your life), sign up for the Summer Beginning/Secondary Band! If you want to learn a “secondary instrument”....you play clarinet, but you want to learn saxophone for jazz band, you are thinking about doing music education in college and want to learn a new instrument, sign up for Beginning/Secondary Band! We will meet July 5/6, 12/13, and 19/20 from 9:00 – 9:45 am. If you need help finding an instrument, please let me know asap.

Can I take Band/Choir and a Foreign Language (and what's up with PE)?

There are 2.5 credits of electives available Freshman year. Band is one credit (year long), PE/Health is one credit, Foreign Language is one credit. BUT because you do not have to take a semester PE during the semester of Marching Band, you can fit this all in your schedule! You can also take World History and Foreign Language as a sophomore and you can fit everything in and still get 3 years in. Don't be afraid to ask if you can push a class to another year.

Where can I get the most updated information?

I update the high school Band website weekly (sometimes daily!) and it's super easy to remember: www.reedcusterband.com. Bookmark this website, have it on your phone – this is where you will find ALL the information you need (and then some!). I send out a “Band Schedule for the Week” every week (even in the summer!!) – send me an email (addie.dennis@rc255.net) that says you want to get on my list and I'll add you! You literally have to be living under a rock to not know what is happening in HS Band!

Do you have a Facebook page?

We do! Request access to the “Reed Custer High School Music Dept.” (notice there is no dash between Reed and Custer) and I will add you to the page! This is a nice place to share pictures or videos from RCHS Music events.

Do you use REMIND?

TO: 81010

MESSAGE: @rcbands

Do I have to pay for my child to be in the RCHS Band?

Every student is expected to pay a \$20 fee at *REGISTRATION* that covers the cost of uniform cleaning. If you cannot afford this, please see me.

Do I have to pay for my child to use a RC School-owned instrument?

If your child plays a school-owned instrument, you pay for this at *REGISTRATION*. If your child plays multiple school-owned instruments, you only pay one (1) fee. If you cannot afford this, please see me.

Do I sign up for Band or Percussion Class?

If you are a PERCUSSIONIST and if it is possible, sign up for the 1st hour Percussion Class. If you can't make 1st hour work in your schedule, sign up for 3rd hour Band. It all works out! No worries! If you DO NOT play a percussion instrument, sign up for 3rd hour Band.

If I am in Colorguard, do I have to take BAND CLASS?

It is super helpful if you are in Colorguard, to take Band Class (3rd hour) for the 1st Semester only. Colorguard has REQUIRED after school rehearsals that all colorguard students must attend. If you are able to be in Band 1st Semester, too, this will be very helpful, but not required.

Can I do Band and Choir?

Yes! You can do band and choir and they DO NOT meet during the same class period. If you are in band, I see you every day for band and if you are in choir, Mr. Mangan sees you every day for choir.

Have questions or need clarification? Email me: addie.dennis@rc255.net, message through the Remind App, or call my office: 815.458.2166 ext. 3310.