

Manitoba Band Association

Manitoba School Survey (2007)

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In January 2007, the Manitoba Band Association undertook a comprehensive survey of school band programs in Manitoba. The survey asked band directors to respond to questions about program enrollment, course credit, teaching position, timetables and funding

The two-page survey was similar to surveys conducted in 1997 and 2002. On each occasion the majority of directors returned their survey by fax or email. All others were surveyed by telephone. In the end, every known school band program in Manitoba was represented!

So what did the survey say?

1. The Big Picture

As in 2002, the survey identified 275 school based band programs in Manitoba. Of the 85,409 Grade 4-12 students who were offered band, 25,170 (29.5%) were enrolled in band.

	<u>1997</u>	<u>2002</u>	<u>2007</u>
Manitoba Schools offering Band	243	275	275
Students Offered Band	71,938	79,575	85,409
Students Enrolled in Band	21,409	24,917	25,170
Percentage of Students Enrolled in Band	29.8%	31.3%	29.5%

School band is offered where as few as 5 and as many as 1,700 students attend. Band is compulsory in 21 schools (grades range from 4-9). Generally smaller schools have a higher percentage of students in the program.

Students in Band in Manitoba	Schools			Students			Average Students per School		
	<u>97</u>	<u>02</u>	<u>07</u>	<u>97</u>	<u>02</u>	<u>07</u>	<u>97</u>	<u>02</u>	<u>07</u>
Grade 4	7	2	2	16	21	19	2	11	10
Grade 5	25	21	21	339	377	332	14	18	16
Grade 6	74	97	110	1881	3285	3791	25	34	34
Grade 7	180	211	204	6172	7039	6826	34	33	33
Grade 8	180	207	204	4733	5359	5537	26	26	27
Grade 9	138	144	145	3638	3677	3560	26	26	25
Grade 10	98	106	109	2054	2350	2316	21	22	21
Grade 11	95	104	107	1481	1668	1620	16	16	15
Grade 12	95	103	106	1095	1151	1169	12	11	11

By Region	Central			Eastman			Interlake			Norman		
	97	02	07	97	02	07	97	02	07	97	02	07
Grade 4	12	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Grade 5	190	214	159	50	84	87	0	0	0	0	0	0
Grade 6	294	290	312	50	148	386	5	139	159	110	176	176
Grade 7	661	680	676	493	600	794	154	202	222	242	248	194
Grade 8	522	578	565	398	464	729	74	177	179	158	187	147
Grade 9	461	441	343	290	351	460	48	114	140	110	110	111
Grade 10	331	303	293	161	229	244	53	93	110	73	67	68
Grade 11	193	205	212	120	163	118	49	62	68	49	41	53
Grade 12	<u>132</u>	<u>168</u>	<u>146</u>	<u>89</u>	<u>101</u>	<u>100</u>	<u>16</u>	<u>50</u>	<u>66</u>	<u>54</u>	<u>44</u>	<u>61</u>
Total	2796	2879	2706	1651	2140	2918	399	837	944	796	873	810
Eligible	7730	8107	8526	5504	7188	9168	1830	2639	3443	3202	3462	3174
% Enrolled	36%	36%	32%	30%	30%	32%	22%	32%	27%	25%	25%	26%
Schools offering Band	37	42	36	15	28	34	8	12	13	15	15	12
Average # in Band	76	69	75	110	76	86	50	70	73	53	58	68

By Region	Parkland			Westman			Winnipeg		
	97	02	07	97	02	07	97	02	07
Grade 4	4	21	11	0	0	0	0	0	8
Grade 5	69	49	64	11	0	7	19	30	15
Grade 6	72	46	61	376	371	348	974	2115	2349
Grade 7	300	276	259	763	755	663	3559	4278	4018
Grade 8	202	208	222	592	582	509	2787	3163	3186
Grade 9	187	114	83	459	378	329	2083	2169	2094
Grade 10	65	95	48	305	272	255	1066	1291	1298
Grade 11	40	49	31	246	198	208	784	950	930
Grade 12	<u>19</u>	<u>33</u>	<u>12</u>	<u>158</u>	<u>145</u>	<u>155</u>	<u>627</u>	<u>610</u>	<u>629</u>
Total	958	891	791	2910	2701	2474	11899	14606	14527
Eligible	2618	2197	2275	8108	8468	7967	42946	47514	50856
% Enrolled	37%	41%	35%	36%	32%	31%	28%	31%	29%
Schools offering Band	16	13	13	43	47	48	109	118	119
Average # in Band	60	69	61	68	57	52	109	124	122

Most schools offer band beginning in Grade 6 or 7. As students grow older they are offered increasing course options. The biggest enrollment drop in band occurs after Grade 8 when most students move to a senior high school.

In 2007, 17% of those enrolled in band in Grade 7 were still in the band program in Grade 12. The following table charts the pattern. Grade 7 is used as the base of comparison as most students have begun their band experience by then.

Provincial Enrolment	Percentage			Students		
	<u>1997</u>	<u>2002</u>	<u>2007</u>	<u>1997</u>	<u>2002</u>	<u>2007</u>
Grade 7	100%	100%	100%	6172	7039	6826
Grade 8	77%	76%	81%	4733	5359	5537
Grade 9	59%	52%	52%	3638	3677	3560
Grade 10	33%	34%	34%	2054	2350	2316
Grade 11	24%	24%	24%	1481	1668	1620
Grade 12	18%	16%	17%	1095	1151	1169

2. Concert and Jazz Band Credit in Grade 9-12

Almost all grade 9-12 students receive credit for concert band study.

Concert Band	Full Credit	Half Credit	No Credit
1997	79%	19%	2%
2002	88%	7%	5%
2007	92%	6%	1%

Although jazz band is less likely to be taught and much less likely to be offered for credit, it appears that the introduction of a provincially recognized credit in 1998 resulted in more schools offering jazz study.

In the past five years there has been a slight increase in the number of schools that do not offer jazz band to grade 9-12 students. At the same time, more schools offer jazz band for credit and almost half offer it as a full credit.

Jazz Band	Full Credit	Half Credit	No Credit	Not Offered
1997	28%	16%	18%	38%
2002	41%	23%	14%	22%
2007	46%	20%	8%	26%

3. Teachers and Teaching Load

There were 233 school band teachers in 2007 - an increase of 11 teachers since 2002 and 42 teachers since 1997. In 2007, 51% of teachers were men.

The number of students in schools where band is taught ranges from 2 to 393. Directors who teach at several small schools often combine their students for band instruction. Almost all (89%) who teach at a school with less than 25 band students also teach band at one or more other schools.

The most common teaching designation is 50% of full-time equivalent (FTE). Band enrolment in the 39 schools with half time teachers ranges from 38-164 students. The second most popular teaching designation is full time. Band enrolment in the 28 schools with a full time position ranges from 57-290 students.

	Median Band Position (FTE)	Average Number of Students
1997	47%	88
2002	44%	74
2007	40%	72

On average, a half time band teacher has 93 band students - a full time teacher has 177 students. Middle and junior high schools generally have a higher student/teacher than senior high schools.

The trend toward schools with more than a full time band teacher continues to grow. In 1997 there were 10 schools while in 2007 there were 26 schools.

School Band Enrollment	Number of Schools			Range of Full Time Designation 2007	Median Full Time Designation		
	<u>1997</u>	<u>2002</u>	<u>2007</u>		<u>1997</u>	<u>2002</u>	<u>2007</u>
0-24	33	37	38	2% - 36%	13%	10%	12%
25-49	46	50	51	8% - 50%	22%	21%	25%
50-74	46	52	52	8% - 104%	37%	31%	35%
75-99	37	32	33	10% - 200%	46%	50%	50%
100-124	25	38	33	31% - 167%	57%	50%	50%
125-149	16	19	20	25% - 150%	75%	73%	52%
150-174	16	15	17	50% - 165%	79%	83%	100%
175-199	16	9	9	70% - 150%	100%	100%	100%
200-224	3	9	8	100% - 200%	106%	100%	100%
225-249	2	7	2	90% - 100%	24%	100%	100%
250-274	2	2	4	100% - 125%	100%	112%	125%
275-299	2	1	3	100% - 200%	150%	200%	140%
300-324		1				275%	
325-349		2				145%	
350-374		1	4	150% - 208%		100%	200%
375-400			1				340%

4. Timetable

Band programs fit into school timetables that range from 4-10 periods per day. Most middle and junior high schools run on an 8 period day while 5 period days are most common for senior high schools.

5. Band/Music Parent Groups

The number of band programs supported by a band or music parent association has declined slightly over the past 10 years.

	Parent Group	No Parent Group	No Response
1997	61%	32%	7%
2002	60%	36%	4%
2007	53%	40%	8%

6. Men/Women Band Teachers

	Total Teachers	Women	Men
1997	191	48%	52%
2002	222	51%	49%
2007	233	49%	51%

7. Fund Raising

Of the 134 respondents who answered questions on fundraising, 76% indicated they raised funds for their program (unchanged from 2002). Thirty-five percent (down from 56% in 2002) use at least some fundraising proceeds for essential materials such as instruments, music and method books.