

**COURSE: MARCHING BAND****Length:** 1st Quarter**Description**

The marching band is made up of students from all of the band ensembles. This group performs at football games, competitions, parades and at trip events. Students in this course learn not only music skills, but also teamwork, physical activity, organizational skills, confidence and friendship.

**Schedule**

2 weeks of band camp  
2 summer rehearsals  
After school rehearsals (3 per week)  
Friday night football games  
Weekend competitions

A full calendar of events can be seen at [www.turpinband.org](http://www.turpinband.org)

**Attendance**

Students enrolled in the course are expected to be at all scheduled activities. If a student has to miss an activity, it should be discussed with the band directors at least 2 weeks in advance of the absence. At that point, it will be determined if it is an excused or unexcused absence. If it is listed as an excused absence, the student will have the option of completing a makeup assignment for the missing grade. Excused absences are only granted for illness, funerals & injuries. Birthdays, work or other activities that could be done outside of practices and performances. are not excused.

**Grading**

Grading is mostly based on attendance and effort. A grade will be given for every practice and performance.

**Gym Exemption**

If a student completes 2 or more successful seasons of marching band, they can earn an exemption from the gym requirement for graduation.