

KETTERING BANDS AWARDS PROGRAM

All WK band students are eligible to earn seven separate, progressive awards for participation in WKHS band activities. Students keep track of the activities they participated in throughout the school year, and then in May they will enter them on their "WK Bands Awards Program Tally Sheet" (usually available from the Director in mid-May). Awards can be earned based on the accumulation of points given for each activity. Here are some general guidelines for awards:

1. Points accumulate from year to year, beginning with marching band camp of the member's first year;
2. For students that transfer to Kettering, points accumulated from other high schools will transfer to our award system, or some means of figuring out points will be determined so they can receive credit;
3. Points become void whenever a member terminates his or her membership in the Kettering Bands. If the member rejoins, they must begin accumulating points again beginning with **zero**;
4. Students must keep track of their own points; Directors will not do this for you; after the final deadline for completing your activities on your form, you will NOT be able to adjust your points for the year or add any points. It is OK, however, to put down activities that you are reasonably sure you WILL do (like the Memorial Day Parade, Spring Band Pops Concert, etc.).
5. If you do not turn your Tally Sheet in by the stated deadline, there is no guarantee that you will receive your award(s) for the year...you may have to wait until the following school year.
6. Awards are presented at the annual Spring Band Awards Banquet. All WKHS band students are invited to attend the banquet.

Level	Award Level	Item Awarded	Points Required
1	Varsity	WK Varsity Letter, "Band"	3,000
2	Bronze	"Band" Pin	6,000
3	Silver	"Band" Medal	10,000
4	Gold	Gold Necklace w/"Band" Charm	15,000
5	Platinum	Customized Plaque	25,000
6	Diamond	Customized Trophy & Medallion	35,000
7	Double Diamond	Customized Plaque, Trophy & Medallion	45,000

Please note that the amount of points needed to achieve the next award level is larger each year. Earning a Diamond or Double Diamond award is quite difficult and cannot be accomplished by becoming an active member your junior and senior years. If you are striving for those awards, you must be active from your very first year and will need to STAY active!

Points can be earned in many different ways. Special events and opportunities for band points will be announced periodically. The following is an example of points that can be earned, but any band activity outside of the regular school day can be counted for points.

General Information & How Points Are Given (some actual point amounts may differ on the points sheet):

Activity	Points
Marching Band Camp	800
Private Lessons (year)	500
Solo (district)	300
Ensemble (district)	200
Solo (state)	400
Ensemble (state)	300
All-District Honor Band	200
Perform with WK Orchestra	100
Pit Orchestra for Musical	400

Activity	Points
Parades	100
Concerts	100
Football Games	50
Jazz Band	200
Educational Band Trips	300
1-week summer music camp	250
2-week summer music camp	500
Tag Days, band service	50
Other (see your form for more options)	Variable

SPECIAL AWARDS

In addition to the awards mentioned above, special awards are given at the Band Banquet each year. They are explained below:

MUSICAL ACHIEVEMENT AWARD

This award is given to sophomore or junior students who have excelled in performance during the school years and show exceptional skill on their instrument.



THE NATIONAL SCHOOL MARCHING AWARD

The junior or senior who does the most to support and inspire others in the marching band.



JOHN PHILIP SOUSA AWARD

The John Philip Sousa Band Award is presented to a junior or senior who does the most to support and assist the band program and the Director.

The John Philip Sousa Band Award is presented to a junior or senior band member who has displayed an outstanding role in their participation and dedication to the band program. This person has been above and beyond the call of duty in their leadership, commitment, and time spent serving the band program.



THE ARION FOUNDATION AWARD

A junior or senior who is one of the most accomplished musicians, as based on State Solo & Ensemble soloist scores, All-State Bands, etc.

The Arion Award is a prestigious national award presented annually by the WKHS Bands to a junior or senior band student based on their outstanding performing abilities, their contribution to the overall band program, their scholastic standing, and their demonstration of high personal and professional qualities in keeping with school standards.



THE LOUIS ARMSTRONG AWARD

The sophomore, junior or senior who is the best jazzer.

The Louis Armstrong Jazz Award is presented to an outstanding sophomore, junior or senior member of the Jazz Ensemble who has shown outstanding achievement in jazz performance.



THE WKHS BAND STUDENT OF THE YEAR AWARD

The senior whose all-around musicianship and leadership has done the most to inspire others.

This award is presented to a band senior who, by participation and proficient musical example, has been an inspiration to his or her fellow students in instrumental music over the past four years. This award is displayed, along with the student's picture, on the wall across from the North Gym with all other WK academic and leadership awards.

