

The HHS Band

In 1960, Mr. Doyle Marsh, then Band Director at Red Boiling Springs High School was on his way to his Goodlettsville, TN farm (then about a two hour drive), when he noticed a hand-painted sign on Gallatin Road which advertised for a “Band Director: Hendersonville High School.” According to Marsh, he went in and met the principal and was hired on the spot! Since its beginning in 1961, the HHS Band has maintained a record of excellence under the direction of musicians like Marsh (also a songwriter), Rufus Long (Airmen of the Note), Gary Weaver (pianist, Boots Randolph), and Don Adams (London Symphony).

With performances at events such as the Orange Bowl, the Outback Bowl, the Tennessee Music Education Association, MENC, and theme parks from Disneyworld to Canada’s Wonderland, the HHS Bands have consistently represented the community and state as musical ambassadors. The HHS Band has also performed at several marching band events in Tennessee, Kentucky, Alabama and Georgia. The Hendersonville Band and Orchestra program continually places over 25% of its membership in the MTSBOA Mid-State ensembles and has a rich tradition of superior ratings in concert, sight reading and marching performances. Members of the HHS Band have performed or are currently performing in university and military bands throughout the nation.

Graduates of the HHS Band perform in college, university and military bands throughout the United States and many are currently band, orchestra, and choral directors and professional musicians. From the class of 2009’s 21 band and orchestra seniors, 11 received music scholarships and will continue their music education on their instruments. This is typical of HHS alumni, and we are proud to offer our students an experience that they use throughout their lives.

The current instrumental program at Hendersonville High School includes 9th Grade Concert Band, Symphonic Band, and String Orchestra classes in addition to

courses in Music Theory and Harmony and AP Music Theory. After school activities include marching band and jazz ensemble.