

MUSIC

Symphonic and Concert Bands will perform together for marching and pep performance. Everything else will be separate.

Symphonic Band

Grade 9-10-11-12 1 year 1 credit
Prerequisite: Audition

Students are placed into Symphonic Band by audition only. If Juniors and Seniors would like to participate, they are no longer automatically placed in Symphonic Band, they must audition. Anyone, including freshman, is eligible to audition for Symphonic Band. Auditions are held both semesters, and students can change from concert to symphonic band in the second semester if they pass the audition. Symphonic Band will be playing more advanced music on a higher grade level and will be expected to be proficient at a higher level on their instruments. They are also expected to practice their instrument 1 hour per week outside of class. Students are encouraged to learn a second instrument and participate in the Concert Band if it fits in their schedule.

A wide variety of music is performed, from the classics to contemporary "pop" music. The band plays at all home regular season and playoff football games, a fall concert, a Christmas concert, some girls and boy's basketball games, a February concert combined with the junior high bands, organizational and small ensemble contest in April, a spring concert, Graduation, Baccalaureate and additional performances. In addition to preparing for performances, we will be going into much more depth about the details about music theory and how music works. From the large concert organization a jazz band and musical pit band are selected. Students are responsible for returning school owned instruments in original condition. Students must dry clean their uniform at the end of the marching season.

Concert Band

Grade 9-10-11-12 1 year 1 credit

Students who do not make Symphonic Band or choose not to audition will be placed in Concert Band. Concert band will be playing music on a medium difficulty level, but always a level that is challenging to the individuals in the group.

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Concert Choir

Grade 9-10-11-12 1 year 1 credit

Concert Choir is for the beginning choral student. The basics of vocal technique, music literacy, and choral skills will be taught. The emphasis of the course is on performance and *music literacy. Minimums of two concerts per semester are required.

Chorale

Grade 10-11-12 1 year 1 credit

Prerequisite: Must audition

Chorale is an ensemble which requires an audition. This choral ensemble is offered to students have been through concert choir and have developed basic skills in vocal technique, music literacy, and rehearsal methodology. The emphasis is on performance and music literacy. A minimum of two concerts per semester is required. Auditions are held in March

Acappella Choir

Grade 10-11-12 1 year 1 credit

Prerequisite: Must audition

Acappella Choir is an ensemble which requires an audition. Its members must display knowledge and skill in music literacy and vocal technique. The emphasis is on performance and music literacy. A minimum of two concerts per semester is required. Auditions are held in March.

Music History and Theory I

Grade 10-11-12 1 semester ½ credit

Music history will be covered from ancient civilizations through the Renaissance period. World history will be taught, so the cause and effect of human musical evolution can be clearly perceived. Music theory will cover major and minor key signatures, intervals, scale degrees, triads, 7th chords and their inversions, rhythmic notation, and pitch notation.

Music History and Theory II

Grade 10-11-12 1 semester ½ credit

Prerequisite: Music History and Theory I

Music history covers Baroque, Classical and Romantic periods. Music theory covers nonchord tones, form, voice leading, harmonic progression, secondary functions, sixth chords, analysis and notation.