

A Closer Look at Our Band Programs

Concert Band

A non-auditioned concert band for students of all grades who have experience playing a wind instrument. Most freshmen are placed into this band. In this ensemble, students will develop instrumental techniques and fundamentals through the performance of quality wind band music.

Symphonic Band

An auditioned concert band for intermediate instrumental musicians. Students in this ensemble will perform technically and musically challenging repertoire throughout the year.

Wind Ensemble

An auditioned concert band for advanced instrumental musicians. Students perform the highest level band literature and are expected to contribute individual artistry to the ensemble.

Percussion

A class for intermediate to advanced percussion students. Students will perform as part of the Concert Band, Symphonic Band and Wind Ensemble, as well as participate in the Drumline and various percussion ensembles.

Marching Band

All students from Concert Band, Symphonic Band, Wind Ensemble and Percussion join together to form the award-winning Ballard High School Marching Band. This group performs at football and basketball games, pep assemblies and parades.

Jazz Band II

For beginning to intermediate wind and rhythm section players who would like to learn the art of playing jazz and the skill of improvisation. This group meets Mondays, Tuesdays, and Wednesdays each week.

Jazz Band I

A highly advanced ensemble for the most dedicated and skilled musicians. This ensemble competes at regional and national jazz competitions and festivals. This group meets Monday through Friday each week.

Jazz Band I and II are zero period classes meeting in the morning before school. Students earn full credit. To participate in Jazz Band I or II, students must audition and enroll in an instrumental music class during the school day.

Uniforms

Marching Band uniforms – same for both men and women.

Owned and maintained by the Ballard Performing Arts Department.

Uniforms will be fitted August 29th by parent volunteers. Upperclassmen will be fitted 8:30am-12:00pm and freshmen will be fitted 12:00pm-3:00pm following orientation. This is mandatory for all students. If you cannot make August 29th, please come on August 30th from 8:30am-12:00pm or contact the Band Family Rep, Patti Kashiwa at BPABbandrep@gmail.com. Uniforms are stored at school and checked out and in to students at each marching event. Band t-shirts are provided to students and must be worn under the marching band uniform. Band t-shirts must also be worn at pep assemblies and at all basketball games. Students must provide own black socks.

Men's Concert Uniforms

Owned and maintained by the Ballard Performing Arts and loaned to students for the school year and kept at home.

Tux jacket and pants, bow tie, cummerbund, garment bag and hanger

All men will be measured by a professional on either Monday Sept 9th or Tuesday Sept 10 from 3:00-5:00. This is mandatory for all men.

Students must provide:

Black socks, black dress shoes (no tennis shoes), tux shirt, cufflinks, and studs. Tux shirts, cufflinks and studs are available to purchase from Ted Brown Music, 1006 NE 50th St, 206-622-0171. The tux shirts cost \$19.99.

Women's Concert Uniforms

Owned and maintained by the Ballard Performing Arts and loaned to students for the school year and kept at home.

Black velvet top, black satin skirt, garment bag and hanger

All women will try on their concert clothes on August 29th, returning students from 8:30-12:00 and freshman/new students from 12:00pm-3:00pm following orientation.

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Student must provide:

Black, low heeled, closed toe dress shoes and black hose.

Fees

Music Department Annual Fee

\$155 yearly fee paid by all band students. Fee must be paid by September 15th, 2019. Each year we ask that all students pay a Music Department annual fee to help cover the cost of our operating expenses—sheet music, festival fees, transportation, uniforms, t-shirts, instrument repair, and uniform cleaning and maintenance. As many of you know, the Seattle Public School District funds only the teachers' salaries. Running a professional quality music program requires significant support from our community. We are grateful to our Ballard Performing Arts community, and deeply appreciate your support. Band students may participate in choir and/or orchestra without paying another fee. Jazz Bands and the percussion class include separate fees as described later.

Band camp

\$190 fee paid by all band students. Fee must be paid by July 1, 2019. Band camp is September 6-8 at Camp Seymour and includes all members of Concert Band, Symphonic Band, Wind Ensemble, and the percussion section. Band camp is a great opportunity for students to renew friendships and meet new incoming freshman. Students will participate in sectional practices and receive intensive field and parade marching skills.

ASB cards

\$35 fee required by the school of all marching band students. Fee must be paid by October 1st, 2019. Once all marching band students have purchased their ASB (Associated Student Body) card, the Music Department receives a significant allotment of money to help with our expenses. These cards can be purchased in the Activity Center next to the Commons.

Percussion Class

\$50 equipment fee paid by all percussion students. Fee must be paid by September 15th, 2019. The Ballard High School percussion section has been growing in skill and size in recent years, resulting in exciting new opportunities. As the students develop their musicianship and technique we have been able to play exciting percussion ensemble pieces that

demonstrate their talent. To continue with this positive momentum, we charge a percussion specific equipment fee of \$50 per year. This fee allows us to provide the students with the appropriate mallets, sticks, and equipment to maximize their musical progress.

Jazz Band I and II

\$100 coaching fee paid by Jazz Band II students. \$200 coaching fee paid by Jazz Band I students. Fee must be paid by September 15th, 2019. The Ballard Jazz program has established itself as one of the premier programs in the Northwest and beyond. Jazz Band 1 has been a two-time finalist at the Essentially Ellington festival in New York and the “Next Generation” Festival in Monterey, CA, has been invited multiple times to perform in Starbucks’ “Hot Java Cool Jazz” concert at the Paramount Theater, and has won 1st place at several local festivals and competitions including the Bellevue Jazz Festival, Viking Jazz Festival, and Mt. Hood Jazz Festival. The groups have an immense amount of talent and enthusiasm which brings potential for an extremely high level of success. To maintain our high level of performance and compete with the nation’s best jazz bands, we will provide the students with extra instruction including sectional and individual coaching and improvisation guidance. To provide the highest quality instruction available we charge coaching fees per year. These funds are necessary to maintain our status as a distinguished high school jazz program. This fee also includes a jazz band t-shirt.

How to Make Payments

Pay online - this is the preferred method. There are no extra fees and you will receive a receipt. You can also review if payment was made by checking over your credit card statements.

For payment link, go to www.ballardperformingarts.org and then under the BPA Families tab.

Pay by check made out to BPA and dropped off in the band room mailbox or postal mail to:
BHS Performing Arts Booster Club, P.O. Box 17774, Seattle, WA 98127.

The Music faculty, together with the Ballard High School Performing Arts Booster Club (BPABC), is committed to providing a high quality experience for all students who wish to participate in Performing Arts activities regardless of financial circumstances. If you are in need of scholarship assistance, please fill out the Scholarship Form found on the website under BPA Families / Forms and Payments and return it to your students’ teacher or to the P.O. Box listed above.

Estimated 2019-2020 trips & fees

- *Wind Ensemble:* Spring trip TBA estimated cost of \$400-\$500

Contacts

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Band Events

Uniform Fittings:

Aug 29 Marching Band Uniform Fitting

8:30am-12pm for returning students, 12pm-3pm for freshmen/new students

Aug 29 Women's Concert Uniform Fitting

8:30am-12pm for returning students, 12pm-3pm for freshmen/new students

Aug 30 Marching Band and Women's Concert Fitting if unavailable on Aug 29, 8:30am-12pm

Sept 9-10 Men's Concert Uniform Fittings, after school 3:00-5:00 at BHS (first full week of school)

Band Camp:

September 6-8 Camp Seymour

Ballard Performing Arts Boosters Meeting:

September 10 at 7:00pm BHS Library

Home Football Games at Memorial Stadium:

Sept. 21 Ballard vs. Rainier Beach 1pm

Sept. 27 Ballard vs. Lakeside 7:45pm

Oct. 4 Ballard vs Chief Sealth 5pm - Homecoming Halftime performance

Oct 25 Ballard vs. Bainbridge 7pm

Leavenworth Autumn Leaf Festival Parade:

Saturday, September Sept. 28 All day, Marching Band will travel by bus to/from



Ballard Performing Arts Fees Checklist

All BPA Students: please circle group

Band Choir Orchestra

_____ Camp Fee	Band \$190
_____ due July 1	Orch/Choir \$180

_____ Annual Program Fee \$155
due Sept 15

Program Specific Fees:

_____ Jazz I & II Fee	Jazz II \$100
Due Sept 15	Jazz I \$200

_____ Percussion Class Fee \$50
Due Sept 15

_____ Fiddle Ensemble Fee	\$200
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If you need financial assistance, please complete and return the scholarship form.

Interested in chaperoning at camp?

Name	Email
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