

Here are some Frequently Asked Questions (with answers!) about Concert Band and Choir at Terry Fox

1 When does Concert Band and Choir happen?

Concert Band and Choir takes place at the end of the school day (not before). Classes happen every other day (alternating day 1s and day 2s) during block E for the entire year. E.g. Choir day 1, and Concert Band day 2.

2. Are Concert Band and Choir graded/credited courses for graduation?

YES!

3. Is there anything else important that I should know about how Concert Band and Choir are timetabled?

Although most students take 8 classes a year, because Terry Fox is on a 5-block day, students can take up to 10 classes per year. Many music students take Concert Band and/or Choir as a 9th or 10th course because it is fun, connects them to a great community, and comes with great extracurricular experiences and opportunities 😊.

4. Do I need any previous experience?

For Concert Band, it helps to have played an instrument previously or to read sheet music. For Choir, no previous experience is necessary - your job is to come with a love of music and an interest in singing, and Mr. Cho's job is to teach you to sing!

5. Do I need my own instrument for Concert Band?

No. If you would like to bring your own instrument, that is great, but we also have a supply of regularly cleaned and maintained school instruments for students to use.

6. Can I do Concert Band and Choir while I am also doing STEAM, or Athletics, or other arts classes?

YES! In fact, we have lots of students involved with multiple things or groups. We have students who do Concert Band, Rock School, and STEAM, or Choir, Drama, and Tennis, etc. They are often some of our best Concert Band and Choir students, and we encourage them to take advantage of every opportunity that interests them!

7. Are there any other benefits to doing things like Concert Band and Choir?

When applying to universities, colleges, scholarships, or bursaries after high school, many admissions or scholarship officers value students who are involved with Concert Band and/or Choir specifically! Taking additional music classes often helps to boost students' overall grade point average (GPA).

8. When should I sign up?

If you are interested in any music course, **make sure to sign up in February/March when you sign up for all your other classes** (like math and science). Be sure to also double check your course selection form before you submit it and follow up with your counsellor if you see an error.

We hope you decide to join the music department family when you get to Terry Fox. If you have any additional questions, feel free to email Mr. Cho! You can reach him at rcho@sd43.bc.ca.