

Frequently Asked Questions

Welcome to the BHS Band Frequently Asked Questions. Incoming students and parents always have questions about joining the band and about going to a new school. Here you'll find an answer to most of those questions, and if you don't please give us a call! Head over to the [Contact Us](#) page for information on how to get in touch with our directors and staff members.

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Can parents attend trips as chaperones?

Although parents cannot chaperone, they may attend by making reservations through the Band Boosters. Parents are most welcome as spectators at all performances, both here in Bayonne, and wherever the Band may travel. Only licensed teachers are permitted to work with students as chaperones on all school trips.

How much does the band's overnight trip cost?

Our trips are always based on our annual curricular theme and always include musical activities. The cost of the trip varies depending on our destination and the Boosters will host several fund raisers to help students raise funds. While some overnights can be very expensive, we do our best to work with families and help them raise the money for the trip. Our large overnight trips include Disney World (\$400-\$600 per student) and New Orleans (\$800-\$1000 per student) and include everything except money for souvenirs! We only run overnight trips every other year, so families usually have two years to save and raise money for their students' trip fee. On "off" years where we do not have large

overnight trips we will run several smaller day trips.

Can I attend the Band's overnight trips?

The BHS Marching Band travels each year to perform at various locations across the country. Marching Band students are the only students allowed to attend these trips. Students who do not follow the attendance rules shall not attend the annual trip. Grade 8 students, regardless of their standing in the band, are not permitted to attend high school over night trips, but may attend day trips as long as they are not held on school days.

Does band camp cost anything? Is there a band camp fee?

Yes, there is a small fee of \$25 for band camp which covers the student's first uniform cleaning, gloves, a subscription to inTune magazine, and other band expenses. Marching Band students will also have to pay a small fee for our first band trip which happens at the end of band camp, a performance at Dorney Park and Wild Water Kingdom. The entrance fee is usually about \$20 – \$25. All students who participate in camp will also get a band tour shirt!

Do we go away for band camp?

No, band camp is held right here at Bayonne High School, usually during the last two weeks of August, just before we return to school.

What is Band Camp?

Band Camp is a summer activity where the Marching Band learns it's half-time show and music. Only Marching Band members are required to attend, however Pep Band students are encouraged to attend the music rehearsal portions of the camp in order to get a "jump start" on the music.

Do I have to march in Marching Band?

No! Freshman students are not required to march in our Marching

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Band or Pep Band, however, we ask that upperclassmen, including sophomores, juniors, and seniors, choose to participate in either marching band or pep band. So even as an upperclassmen, students are not required to march. For a description of Pep Band and Marching Band, please go to the [BHS Ensembles](#) page.
