

Ola High School Band
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Awards Program

The Ola High School Band present the following singular awards annually:

THE JOHN PHILLIP SOUSA AWARD – is presented to a student selected by the director of bands on the basis of the student’s contributions to the band over the course of that student’s participation in the program in terms of musicianship, leadership, loyalty and dedication. This award is typically dedicated to a senior at the end of their high school career, but can be awarded to underclassmen if warranted.

THE LOUIS ARMSTRONG JAZZ AWARD - is presented to the outstanding member of the OHS Jazz Ensemble during that year. The recipient of this award is selected by the directors of the Jazz Ensemble. The jazz ensemble must be an extracurricular group in order to present this award.

SPIRIT OF OLA HIGH SCHOOL BAND AWARD – is presented to the band student who best represents the character and pride of the band organization. This award still focuses on strong musicianship, intelligence, and dedication. This is primarily an underclassman award, but can be awarded to a senior if applicable

OUTSTANDING INDIVIDUAL MARCHING BAND PERFORMER – is awarded to the most outstanding marching band member during the marching season. This award is based on dedication, attendance, musicianship, leadership, and integrity.

OUTSTANDING STUDENT AWARDS – are presented to all grade levels. The recipients of these awards are selected by the band directors, and are not based on points alone. These awards will be for class band, marching band, colorguard, and winterguard

The following class awards are presented on the basis of points earned by participation in band related activities:

FIRST YEAR AWARD – (A BAND LETTER) – A first year band student may earn this award based on earning 110 points from list below.

SECOND YEAR AWARD – (A LETTER BAR/PIN) – A second year band student may earn this award based on having earned 220 points during his/her first two years in band, or having earned 115 points during the second year alone.

THIRD YEAR AWARD – (A LETTER BAR/PIN) – A third year band student may earn this award based on having earned 330 points during his/her first three years in band, or having earned 120 points during the third year alone.

SENIOR PLAQUE – A fourth year band student may earn this award based on having earned 440 points during his/her four years in band or having earned 125 points during the senior year alone.

Basis for band Points Earned Ola High School Band Program

Participation in Marching band; A student may earn 60 points for participation in each marching band season. This total will be reduced by five points for each performance missed. This will be left to the director's discretion.

Participation in Wind Ensemble, Symphonic Band, Concert Band, or Percussion Class: A student may earn 50 points for participation in Wind Ensemble, Symphonic Band, Concert Band, or Percussion Class. This total will be reduced by ten points for each performance missed.

Participation in Jazz Ensemble: A student may earn 20 points for participation in Jazz Ensemble for the entire season.

Participation in District Honor Band: A student may earn 20 points for participation in the GMEA District Honor Band.

Participation in Solo and Ensemble Festival: A student may earn 20 points for participation in GMEA Solo and ensemble Festival and earning a rating of superior or excellent. Multiple credits are not given for multiple entries.

All State audition and participation: A student may earn 30 points for passing the final All-State audition and participating in one of the All State groups (All State Jazz Ensemble qualifies the student for these points).

Participation AYSO, AYWS, MYSO, Spivey Choir, Southern Crescent Orchestra, GHP (Music), Drum Corp International, Winter Guard International or Percussion Ensemble, etc. : A student may earn 20 points for participation in performing groups for the entire season. Such groups must be approved by the director. Church Orchestras, University Band Clinics such as (UGA Jan-Fest, South Carolina Band Clinic, Columbus State Band Clinic) while are encouraged will not be awarded.

All students who participate in a performing band will receive a certificate of participation, provided they meet the criteria below:

No student who misses a performance without an excuse approved by the director, or who has a grade in band **lower than a B is eligible to win any award during that year.

*** Colorguard students that are not enrolled in a band class must fulfill marching band obligations in order to be considered for the 9th, 10th, 11th, and 12th grade awards. CG students must earn 60 points per year for consideration.