



Musicians in Auxiliary Unit Policy

The concert band is the heart of the school music program. This is the view of most music educators. The concert band was the first band in school music programs and dates back to the 1800's. Other groups such as jazz band and marching band are not included in many school programs. In fact, some directors are anti-marching band on the grounds that it detracts from music education which is our first priority. The central focus of the music program should be to help the students master their instruments, be exposed to top level band literature, and to foster a life-long love of the arts.

The Encinal Band Program will allow a select number of musicians to participate in our auxiliary units and Winterguard team. The number will be chosen each year depending on the needs of the units and the needs of the band. Maintaining the integrity of the band will always be of the utmost importance.

These musicians will play their instruments in the half-time show and the concert band throughout the year. They can perform with the auxiliary units during our street show. These crossover musicians must know their concert band music.

Most band programs do not allow this crossover. We here at Encinal have chosen to offer this option.