

LOVEJOY WILLOW SPRINGS BAND

Course options: We will assign students to the group that best fits their ability level using their 'final exam' playing test as well as our continuous evaluation throughout the year.

Wind Ensemble: Highest performing ensemble

Symphonic Band: Advanced group

Concert Band: On-level group

Time commitments

- Sectionals: All students will attend a sectional once a week. This will be scheduled to best fit around athletic practices. However, there is always overlap with 7th and 8th graders that may require extra communication between coaches and directors. We consistently communicate with coaches to ensure a solution for the student.
- Independent Practice: Just like in beginning band, middle school students are expected to prioritize practice like homework in other classes.

Grading

- Weekly Assignments: Just like in beginning band, we have a weekly video assignment for middle school students.
- Sectionals: minor grade for sectional attendance (one per week)
- Performances: major grades for public performances including pep rallies, football games, formal concerts and festivals.

Scheduling

	7 th Grade	8 th Grade
1	ELAR	ELAR
2	Science	Science
3	Social Studies	Social Studies
4	Math	Math
5	Math/elective if GT	Math/elective*
6	Band	Band
7	PE/Athletics/Elective	PE/Athletics/Elective
8	Elective	Elective

*8th grade single/double block math depends on performance and/or preference in 7th grade math; GT math is still single blocked

Read descriptions of sequential courses and decide if the 2nd is impactful enough for taking an entire year of elective spot to access.