

Why should I join BAND as a Freshman?

No one is judgmental, teachers or students, and everyone is ready to help to the best of their ability, when you ask for it. The people in this department are wonderful and they become another family.

-Marissa Webb, Senior, Mokena Jr. High

Band at East is an extremely rewarding and satisfying experience. Plus, it's a great break in your day of sitting at desks, and Wind Ensemble is Honors weighted!

-Alex Arseneau, Senior, Hickory Creek MS

You should join band as a freshman because it is a fantastic way to make new friends from other grades and schools.

-Allie Lundquist, Senior, Mokena Jr. High

I don't think I would be the person I am today if I didn't join band.

-Mike Bockwoldt, Senior, Hickory Creek MS

You will never know where band will take you. It can take you everywhere, or nowhere, it is all up to you. It will change your life!

-Jon Melton, Senior, Manhattan Jr. High

You should join band because in high school, it is much more interactive and is adapted to your skill level. I learned a lot more from playing with more experienced musicians than from my teachers.

-Danny Rymut, Freshman, Mokena Jr. High

It makes you feel like there's always someone there for you and there's always someone who's got your back.

-Kaylee Williams, Sophomore, Hickory Creek MS

You will get the chance to make some of the best friends you will ever have. Through band, I have broken out of my shell and become a more outgoing and confident person.

-Alyssa Anderson, Senior, Mokena Jr. High

Band has been one of the most rewarding experiences of my high school career.

-Clinton Green, Junior, Hickory Creek MS

You'll be able to grow in ways you could not even begin to imagine.

-Nicole Novak, Sophomore, Mokena Jr. High

You develop great, long lasting friendships and make memories that last a lifetime!
-Nathan Yurgin, Senior, Mokena Jr. High

If you are in marching band, you already have a network of people you know and can talk to, and starting school is much less stressful and scary.
-Brianna McKenna, Junior, Hickory Creek MS

Marching band is a whole new experience that everyone who has joined, loves!
-Ryan Siggins, Freshman, Hickory Creek MS

Let's face it; compared to middle school band, high school band is SO much better. You play interesting music and you make lots of new friends. When you're in band, *especially* marching band, you spend so much time with everyone that you will make a lot of good friends. You should really join marching band, and I hope you do. If not, at least join concert band because it is so much different than middle school band.
-Ryan Bortscheller, Sophomore, Hickory Creek MS

You should join band because it is something completely different from junior high. Join it or you will miss out!
-Jack McGrath, Senior, Mokena Jr. High

You'll make so many friends with older students, and let's face it, a Senior saying "hi" to you in the hallway makes you look and feel "cool."
-Jessica Sheetz, Junior, Mokena Jr. High

Music has helped me with my school work-I notice I have better grades, and music is a second language that my non-music friends regret not learning.
-Nicolette DiCosola, Senior, Hickory Creek MS

I went through all of junior high with the mentality of not joining marching band. When the time came, I joined on a whim and now am so thankful for that small decision I made one day at the end of 8th grade.
-Sierra Cady, Freshman, Mokena Jr. High

You meet so many new people, good people – especially if you get involved in any extra-curricular activities like jazz band, pep band, or marching band.
-Liam VanDril, Freshman, Hickory Creek MS

Band is the gateway to a whole world of musical enrichment. What you have done previously is only the beginning, there is much more fun to be had here at East.
-Mike Lizzo, Senior, Hickory Creek MS