

## **OBJECTIVES**

Band at Brighton High School provides its ensemble members with the means for musical as well as personal growth. Music education encourages the development of skills, knowledge, appreciation, attitudes, and cultural awareness to promote a lifelong enjoyment of music. It also promotes a learning environment which fosters personal growth in areas including teamwork and cooperation, self-esteem, confidence, personal and group pride, problem solving, higher thinking and leadership skills.

## **ELIGIBILITY**

All students at Brighton High School with experience in school music ensembles are eligible for enrollment in band. Enrollment in the Wind Ensemble is contingent upon an audition the spring semester prior to the school year.

## **AUDITIONS**

Parts will be assigned by the Director of Bands based on student ability, potential for growth, and the needs of the ensemble. All players will experience a rotation of various parts throughout the school year. Auditions for marching band auxiliary units will take place prior to the end of the preceding school year.

## **BHS COLOR GUARD**

The Brighton High School Color Guard prides itself in contributing to the visual effects that enhance the Brighton High School Marching Band's performance. We offer all Brighton High School students the chance to participate, whether they are involved in band classes or not. The BHS Color Guard team does not meet in a traditional class format to practice. Weekly sectionals will be held throughout the summer and outside of Marching Band practice in the fall to learn, rehearse, and memorize the choreography.

The Color Guard will hold **mandatory sectionals every Tuesday evening this season from 5-6:40 PM before the 7-9 PM Marching Band rehearsal**. Students that audition and are chosen to be on the **rifle line** will be expected to attend an **additional mandatory sectional on Wednesday evenings from 6-6:45 PM before the 7-9 PM Marching Band rehearsal**. A schedule detailing the weekly sectionals will be handed out to members. By signing the Color Guard contract, the students and their parents/guardians agree to honor this commitment. Excused absences from sectionals will need to be communicated to the color guard coach **at least one week ahead of time**. Failure to attend sectionals/rehearsals with an unexcused absence could result in a student being pulled from a performance.

The Color Guard will perform at all events that require Marching Band participation unless otherwise stated. This includes home football games, the Walled Lake Marching Band preview performance, MSBOA Marching Band festival, parades, trips, elementary/middle school tours, and Band-O-Rama. Please make sure to add all the events in this handbook to your calendar.

***\*Twirlers are expected to attend the Tuesday sectionals as well!***