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**How has the band helped me grow socially?**

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**How has the Band helped to get me into shape as well as mature?**

Even though there are several parts to the band program, I have done marching band for three years now. Marching in a band is basically a very long workout session, lots of core, and depending on the instrument lots of weight lifting.  
The state of Indiana recognizes Marching band as a sport, and any takes will and determination to be successful. I didn't used to want to lead anyone but since I have joined band I have become a leader within the program and Hope that my Senior year I am chosen to be a Drum Major and help lead the whole band to a state championship.

**Finally how the band has helped me with the pursuit of happiness and empathy for others.**

I used to look at peoples problems and think "oh well not my problem" but after seeing how the seniors and leaders handled problems such as helping people with their issues before their own, I understand what it means to be a true leader...in band and in life.



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