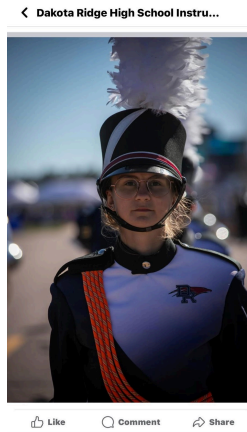


Emily Martini, an IB Star



Emily Martini marches during the 2020 season with her fellow band members. She has been participating in marching band for three years. DRHS Instrumental Music facebook

Emily Martini is a full IB (International Baccalaureate) diploma student at DRHS, and has been the top of the graduating class of 2025 since her freshman year. Dakota Ridge is one of the four High Schools in the district with the IB diploma program available for students. Although the IB program requires much more time than a regular high school curriculum, Martini still manages to participate in marching band as a flute player, and she skis during all the winter months.

“Emily is so busy, she keeps saying that she can't hang out until November... She's been saying that since we started school,” Sara Stauss, a fellow junior in the IB diploma program at Dakota Ridge, says.

Martini wanted the IB diploma because of the rigor and unique approach the program offers, “I wanted something to challenge me... I really enjoy the style of learning compared to AP... You learn a lot more,” Martini said.

Martini values that community of teachers and students. When asked about the IB community including the teachers and students, Martini said “everyone is very supportive.. And everyone is so nice, we all support each other through it,.” Martini said.

She says the community allows everyone to include their ideas and express themselves. Offering support through the hardship that is the IB programme.

Many teachers and friends of Martini's have only positive words to say about her as they have a friendly competition for first in the year, a position that Martini has held since freshman year.

IB offers two pathways, the certificate, and the diploma programme available to students, Martini follows the diploma pathway meaning she takes all IB courses, including her electives, such as French.

During her lunch blocks, Martini plays the flute in band and participates in marching band during the spring and football season.

“I really love the community and I really enjoy performing and playing the music in marching band,” Martini said.

She’s commonly seen in the IB lounge studying with her cup of Starbucks during her off block getting as much work done as she can before she has band during her lunch break.

Martini, whose middle name is Aspen, has also been skiing since she was nine years old. While she does not ski on a team, she does ski on a regular basis going up every weekend during the winter months, while still maintaining her school standing.

Martini would even choose skiing over marching band if she had to. “I’ve been doing it a lot longer. It is so freeing,” Martini said.



Emily Martini takes the slopes as she does during the winter months. She offers ski lessons to her friends whenever the mention of skiing comes up. Emily Martini.

As she prepares for the upcoming finals season, Martini shares her studying tips. “I really enjoy going somewhere that I can get as much work done as possible where I can still take a break,” Martini said.

