

WATKINS OVERTON HIGH SCHOOL ENSEMBLES

The Wind Ensemble

A consistent **Tennessee Sweepstakes Award** winner, the **Watkins Overton High School Wind Ensemble** is the premiere instrumental ensemble at WOHS, and is comprised of the finest wind and percussion students in the band program. The ensemble has performed at local, regional, and national conferences including; the **Tennessee Music Educators Association State Conference**, **The Music Educators National Conference**, and the **Mid-West Band and Orchestra Clinic**. The ensemble has received superior ratings at contest and sight-reading for the past 15 years and continues to set the standard in concert band performance. The ensemble is conducted by **Dr. Reginald M. Houze, Director of Bands**.

The Symphonic Band

The **Watkins Overton High School Symphonic Band** is the largest concert organization in the program and is comprised of students from grades 9-12. The Symphonic Band strives to achieve excellence in rehearsal and performances, and provides its audiences with a great variety of repertoire from all music periods, cultures, and styles. The group performs and competes on the local, regional, and national levels. The ensemble rehearses is conducted by **Andrew L. Rhodes, Associate Director of Bands**.

Marching Band

Known as the Marching Wolverines, this ensemble is composed of students grade 9-12 and serves as a spirit leader for the Overton High School community. The marching ensemble maintains an active schedule in the fall performing at home football games and a competitive marching band contest season. A commitment to creative programming and superior performances make this ensemble one of the finest in the region.

The Jazz Band

The jazz program at Overton High School has a long-standing tradition of excellence and is recognized on the national level as one of the premiere high school ensembles of its kind. Recent performances include the **North Texas Jazz Festival** and the **Savannah Music Festival** in 2008. The ensemble performs repertoire from a variety of styles and maintains an active performing schedule in and around the mid-south region. Auditions are held at the beginning of each year and are open to all interested students admitted to the band program. The ensemble is conducted by **Jeff Huddleston, Director of Jazz Studies**.