

Music

Courses Offered	9	10	11	12
Band 9	•			
Concert Band		•	•	•
Marching Band		•	•	•
Symphonic Band		•	•	•
Chorus	•	•	•	•
Concert Choir	•	•	•	•
Concert Orchestra	•	•	•	•
Symphony Orchestra		•	•	•

*All music programs are designed to be year long, but can be taken 1 - 3 Trimesters

Band 9

Grade 9

1-3 Trimesters | .5 - 1.5 credits

Prerequisite: Successful completion of middle school band program/director approval

Ninth grade is a continuation of the music program and students must play an instrument. Enrollment is offered as an opportunity to develop individual and group skills, as well as self-respect, pride, citizenship, and aesthetic values. Performances include a marching show, concerts, solo and ensemble festival, band districts and parades. Grades will be evaluated in terms of the student's overall musical progress, attitude, and citizenship.

Chorus

Grades 9, 10, 11, 12

1-3 Trimesters | .5 - 1.5 Credits

Chorus is for students new to the High School Vocal Music Program. Chorus is a performance-based class, and as such, all performances are mandatory and make up a large portion of the grade. Emphasis is on vocal tone and production, singing together as an ensemble, music reading, ear training, sight reading, and musical interpretation and expression. Challenging choral literature from different time periods and cultures is used to help teach these things. Student evaluation will be based on total points earned for rehearsals, concerts, tests, and participation. Attendance at outside rehearsals and performances is mandatory.

Concert Band

Grades 10, 11, 12

1-2 Trimesters | .5 - 1 credit

Prerequisite: Spring Audition

All band members who are not in Symphonic Band will be members of the Concert Band. Concert Band is a performing ensemble that begins at the conclusion of the marching season and continues throughout the year in all ensembles. Attendance at these performances is required. Concerts, district festivals, and solo and ensemble festivals constitute the main activities of this organization.

Concert Choir

Grades 9, 10, 11, 12

1-3 Trimesters | .5 - 1.5 Credits

Prerequisite: Spring Audition

Concert Choir is for students with previous music experience. After auditions in the Spring a list will be provided indicating who will be eligible to participate. Adjustments may be made prior to the start of the school year. Concert choir is a performance-based class, and as such, all performances are mandatory and make up a large portion of the grade. Students enrolled in the class are expected to have basic music reading skills. Emphasis is on vocal tone and production, singing together as an ensemble, ear training, sight reading, musicianship, and musical interpretation and expression. Challenging choral literature from different time periods and cultures is used to help teach these things. Student evaluation will be based on total points earned for rehearsals, concerts, tests, and participation. Attendance at outside rehearsals and performances is mandatory.

Concert Orchestra

Grades 9, 10, 11, 12

1-3 Trimesters | .5 - 1.5 Credits

Prerequisite: Must have previous string instruction, or successful completion of the 8th grade orchestra, or the director's approval.

Concert Orchestra is a performance-based class, and as such, all performances are mandatory and make up a large portion of the grade. Concert Orchestra allows the student to continue to develop his/her music skills and knowledge. Student evaluation will be based on total points earned for rehearsals, concerts, tests, and participation. Attendance at outside rehearsals and performances is mandatory. The student will be required to exert considerable effort at continued self-improvement on their instrumental skills. Attendance at outside rehearsals and performances is required. Grades will be evaluated in terms of the student's overall musical progress, class participation, and attendance at concerts. Opportunities for outside performances and participation in Band & Orchestra Festival and Solo & Ensemble are offered and encouraged.

Marching Band

Grades 10, 11, 12

1 Trimester | .5 credit

Prerequisite: Successful Spring Audition

All band members, grades 10-12, are eligible for the Marching Band. Attitude, playing and marching ability, and attendance determines the status of each band member in the "regular" marching unit. Marching Band includes one evening rehearsal a week, participating in all home football games, special marching events, concerts, and parades. Flags and percussion have required scheduled evening sectionals during the "marching" season. A Marching Band camp is offered in August. Attendance is highly recommended, but not mandatory.

Symphonic Band

Grades 10, 11, 12

1-2 Trimesters | .5 - 1 credit

Prerequisite: Spring Audition

Membership in the Symphonic Band is available to all band members in grades 10th, 11th & 12th. Instrumentation shall be determined through tryouts based on musical proficiency. A list will be provided indicating who will be eligible to participate. Adjustments may be made at the conclusion of the "marching" season. Concerts, district festivals, and solo and ensemble festivals constitute the main activities of this organization.

Symphony Orchestra

Grades 10, 11, 12

1-3 Trimesters | 0.5 - 1.5 Credits

Prerequisite: Spring Audition

Students in the Symphony Orchestra continue what they have learned and achieved in Concert Orchestra by playing more advanced music and increasing their instrument technique level. Symphony orchestra also offers more opportunities for performance both in school and in the community. The first trimester is a strings only class, the second and third trimesters are a full symphonic orchestra when the top woodwinds, brass, and percussion from the symphonic band join the class. Students will be required to exert considerable effort at continued self-improvement on their instrumental skills. Attendance at outside rehearsals and performances is required. Grades will be evaluated in terms of the student's overall musical progress, participation, and attendance at concerts. Opportunities for outside performances and participation in Band & Orchestra Festival and Solo & Ensemble are offered and encouraged.