

Band Department Philosophy Statement

The Waukee Band Program provides all students with opportunities to develop lifelong appreciation of music, take ownership over their own accomplishments, and contribute to something larger than themselves.

HS Foundations of Individual Musicianship Description

Foundations of Individual Musicianship is an extension of the band period. Individual and independent rehearsal techniques are expanded upon, supplemental music is prepared, and sight-reading skills are further developed. Students will explore different musical styles, composers, and current events in music and apply increased understanding to individual performance and audition opportunities. Concurrent enrollment in a high school band (Concert / Symphonic Band or Wind Symphony) is required.

Students will...

- Participate in guided individual practice time
- Develop personal goals and practice strategies relating to individual musical performance

HS Foundations of Individual Musicianship Units

- 1) Individual Music Performance, which includes the selection and performance of solo and/or small ensemble literature for a masterclass or performance setting
- 2) Regular one-on-one check-ins with band directors to better facilitate musical goal setting and evaluation
- 3) Honor Band preparation, including opportunities for interested students to participate in All-State and all District (SCIBA) honor bands as well as honor bands sponsored by area colleges and universities

Waukee CSD 6-12 Guiding Principles

- Responsive instruction and ongoing assessment are necessary for all learners to grow and progress.
- A body of evidence is used to determine proficiency.
- Course grades accurately communicate only academic achievement of the standards.
- Equitable practices and opportunities exist across all classrooms.