



GREETINGS NEIGHBOR!

We at Alonso High School know it is exciting for students to begin thinking about their transition from middle school to high school. The staff of the Alonso High School Bands would like to remind you that Alonso is in your zone, and we hope that you are considering attending our high school and becoming a member of our award-winning band program.



DID YOU KNOW ALONSO IS AN IBO WORLD SCHOOL?

Alonso High School is an authorized International Baccalaureate World School offering the Diploma Programme, which aims to develop inquiring, knowledgeable and caring young people through intercultural understanding and rigorous assessment to students who flourish physically, intellectually, emotionally, and ethically. Applicants who are accepted to the Magnet IB Program at Alonso High will have the IB structure and lessons driving their learning process.

- Alonso IB has smaller student-teacher ratios compared to other Hillsborough IB schools.
- Alonso IB programme offers foreign language opportunities that are unique to our school.
- IB students can use afterschool band rehearsals towards CAS hours as part of the required activity hours
- Able to attend band class everyday AND still have a study hall to do classwork
- Alonso has over 23 diverse AP course offerings.

- The average GPA of the current Class of 2022 is 3.7, well above the average GPA requirement of most state universities and colleges.
- Alonso offers 11 courses that aims for full industry certification including Agriculture, Veterinary, Marketing and more!



ABOUT ALONSO HIGH SCHOOL BANDS

Those who join our band program learn music, perform with friends, travel together, and experience personal benefits and achievements. All courses listed in the curriculum satisfy the Fine Arts graduation requirement.

ENSEMBLES:

Marching Band • Concert Band • Symphonic Band • Wind Ensemble • Jazz Band • Dance / Guard

COURSE SELECTIONS:

Band 1	Grade 9
Band 2, 3, 4	Grades 10, 11, 12
Band 5, 6 Honors	Grades 11, 12
Jazz Ensemble 1, 2, 3,	Grades 9, 10, 11
Jazz Ensemble 4 Honors	Grades 11, 12
Instrumental Ensemble 1, 2, 3, 4	Grades 9, 10, 11, 12
Eurythmics 1, 2, 3, 4	Grades 9, 10, 11, 12



Alumni of Alonso Bands include multiple valedictorians, salutatorians, and National Merit finalists. Our students attend many top colleges including, Notre Dame, University of Florida, FSU, University of Tampa and many more.

AWARD WINNING

- First-in-class at West Coast Invitational 2019
- Consistent Superior ratings at Lion’s Pride, including 2020-2021
- Consistent Superior rated performances at MPA (Marching, Dance and Concert).
- Top 3 largest high school band program in HCPS
- History of All-State, All-County, and Master Musician students.



CAN I DO BAND AND....?

Our members participate in high level academics (AP, IB Programme and dual enrollment courses), JV/Varsity sports including football, flag football, tennis, soccer, baseball, basketball and more), many have jobs outside of school, and many are also part of other campus organizations such as AFJROTC, National Honor Society, Choir, Orchestra, Theater/Encore, AHS leadership, SGA and more!

CAN BAND HELP ME GET INTO COLLEGE?

College admissions officers clearly state that students who participate in arts classes (such as BAND) have an advantage over students who do not.

- Music program participation can help students “stand out” on applications.
- Enrollment in music classes over multiple years is valued more by universities than extra years of a foreign language or supplemental math courses.
- Being a part of band over multiple years, shows colleges a student has determination, social skills to work in a group, creativity and problem solving, and extracurricular interest.



OTHER BENEFITS OF MUSIC

- Being a part of band can help ease the transition to high school by giving students a sense of belonging, confidence, and identity on day one of classes.
- Students who participate in music programs on average have higher SAT scores than students who do not participate in music.

- Music students have higher self-esteem and are better at coping with anxiety.
- Music programs require teamwork as part of a band or orchestra. In these groups, students will learn how to work together and build camaraderie.
- With encouragement from teachers and parents, students playing a musical instrument can build pride and confidence. Musical education is also likely to develop better communication skills.

LEARN MORE

Scan these codes to learn more about Alonso High School and Alonso Bands:

Alonso High School Bands
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Band



Alonso High School
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