

THE NORMAL MARCHING BAND



The Normal Marching Band is a program of the NCHS and NCWHS Bands. The group celebrates the rich traditions of excellence at Normal West and Normal Community High Schools by representing our schools, school district, and community on the local, regional, and national stages. Among other recognition in its first eight seasons, the NMB has been named Grand Champion of eleven competitions and received Division I ratings at Bands of America Regional and Super Regional Championships. The band has been the Class 6A Illinois State Marching Band Champions and the Governor's Grand Champion at the Illinois Marching Band Championships three times, and they are the 2025 Bands of America Iowa Regional Champions in their class. They have performed in the Chicago Thanksgiving Parade and the London New Year's Day Parade.



OPPORTUNITIES

We are excited about the teambuilding, collaboration, and leadership opportunities available to students in this group. Participating students develop self-discipline as well as musical and marching skills as a part of a high caliber band, drum line, front ensemble, and color guard.

The NMB is open to any woodwind, brass, or percussion student who fully commits to the rehearsal and performance schedules. Placement in the drum line and color guard is determined by audition. Additional information regarding these auditions will be distributed in the spring. The front ensemble (stationary percussion) is open to students who play a percussion instrument in a high school band class.

PARTICIPATION

The NMB is an extracurricular ensemble that rehearses outside of the school day. During the summer, there are rehearsals/camps held in June and late July/early August. Specific dates will be published early next semester. During the school year, rehearsals are typically held two evenings weekly as well as on Saturdays, often before competitions. Woodwind, Brass, and Percussion students who play in marching band must also register for a concert band class that meets during the school day. If you play oboe, bassoon, or another instrument that is not typically found in the marching band, there are options available for you to participate. The high school band directors would be happy to answer your questions and help you decide on an instrument that will work for you!



JOINING THE NMB

Additional information about the Normal Marching Band will be shared in the spring. Look for details in the months to come at normalmb.org. We feel very strongly about the quality of the young adults that participate in the marching band, and we are excited to invite you to participate! The experience will be one to remember for a lifetime!

