

The Seaholm Band has a number of different faces. These are the SHS Band names and configurations explained:

1) Marching Band: This is **everyone** (185-200) who is in band. This group performs at home football games, parades, festivals, and other engagements. The group operates in the fall during football season and then becomes dormant until next fall.

Freshmen Oboe, Bassoon, Bass Clarinet, and French Horn players: These players play a different instrument in the Marching Band. Options for these freshmen are: **Oboe or Bassoon:** flute, clarinet, saxophone, or cymbals; **Bass Clarinet:** soprano (your regular) clarinet; **French Horn:** mellophone (SHS provides this instrument. Same mouthpiece, fingerings almost identical.)

Percussion: All percussion players (including incoming 9th graders) play an audition in the spring to determine instrumentation. Instruments used in the Marching Band Drumline are: Snare Drum, Tenor Drums (quads), Bass Drums, and Cymbals.

2) 9th Grade Band: All 9th grade band members perform in this ensemble. This band plays concerts and festivals during the months of November through May.

3) Concert Band: The band is comprised of 10th and 11th graders. This band also plays concerts and festivals during the months of November through May.

4) Symphony Band: These are the most advanced players in the 10th-12th grade. An audition determines band assignment. They play concerts and festivals etc. during the months of November through May. This group is highly experienced and is recognized as one of the finest high school concert bands in Michigan. The majority of students study privately.

5) Combined Bands: Occasionally, both bands (Concert Band and Symphony Band) will combine to perform. This usually happens at our winter concerts or when the bands go on tour.

6) “AM & PM” Jazz Bands: These are **extra-curricular** groups of about 25 band students. It is limited to saxophone, trumpet, trombone, piano, bass, guitar, and drums. The group rehearses 1-2 times/week before and after school. The members are chosen based on audition only. These bands perform at concerts, the annual dinner dance fundraiser, and at other community events. Grades 9-12 are eligible.

7) Symphony Orchestra: An **extra-curricular** experience for approximately 20 players from the Symphony Band, who rehearse with the strings during the week. This forms the “full” or Symphony Orchestra. Invitation to this group is based on chair position earned on a student’s symphony band audition.

Band is a sequential class and is a three trimester requirement.