

If you are reading this section of the Fayetteville Band website you are probably a thoughtful person. If you are considering becoming a member of the Fayetteville Band you have already made one good decision. After you examine all the benefits of being a band member and actually make the decision to join the Fayetteville Band you will have made a great decision.

As my son has been in the Fayetteville Band and I have seen what happens to a band member, if they grasp the opportunity, from the time entered until graduation. Below are just a few of the things I have observed of the transformation of band members:

- 1) Learning the value of hard work – band isn't easy, but it's fun work where rewards are clearly visible with precision performance.
- 2) Learning attention to detail – precision work and performance require attention to the small things.
- 3) Learning the value of competition – the Fayetteville Band competes with bands in contests from around the United States. You'll see the best of the best in high school bands and you'll have a chance to be the best of the best.
- 4) Going to and participating in world-class events which are televised worldwide.
- 5) Being able to see and experience places from a vantage point only a very small percentage of musicians are ever able to experience while they are students.
- 6) Learning the value of teamwork – you'll learn how to work on a team and regardless of which career direction is taken after graduation, you'll already know how to work on a team.
- 7) If you are a little low on self-confidence or already have plenty of self-confidence, you'll gain the additional confidence you'll need to be a success after you graduate whether it's in school or in a career.

I hope you choose to join the Fayetteville Band just like my son. If you do you're in for a lot of hard work, but you'll be rewarded beyond your greatest imagination and you will have made a great decision which you'll never regret.

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