

Many students think that they don't have enough room in their schedule to take Band/Orchestra with all of the courses required for graduation. The truth is, you have more than enough room to take Band/Orchestra, your required courses, and courses you want to take just for fun. See the suggested course schedules to see how you can fit Band/Orchestra into your schedule.

Required Credits to Graduate

English	4.0	Math	3.0
Geography	1.0	Science	3.0
World Civ.	1.0	US History	1.0
US Gov	.50	Financial Lit.	.50
Health	.50	Comp. Tech	.50
PST	.50	Lifetime Fitness	.50
Elective PE	.50	Art	1.5
CTE	1.0	Electives	8.0

*Any courses marked "required" must be taken that year in school. All other courses can be taken at anytime.

Marching Band counts for Elective PE Credit, Art Credit, or Elective Credit
Band & Orchestra count for Art Credit or Elective Credit

Option 1

Suggested Schedule for 1 Music Class Every Year

Marching Band is offered after school
Bingham Symphony is offered before school

9th Grade

1 st Semester		2 nd Semester	
1	English (required)	1	English (required)
2	Math (required)	2	Math (required)
3	Science (required)	3	Science (required)
4	Geography (required)	4	Geography (required)
5	Band/Orchestra	5	Band/Orchestra
6	PST (required)	6	CTE/Comp Tech/Elective
7	Elective/Seminary	7	Elective/Seminary

10th Grade

1 st Semester		2 nd Semester	
1	English (required)	1	English (required)
2	Math (required)	2	Math (required)
3	Science (required)	3	Science (required)
4	World Civilization (required)	4	World Civilization (required)
5	Drivers Ed/Careers	5	Lifetime Fitness
6	Band/Orchestra	6	Band/Orchestra
7	Elective/Seminary	7	Elective/Seminary
8	Health/Foreign Language/Elective	8	Comp Tech/Foreign Language/Elective

11th Grade

1 st Semester		2 nd Semester	
1	English (required)	1	English (required)
2	Math (required)	2	Math (required)
3	Science (required)	3	Science (required)
4	US History (required)	4	US History (required)
5	Band/Orchestra	5	Band/Orchestra
6	CTE/Elective PE/Elective	6	Fin. Lit (can be taken 12 th)
7	Elective/Seminary	7	Elective/Seminary
8	Elective/Foreign Language/Health	8	Elective/Foreign Language/Comp Tech

12th Grade

1 st Semester		2 nd Semester	
1	English (required)	1	English (required)
2	US Gov. & Cit (required)	2	Elective
3	Band/Orchestra	3	Band/Orchestra
4	Elective/Seminary	4	Elective/Seminary
5	Elective/Health	5	Elective/Comp. Tech
6	Elective/Foreign Language	6	Elective/Foreign Language
7	Elective/CTE	7	Elective/CTE
8	Elective/Elective PE	8	Elective

Option 2

Suggested Schedule for 2 Music Classes Every Year

Marching Band is offered after school
Bingham Symphony is offered before school

9th Grade

1 st Semester		2 nd Semester	
1	English (required)	1	English (required)
2	Math (required)	2	Math (required)
3	Science (required)	3	Science (required)
4	Geography (required)	4	Geography (required)
5	Band/Orchestra	5	Band/Orchestra
6	PST (req.)	6	CTE
7	Elective/Seminary	7	Elective/Seminary

10th Grade

1 st Semester		2 nd Semester	
1	English (required)	1	English (required)
2	Math (required)	2	Math (required)
3	Science (required)	3	Science (required)
4	World Civilization (required)	4	World Civilization (required)
5	Drivers Ed/Careers	5	Lifetime Fitness
6	Band/Orchestra	6	Band/Orchestra
7	Band/Orchestra	7	Band/Orchestra
8	Elective/Seminary	8	Elective/Seminary

11th Grade

1 st Semester		2 nd Semester	
1	English (required)	1	English (required)
2	Math (required)	2	Math (required)
3	Science (required)	3	Science (required)
4	US History (required)	4	US History (required)
5	Band/Orchestra	5	Band/Orchestra
6	Band/Orchestra	6	Band/Orchestra
7	Elective/Seminary	7	Elective/Seminary
8	Elective/Foreign Language	8	Elective/Foreign Language

12th Grade

1 st Semester		2 nd Semester	
1	English (required)	1	English (required)
2	US Gov. & Cit (required)	2	Computer Tech
3	Band/Orchestra	3	Band/Orchestra
4	Band/Orchestra	4	Band/Orchestra
5	Elective/Seminary	5	Elective/Seminary
6	CTE	6	Elective/Elective PE
7	Financial Lit.	7	Health
8	Foreign Language/Elective	8	Foreign Language/Elective

Commonly Asked Questions about Band/Orchestra

Can I take Band/Orchestra every year and still have enough credits to graduate?

Yes! You have plenty of room to take music classes and still be able to complete your graduation requirements.

Does Band/Orchestra count towards my graduation requirements?

Yes! Band/orchestra counts towards your art credit and elective credit. You need 1.5 art credits to graduate and 8.0 elective credits. Once you complete your 1.5 art credit the rest of your music classes will count towards your elective credit.

If I take Marching Band will that count for my PE credit?

Yes! Marching Band will count towards your .50 elective PE credit. Do not get this confused with the .50 Lifetime Fitness credit, which it does not count towards. You are still required to complete Lifetime Fitness even if you take Marching Band.

Do I get credit for taking Marching Band after school or BHS orchestra before school?

Yes! Both classes will give you art credit or elective credit.

Can I take two Band/Orchestra Classes?

Yes! Keep in mind that this may cause for some creative schedule making. You might have to move around your schedule and push some of your required courses until your junior or senior year. Check the suggested course schedule to see how you can fit two music classes in your schedule. If you have questions about fitting everything in, talk to your counselor. If it is important for you to fit Band/Orchestra into your schedule, the counselors will work with you to help make that happen.

I need to take a foreign language class so I can meet the admission requirements for the U of U. I'm worried that I don't have room for music and foreign language. Can I take both?

Yes! There is room in your schedule to take both. However, you will need to do some careful planning to make both classes fit. Remember, foreign language will count towards your required elective credit but is not required for graduation. See the suggested course schedule to see how you can fit both of these classes into your schedule.

Suggestions to help fit Band/Orchestra into your schedule:

- Take early morning seminary
- Take Computer Tech in 11th or 12th grade instead of 10th or arrange your schedule to take Comp. Tech in 9th grade
- Take Health in 11th or 12th grade instead of 10th
- Take Financial Lit. in 12th grade instead of 11th
- Take Drivers Ed. During the summer
- If you are set on taking 2 years of a foreign language, wait until your junior and senior year to do so.
- Avoid becoming a Teacher's Aide or Office Aide
- Instead of taking additional PE classes, use Marching Band to count towards your elective PE credit
- Instead of taking additional art classes, use Band/Orchestra to count towards your art credit
- Instead of taking electives you're not interested in, use Band/Orchestra to count towards your elective credit.
- Wait to take AP classes your senior year when you have more room in your schedule.
- Take some of your required courses on-line through Electronic High School or through BYU Independent Study to free up some space in your schedule. Many students take US Gov/Cit, Health, Comp. Tech, Financial Lit, or Lifetime Fitness through Electronic High School or BYU. Talk to your counselor for more information if you are interested in doing this.
- Take core courses during the summer. Geometry, Algebra 1, Algebra 2, Biology, Chemistry, Earth Systems are often offered during the summer. This can help to get some of your core courses out of the way which will help free up your schedule for music classes.
- Take concurrent classes over the summer. Many concurrent classes count as elective credit only, but there are some that count towards core credit. If you're trying to get ahead and free up some space in your schedule, be sure you're taking the right classes to count where you need them to count.
- Take tech center courses in the afternoon rather than in the morning. This way you won't miss out on the main music classes at Bingham.
- If you have questions or concerns about trying to fit Band/Orchestra into your schedule talk to Mr. Graber, Mr. Thompson at Bingham or your counselor. We are all happy to help you arrange a schedule that fits your musical needs.