Jackson High School Band

- The Jackson High School Band program is open to all students in grades 9-12.
- Co-curricular, meaning there are requirements outside of the school day that are part of a student’s grade.
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Mr. Aaron Rex, Director of Bands
Mr. Ryan Hurd, Assistant Director
Mrs. Mary Elizabeth Billman, Assistant Director
Mr. Brett Floyd, Percussion Instructor
Ms. Tiffany Strong, Auxiliary Instructor
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- The Marching Ironmen are the largest band in Southeast Ohio, and the largest student activity at Jackson High School.

- Approximately 25% enrollment.

- Our students receive more “Superior” ratings at OMEA Adjudicated Events than any other music program in Southeast Ohio.
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☐ Students in the Jackson High School Band are at the top of their classes academically.

☐ Band members make up a high majority of honors organizations and are often selected as valedictorians.
#1 Myth about high school band: You can’t be in athletics and band.

THIS IS COMPLETELY FALSE!!!

The band directors do all they can to work with coaches to make sure students can be a part of multiple activities.

Some of the most talented athletes at Jackson are our most talented musicians.
High school band members are involved in all sports including volleyball, soccer, golf, cross country, basketball, wrestling, softball, baseball, and track as well as cheerleading and football.

High school band students are also involved in choir, art, drama, fair, student council, Hi-Q, and Youth in Government.
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Student Athletes 2015-2016
Every student will have the opportunity to go on at least one trip in high school band.

The Marching Ironmen have performed in Chicago, Niagara Falls, Washington D.C., and at Cedar Point, Kings Island, and Walt Disney World.

The next scheduled trip year is 2017-2018.
Marching Band

- Being in the Marching Ironmen is a requirement for enrollment in high school band.

- Marching band only takes place during summer band camp and the first 9 week grading period.
Concert Season

- Following marching season, students are auditioned and placed into two concert bands.

- The concert bands are the main focus for the 2nd, 3rd, and 4th grading periods.
Concert Band

- Mr. Ryan Hurd, director

- Concert Band presents a balanced program of technical development and musical performance. It is expected that all members work towards improvement and possible advancement into Symphonic Band. In addition to three concerts, Concert Band also attends the OMEA Large Group Adjudicated Event.

- Concert Band is open to all students 9-12.
Symphonic Band

- Mr. Aaron Rex, director

- Members of Symphonic Band represent the most advanced performers in the band program. Symphonic Band performs at a more advanced level and membership requires additional rehearsals outside the school day. In addition to three concerts, Symphonic Band also attends the OMEA Large Group Adjudicated Event.

- Symphonic Band is open to all students 9-12.
Pep Band

- During basketball season, the Pep Bands perform at select boys and girls games.
- All students enrolled in band are divided into three pep bands.
- Each student is only committed to 3 games.
Other opportunities are available to band students at the high school level.

- Jazz Band, Auxiliaries, Solo & Ensemble, OMEA Large Group, Pit Orchestra, Eisteddfod, and Honor Bands.
Jazz Band

- Meets during the school day as a class.

- Made up of saxophones, trumpets, trombones, piano, bass, guitar, drums, and vibes.

- Students who play non-tradition jazz instruments must meet certain requirements and gain special permission to join jazz band.

- Jazz Band is not a course to begin learning a secondary instrument.

- Students must also be enrolled in marching/concert band, unless they are members of the rhythm section that do not play a traditional band instrument.
Auxiliaries

- The Marching Ironmen include flags and majorettes.
- Experience is preferred, but not required.
- Auditions occur in the spring.
- Must be enrolled in band and play an instrument proficiently.
Auxiliary Requirements

- Auxiliaries are open to all band students in grades 9-12.
- The audition process will consist of three parts:
  1. Instrument Proficiency Assessment
  2. Marching Fundamentals
  3. Prepared Routine
- Students must pass all three parts to be considered for auxiliaries.
Auxiliary Requirements

☐ Students who do not currently play an instrument must first go through the process of joining band as a new member. No Senior “rookies” will be permitted to audition for auxiliaries.

☐ Students are in a concert band setting the majority of the school year. They must display a basic fundamental understanding of their instrument to be in band.

☐ Being a member of the auxiliaries is a privilege, not a right.

☐ Any auxiliary member unable to maintain expectations will be placed back on their instrument for the remainder of the season.
Drumline

☐ All percussionists must play a drumline placement audition.

☐ No student is “cut” from the drumline.

☐ These placements serve as way to place students on the instrument that is best suited to their abilities and make sure the drumline is balanced.
New Band Members

☐ Students going into grades 9-12 that have not played an instrument or took a “sabbatical” are permitted to join band on an instrument.

☐ Students are required to commit to weekly lessons with a director beginning in the spring and continuing through the summer.

☐ Students must make up for “lost time” and be at the level of a 3rd year player by band camp to be permitted to continue into the school year.

☐ Students must set up an appointment with a director by Spring Break to try instruments. Instruments available to students will be based on current needs of the band program.
There is a cost for first year members to cover shoes, summer uniform, gloves, flip folder/lyre, and uniform cleaning.

Auxiliaries must also purchase shoes and uniform parts.

Besides the cleaning fee, these can be one-time fees if students maintain uniform parts properly.

The approximate cost of these items is $100.00
March 7, 2016: Commitment Forms and $50.00 non-refundable deposits due. This covers the cost of everything except uniform cleaning, which is collected at the end of the school year.

May 2016: Auxiliary and Drumline clinics and auditions. More information will be available in April.

June 2016: A completed physical MUST be on file at the JHS that is good through December 2016.

July 18-22, 2016: Pre-camp rehearsals

July 24-28, 2016: Band Camp
Pre-Camp Schedule
(subject to change)

- **Monday**: Leadership Symposium - 9am-12pm
  Drumline - 5pm-9pm

- **Tuesday/Wednesday**: Woodwinds - 10am-12pm
  Brass/Auxiliaries - 1pm-3pm
  Drumline - 5pm-9pm

- **Thursday**: Rookie Camp - 9am-12pm
  Brass/Woodwinds/Auxiliaries - 1pm-3pm
  Drumline - 5pm-9pm

- **Friday**: FUNdamentals - 9am-12pm
  Brass/Woodwinds/Auxiliaries - 1pm-3pm
  Drumline - 5pm-9pm
Band Camp Schedule

- **Sunday:** Full Band Music/Auxiliary Rehearsal - 6pm-9pm

- **Monday-Thursday:** Outdoor Field Rehearsal - 9am-12pm  
  Lunch - 12pm-1pm *(provided by Band Boosters)*  
  Indoor Music Sectionals - 1pm-3pm  
  Activity - 3pm-3:30pm  
  Dinner Break - 3:30pm-6pm  
  Outdoor Field Rehearsal - 6pm-9pm

- **Friday:** Outdoor Field Rehearsal - 9am-12pm  
  Lunch - 12pm-1pm  
  Indoor Music Sectionals - 1pm-3pm  
  Dinner Break - 3pm-7pm  
  Meet the Band - 7pm
Questions?

☐ Being a member of the high school band can be a life-changing experience.

☐ Students will make friends and memories that will last a lifetime.

☐ Students gain life skills that scholarship committees and employers look for.

☐ Many students, parents, and community members express regret for not continuing on to high school band. Give it at least one year!

☐ Our band program is truly special. We are THE Pride of Jackson!