

MUSIC



Philosophy Statement

It is the desire of the Music Department to provide a musical experience for all interested students. Through performance and academic investigation, students are exposed to various styles, techniques, and terminology necessary for their musical development. It is our hope that through participation students will gain an appreciation for the finer aspects of music and will carry this appreciation into adult life.

Music

Course Descriptions

- Courses in this department may be used to fulfill the one-year required credit for graduation in Applied Arts, Fine and Performing Arts or International Languages.
- The Extended Study Option allows students to re-enroll in a course for grade and credit.

Advanced Placement Music Theory

Course No.: 8202

Prerequisite: Two years in Music or placement

Credit: 1.0 / Full Year

Fees:

Grades: 10, 11, 12

Other:

AP Music Theory is designed for advanced music students who are interested in expanding their musical awareness. Specific areas of study include fundamentals of music composition, ear training, sight singing, harmonization, instrumentation, form analysis, conducting, and electronic music. This course is of particular value to those students who intend to continue in music after high school and helps to prepare students who wish to take the Advanced Placement Music Theory Exam.

Chamber Choir

Course No.: 8204

Prerequisite: Audition and membership in choir.

Credit: None / Full Year Activity

Fees:

Grades: 10, 11, 12

Other:

In **Chamber Choir**, selected students are provided the opportunity to rehearse and perform in this choir. Students meet 4 or 5 days each week opposite lunch for 25 minutes. Students will not receive credit for this activity, nor will it be computed in the grade point average, however, it will appear on the permanent record card.

Concert Band

Course No.: 8212

Prerequisite: Previous experience on a band instrument or placement

Credit: 1.0 / Full Year

Fees: \$10.00

Grades: 9

Other: Extended Study Option

Concert Band is designed to further the students' musical development prior to advancement into Symphonic Band and Wind Ensemble. Music fundamentals and performance techniques are stressed. Appropriate high school literature of various styles and historical periods will be performed at school concerts. In the fall, students will have the option to perform in the Pep Band with the Wind Ensemble for home football games. (Percussion students are expected to play in the Pep Band unless they have a fall athletic conflict.) Instrumentalists may audition for participation in the jazz ensemble.

Concert Choir

Course No.: 8208

Prerequisite: Audition

Credit: 1.0 / Full Year

Fees: \$10.00

Grades: 10, 11, 12

Other: Optional Honors credit is available through application with and approval of the instructor.

Concert Choir is designed for advanced choral students and continues to work on proper vocal production, breath control, and sight singing. Students rehearse and perform choral music of various styles and historical periods in concerts throughout the year. Advanced music terminology and singing techniques are emphasized. Students must attend a weekly 25-minute sectional during a lunch study hall, if their schedule permits. All students are eligible to audition for extracurricular vocal groups.

Concert Orchestra

Course No.: 8210

Prerequisite: Previous experience on a string instrument or placement

Credit: 1.0 / Full Year

Fees: \$10.00

Grades: 9

Other: Extended Study Option (with instructor permission)

Concert Orchestra is designed to further the students' musical development prior to the advancement into Philharmonic Orchestra. Music fundamentals and performance techniques are stressed. Appropriate high school literature of various styles and historic periods will be performed at school concerts. Students have the option of participating in Jazz Strings and Ensembles.

Men's Chorus

Course No.: 8214

Prerequisite: None

Credit: 1.0 / Full Year

Fees: \$10.00

Grades: Bass Voices 9, 10, 11, 12

Other: Extended Study Option

Men's Chorus is designed to further the students' musical development prior to advancement into Concert Choir. Classroom rehearsals focus on music fundamentals, proper vocal techniques, sight singing, music terminology, and notation. Various styles of choral literature are rehearsed and performed in concerts throughout the school year. All students are eligible to audition for extracurricular vocal groups.

New and Secondary Instrument

Course No.: 8220S

Prerequisite: Placement

Credit: 0.5 / Semester 2 only

Fees:

Grades: 9, 10, 11, 12

Other: Students must see the Fine Arts Supervisor prior to registration for placement and instrument choice discussion.

New and Secondary Instrument is a course open to any student, regardless of prior experience, who wants to begin playing an instrument, switch to a different instrument, or learn a secondary instrument. Only traditional band and orchestra instrument instruction will be offered (no guitar, piano or percussion). Students are responsible to purchase or rent their instrument unless they choose to learn an instrument that the school can provide. After taking this course, students should be ready to play their instrument in the band or orchestra.

Philharmonic Orchestra

Course No.: 8216

Prerequisite: Concert Orchestra or placement

Credit: 1.0 / Full Year

Fees: \$10.00

Grades: 10, 11, 12

Other: Extended Study Option (with instructor permission)

Philharmonic Orchestra is designed to further the students' musical development prior to the advancement into Symphony Orchestra. This course emphasizes the refinement of technique and interpretive skills. Appropriate high school literature of various styles and historic periods will be performed at school concerts. Students have the option of participating in Jazz Strings, Ensembles and Pit Orchestra.

Symphonic Band

Course No.: 8240

Prerequisite: Previous band experience and placement

Credit: 1.0 / Full Year

Fees: \$10.00

Grades: 10, 11, 12

Other: Extended Study Option

Symphonic Band is designed for instrumentalists of advanced ability. This course emphasizes the refinement of performance techniques and interpretive skills. Moderate to difficult music of various styles and historical periods is performed in school concerts. In the fall, students will have the option to perform in the Pep Band with the Wind Ensemble for home football games. (Percussion students are expected to play in the Pep Band unless they have a fall athletic conflict.) All students must attend a weekly 25-minute sectional during their lunch/study hall period if his/her schedule permits. Select musicians are chosen for membership in the orchestra and jazz ensemble.

Symphony Orchestra Strings

Course No.: 8250

Prerequisite: Previous experience on a string instrument and placement

Credit: 1.0 / Full Year

Fees: \$10.00

Grades: 10, 11, 12

Other: Extended Study Option. Optional Honors Credit is available through application with and approval of the instructor.

Symphony Orchestra Strings provides advanced string players with the opportunity to learn how to perform as a full orchestra and as a string orchestra. They rehearse and perform music from various periods of music history. Technical and interpretive considerations of performance are stressed. Some advanced string players are selected to participate in chamber music ensembles. Students attend a weekly 25-minute sectional during a lunch study hall, if their schedule permits.

Symphony Orchestra Winds and Percussion

Course No.: 8252

Prerequisite: Membership in Band and placement

No Credit / Full Year Activity

Fees:

Grades: 9, 10, 11, 12

Other: This activity may be repeated.

Selected **winds and percussion** players are provided the opportunity to rehearse and perform with the **Symphony Orchestra** (see description listed above). Students meet 3 or 4 days each week opposite lunch for 25 minutes. Students will not receive credit for this activity, nor will it be computed in the grade point average, however, it will appear on the permanent record card.

Treble Choir

Course No.: 8206

Prerequisite: None

Credit: 1.0 / Full Year

Fees: \$10.00

Grades: Treble Voices 9, 10, 11, 12

Other: Extended Study Option

Treble Choir is designed to further students' musical development prior to advancement into Concert Choir. Classroom rehearsals focus on music fundamentals, proper vocal techniques, sight singing, music terminology, and notation. Various styles of choral literature are rehearsed and performed in concerts throughout the school year. All students are eligible to audition for extracurricular vocal groups.

Wind Ensemble

Course No.: 8242

Prerequisite: Previous band experience and placement

Credit: 1.0 / Full Year

Fees: \$10.00

Grades: 10, 11, 12

Other: Extended Study Option. Optional Honors Credit is available through application with and approval of the instructor.

Wind Ensemble is designed for the most advanced wind and percussion instrumentalists. The course emphasizes advanced performance skills, musical interpretation and techniques. Through rehearsals, clinics and performances, students will broaden their musical repertoire with advanced literature of many styles and periods. In the fall, band members will perform as a Pep Band at three or four home football games. (Students who have conflicts with any fall athletic competitions will be excused from the Pep Band performances.) Students will be required to attend weekly sectional rehearsals during the day and concerts in the evening.

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Course Sequences

