



Frequently Asked Questions...

Q. Can I be in the Marching Band and still be involved in other school activities?

A. YES! It is possible to be in activities and sports as well as participate in marching band. The marching band season only takes place in the fall, so there are MANY options for students if they want to participate in other activities. Students that have been successful in the past have been very organized, diligent in their practice, and planned accordingly to plan through conflicts long in advance.

Q. What's the time commitment outside of school?

A. During the summer, the band rehearses once a week. Band camp is generally the first and second full weeks of August, which runs approximately the same length as a school day. During the fall we generally rehearse two nights a week. On Fridays, we attend football games, and also rehearse and attend competitions on several Saturdays in September and October. A regular season usually ends with the football season. Rehearsals and performances with the marching band will be some of the most memorable times of your high school experience!

Q. What can I gain from joining?

A. Opportunity! By joining the marching band you have: the opportunity to be a part of a positively life changing musical experience; the opportunity to travel and perform on a national stage; the opportunity to develop leadership skills; the opportunity to work with world renowned clinicians and staff; and the opportunity to form relationships that can have a lifetime lasting impact!

Need More Info?

email Mr. Pityk:

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~Marching Band Director~

Who Should Join?

Students who currently or once played any instrument are encouraged to join.

If you are interested in teamwork, playing great music, performing on a national stage, traveling and striving to be the best you can be...

Do not miss this opportunity!

It is never too late to join - many have joined their junior or senior year in high school and often wish they had joined sooner. If you are unsure...TRY IT!

VISIT THE KISKI BAND WEBSITE
WWW.KISKIAREABANDS.ORG



Director - Mr. Shawn Pityk
Asst. Director - Mr. Steve Pachesky





The Kiski Area Marching Band

Common misconceptions cleared up...

“All the band does is practice...”

During the fall, the band practices in the evenings two days during the week, and on Saturdays. Use any other team as a comparison, they usually practice every day and some on Saturdays as well.

“Marching Band is too hard...”

The marching band has a world class instructional staff that is ready to teach anyone who has a positive attitude and is willing to try their best.

“Marching costs too much money...”

It all can be raised through band booster fundraisers and they will work with you to help! The school district provides some financial support, but much of what we do is on our own. We have more than enough fundraising opportunities to cover all costs and then some.

“I’m worried about my grades...”

Do not worry! Most students actually perform better academically the first grading period because marching band forces them to be organized, to plan ahead, and to budget and balance the time they have very effectively. A very large percentage of students involved are honors students and also the best musicians.

HOW DO I JOIN?

You and a parent must complete the registration on FamilyID.

[Click here to register!](#)

What you need to register:

- *Student and Parent Info
- *Insurance/Medical/Physician info
- *All other Data entry is self explanatory
- *About 10 minutes of your time

If you have any questions at all,

please email Mr. Pityk at:

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What alumni have to say...

“Performances on a national stage, lifelong friendships, and fun surprisingly lie at the bottom of a list that also includes commitment, work ethic, integrity, and leadership. I meet alumni, instructors, or adjudicators involved with the marching activity from all over the country, and it always amazes me the respect that the name Kiski Area commands. It was an amazing opportunity! Don’t pass this one up!”

–Brandon Cochenour, PhD, 1999 Grad–
Electrical Engineer, US Navy

“The friends I met through the marching band program are the best friends that I have to this day. The values that band instilled, such as commitment to excellence, responsibility, dedication and teamwork have helped mold my professional development. The musicianship I learned with the Kiski Band program has lead to a successful secondary career as a freelance musician, teacher and music arranger. There was no better decision I could have made in school.”

–Rich Zabinski, 1986 Grad–
Director of Pharmacy, Providence Pharmacy Services, PA

“Functioning in the 21st century as a working musician constitutes operating yourself as a business. My time as a member of the Kiski Area Marching Band taught me that sincere, hard work and the ability to cohesively cooperate with others were essential elements for success in both music and in life. I am grateful for the lessons learned and am proud to be an alum of this wonderful program.”

–Jeff Bush, 1994 Grad–
Former lead trombonist with Harry Connick Jr.