

# Welcome to Oakton Band!

**There are many opportunities for your student to participate in the Oakton Band and Color Guard programs**

**[oaktonbands.org](http://oaktonbands.org)**

**Concert Band:** Band members participate in a Concert Band as a class during the school day and for after school rehearsals in preparation for concerts. Each student is assigned to either Symphonic, Concert 1 or Concert 2 based on audition. Students who participate in Symphonic must also participate in Marching Band. All concert band students will participate in Tag Day fundraising and State-Level Assessments. All band students are also invited to attend a spring band trip in April. This year, all band students are also invited to march in the Pearl Harbor Day Parade in Waikiki, Hawaii on December 7, 2022.

**Marching Band:** Marching Band begins August 1st and continues through the fall. By the time school starts, new marchers are already a part of the band family and have a large group of friends at Oakton. They also attend all home and some away football games on Friday nights. Marching Band Competitions, where area bands compete by showcasing different styles of music and marching techniques, most Saturdays during the season.

**Color Guard:** The Color Guard is a section of the Marching Band that uses flags, rifles, and sabres along with dance to visualize the music played by the band. In Marching Band competitions, the guard is an essential component of the band and their performance is influential in the overall score. Concert Band students can choose to participate in Marching Band by being a part of the Color Guard instead of playing an instrument. Questions? Email [guardliaison@oaktonbands.org](mailto:guardliaison@oaktonbands.org)

**Jazz Band:** Oakton High has two jazz band classes that begin meeting in November, when marching band season ends. Students are assigned to either Jazz A or Jazz B by audition. Each class is held twice a week immediately after school, and students receive a course credit and a grade for participating. Students in Jazz Band enjoy learning a different genre of music and the opportunity to practice and perform more often.

## **How can you learn more?**

**Check out the Oakton Bands website at [oaktonbands.org](http://oaktonbands.org)**, especially the section for new or prospective families under the “New to Band” tab. If you still have questions, the Band Boosters are here for you! Contact [president@oaktonbands.org](mailto:president@oaktonbands.org) for more information.

**Please, come to a marching band registration night at Oakton - even if your student is not sure they want to try marching band~DATE TBD** This is a great opportunity for them to gather more information. We will have all the forms available on this night. If you wish to fill out some forms in advance, they will be available on the Oakton Bands website. If your student wishes to register but you are unable to attend, please contact [forms@oaktonbands.org](mailto:forms@oaktonbands.org) for more information. It is important to register in May for marching band, as the show is choreographed and the positions are set in early summer.