



Band and Orchestra instruction in a Christian environment

Spring 2026

Program Director: Eric (Rick) Brown www.ohbo.org for general questions: info@ohbo.org

Rehearsals - Tuesday Afternoons

Beginning Band	11:30-12:55	Beginning Orchestra	11:30-12:55
Junior Intermediate Band	1:00-2:25	Junior Intermediate Orchestra	1:00-2:25
Senior Intermediate Band	2:30-3:55	Senior Intermediate Orchestra	2:30-3:55
Advanced Band	4:30-6:00	Advanced Orchestra	4:00-5:30

Additional sections and sectionals scheduled as necessary See reverse for calendar

Dress code for rehearsals:

Girls: No low necklines, no bare midriff or bare back, no undergarments showing.
Jeans/slacks/modest length shorts or skirt/dress; T shirts/tops

Boys: No undergarments showing. Jeans/slacks/modest length shorts; T shirts/collared shirts

Location – **West Hills Church 3015 S 82nd Ave, Omaha NE**

Ensemble Directors:

Advanced and Senior Intermediate Bands

Rick Brown: Music Ed degree UNO, 35+ years teaching music
402-227-2147 eric.brown@ohbo.org

Advanced and Senior Intermediate Orchestras

Becky Gafford: Music Major at Grace University, Music teacher and performer
712-310-7234 becky.gafford@ohbo.org

Beginning and Junior Intermediate Bands

Becky Gann: Music Ed degree University Southern Miss, Master of Music UNL
719-432-9914 becky.gann@ohbo.org

Junior Intermediate Orchestra

Ruth Cunningham: Music and Business degrees -Wheaton College, Teacher and Performer
907-350-5343 ruth.cunningham@ohbo.org

Beginning Orchestra

Michelle Sheets: Studied music at IWCC, teacher and performer
402-595-0003 michelle.sheets@ohbo.org

Registration at www.ohbo.org/register; Now payment option online!

\$150 for first student in any ensemble per semester

\$100 for each additional student in the family (Fifth or more student or ensemble FREE!)

\$100 for each additional ensemble

Due January 27th, 2026 Please write checks to Omaha Homeschool Band and Orchestra or OHBO

Required Method Books:

Band

Beginning and Junior Intermediate:

Standard of Excellence-Comprehensive,

Book 1

Senior Intermediate: *Standard of*

Excellence-Comprehensive, Book 2

Advanced: *no method book*

Orchestra

Beginning: *Essential Elements-Strings,*

Book 1

Junior Intermediate: *Essential Elements-Strings, Book 2*

Senior Intermediate: *Essential Technique For Strings—Intermediate Technique*

Studies

Advanced: *no method book*

Materials available through Schmitt or Dietze Music, jwpepper.com or sharmusic.com

Spring 2026 Calendar

- January 13th regular rehearsals
- January 20th regular rehearsals
- January 27th regular rehearsals
- February 3rd regular rehearsals
- February 10th regular rehearsals
- February 17th regular rehearsals
- February 24th regular rehearsals
- March 3rd regular rehearsals
- March 10th SPRING BREAK, NO REHEARSALS
- March 17th regular rehearsals
- March 24th regular rehearsals
- March 31st regular rehearsals PLUS pizza/evening rehearsal for ADVANCED players AND auditions for concert preludes due, send (mp format preferred) to info@ohbo.org
- April 7th regular rehearsals
Adjusted concert schedule
- April 14th regular rehearsals AND Spring Concert for Senior Intermediate Band, Senior Intermediate Orchestra, Advanced Band and Advanced Orchestra at Papillion-LaVista High School 303 E Cary St, Papillion, NE, 7:00 pm
- April 21st Spring Concert for Beginning Band, Beginning Orchestra, Junior Intermediate Band and Junior Intermediate Orchestra at West Hills Church, 3015 S 82nd Avenue, Omaha, NE 68124, 7:00 pm

Concert dress:

Beginners and Junior Intermediates: Shirt and tie, slacks for boys. Modest dress, shirt and skirt or slacks for girls

Advanced and Senior Intermediate Men: black dress pants, black dress shoes and socks, a long sleeve black dress shirt, and purchase a long necktie from OHBO.

Advanced and Senior Intermediate Women: floor length black dress, short or long sleeved, with a modest neckline, or a floor length black skirt with a long or short sleeved black blouse.