



Smithsonian  
*Anacostia Community Museum*

***Banding Together: School Bands as Instruments of Opportunity***

Exhibition Questions and Activities  
Grades 7 to 12

Before Your Museum Visit

- Are school bands important? Please explain.
- Which instrument would/do you play in a school band, and why?
- Describe a junior, middle, or high school band in your community. Which kinds of music does this band play?

Museum Exhibition Activity

- Students will tour the exhibition and discuss the impact of high school bands on themselves and their communities.
- Students will review the exhibition with the aid of essay questions, which they will keep.
- Students will view a short video interview that shows a variety of school band performances.

After Your Museum Visit

Suggested essay or journal topics:

- Which skills are required of a band member, drum major, and band director?
- How might school bands change in the next 100 years?
- How do you think people can support high school bands?