



Flowery Branch Marching Bands

Who can participate?

High School band is for anyone interested in being part of our award-winning band program. Students join the program from the Davis Middle School and Academies of Discovery STEAM Band program but also have students who decide in high school to become part of our program. If you are a student who has not been in band before, we would love to have you. Contact Mr. Guisasola if you are interested in joining.

What is the time commitment?

- Summer Rehearsals (BAND CAMP) usually begin two to three weeks before the first day of school. Attached is a schedule for the summer of 2025.
- Once school begins, The Pride of the Darkside rehearses on some Mondays 6:30p-9:00p, Tuesdays 6:30-9:00 pm, and Thursdays from 4:00 – 6:30 pm from August to late-October. The Colorguard (flag/dance/rifles and other visual props) and Percussion will rehearse every Monday from 4:00 to 6:30pm.
- 10 or 12 football games (most Friday nights and typically some playoff appearances)
- 2 marching competitions (dates/sites TBA)
- Hosting of the Branch Classic Band Competition
- Winter Concert & Spring Concert

What is the financial commitment for the FBHS Marching Band?

Students are given many opportunities to raise the necessary funds to participate in our programs. Cost is dependent on what programs you participate in. The marching band costs \$550 which is consistent or lower than most programs at our school. . Students playing school-owned instruments will pay the traditional \$150.00 rental fee as required by the Hall County Schools.

What will I get out of being in the Flowery Branch HS Band?

- You will be a part of all school spirit songs, chants, and cheers- A band generally sets the habit of many school spirit activities, such as football games, pep rallies, etc.
- Memories of fantastic performances with other great students and some really sensational travel opportunities (Orlando, etc.).
- Many close friends who share your goals and desire for award-winning achievements.
- Most of all, you will learn discipline, teamwork, patience, tolerance, commitment, and love and respect for others.

How is the High School Band Program organized?

The FBHS Band will offer three levels of participation with varying levels of expectations.

- **TOTAL PROGRAM** -Students are expected to participate in all areas of the band program; meaning marching, symphonic, festivals, competitions, and parades. Students will also have the opportunity to participate in trips in-state and out-of-state

Special note to musical Football/Cheerleader type people: You too can be involved in the fantastic impact of the FBHS Band. We have a special plan just for you to continue to showcase all your talent.

FOOTBALL/CHEERLEADING TOTAL PROGRAM - 9th and 10th
Varsity Football and Varsity Cheerleaders can participate for Total Program recognition by participating in all areas of the band program, except half-time shows and marching festivals. You must however participate fully in symphonic concerts, parades and band evaluation performances. By participating fully in this manner you qualify for all opportunities provided to Total Program participants. See Mr. Guisasola for clarity of details.

CURRICULAR BAND - Students will participate in band classroom activities only, with no participation outside of the regular school day. Curricular Band means you are NOT eligible for any band awards or leadership honor in the FBHS Band. See Mr. Guisasola if clarity is needed.