

Art: Performing Arts

CONCERT BAND

Grades: 9-12

Credits: 1.0 Arts/CTE/2nd Language

Repeat for Credit: Yes

Prerequisite: None

The Concert Band continues to build and advance the fundamentals of instrument playing through the performance of various band literature. Students will perform classic, traditional and contemporary music. Performances include school concerts, regional music festivals and community events. **All concert band members will perform at home football games and parades.**

JAZZ ENSEMBLE

Grades: 9-12

Credits: 1.0 Arts/CTE/2nd Language

Repeat for Credit: Yes

Prerequisite: Audition required

The Jazz Ensemble teaches and refines jazz techniques in big band and combo settings. Topics include improvisation skills, jazz theory and ensemble vs. combo playing techniques. Jazz Ensemble performs at school band concerts, various jazz festivals around the state and other community events. Students must be additionally enrolled in concert band or wind ensemble OR have prior instructor approval. This course is open to the following instruments: saxophone, trumpet, trombone, drums, piano, bass, and guitar.

WIND ENSEMBLE

Grades: 9-12

Credits: 1.0 Arts/CTE/2nd Language

Level: Honors

Repeat for Credit: Yes

Prerequisite: Audition required

Students learn contemporary and challenging repertoire as well as the band masterworks. In addition to school concerts, the wind ensemble performs at regional festivals, clinics and other public events throughout the year. After school sectionals and rehearsals are required of all members. **All wind ensemble members will perform at home football games and parades.**

WORLD MUSIC

Grades: 9-12

Credits: 0.5 Arts/CTE/2nd Language

Repeat for Credit: Yes

Prerequisite: None

This course is for the student interested in learning about music from the cultures of Africa, the Caribbean, Spain and Mexico. Students will begin with learning basic music reading with a focus on rhythm and world drumming, and may include ukulele. Beginning musicians are welcome.

BEGINNING GUITAR

Grades: 9-12

Credits: 0.5 Arts/CTE/2nd Language

Repeat for Credit: No

Prerequisite: None

In this class, students will learn how to apply basic musical concepts such as rhythm, harmony and melody on the guitar. We will focus on the basics of guitar techniques and chord progressions that the student will be able to apply to many styles of music. At the end of this class students will be able to read and play basic chord symbols and melodies using tablature.

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CONCERT ORCHESTRA

Grades: 9-12

Credit: 1.0 Arts/CTE/2nd Language

Repeat for Credit: Yes

Prerequisite: At least two years playing experience or instructor approval

Concert Orchestra is offered to students with previous experience on a traditional string instrument: violin, viola, cello or bass. Continued emphasis is given to the development of musicianship skills, aural and technical facility (with emphasis on bowing, fingering and reading music with good intonation and rhythm) through a large repertoire of string orchestra literature and technical studies. Student involvement in concert and performance activities will be part of the grading process. Periodically there are special events, rehearsals, or concerts during non-school hours. Participation in such activities is an essential extension of the requirements. Group lessons that focus on instrumental technique, solo literature and/or chamber literature may be included in this course offering.

CHAMBER ORCHESTRA

Grades: 9-12

Credit: 1.0 Arts/CTE/2nd Language

Level: Honors

Repeat for Credit: Yes

Prerequisite: Audition or instructor approval

This course is a selected ensemble offered to students with advanced string experience. Its purpose is to study and perform chamber orchestra literature of varying styles from the archives of standard repertoire. Performance activities including special events, rehearsals and concerts, all during non-school hours, are an essential part of the course and will be considered in the grading process. This course challenges music students interested in the finest concert performance and is strongly recommended for students who plan to major in music. Select winds, keyboard and/or percussion will be invited to join this ensemble on occasion as instrumentation dictates. The orchestra performs several concerts a year and participates in district and regional music festivals and all-state orchestra. Ninth graders are strongly encouraged to enroll in Concert Orchestra to reinforce skills.



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MIXED CHORUS

Grades: 9-12

Credits: 0.5 Arts/CTE/2nd Language

Repeat for Credit: Yes

Prerequisite: None

This class will provide exposure to singing, basic vocal production techniques and skills necessary to perform with a choir. Students will develop a general understanding of music reading, music history, artistry and expressiveness through music. The mixed choir will perform in selected school concerts to illustrate skills learned in class.

TREBLE CHOIR

Grades: 9-12

Credits: 1.0 Arts/CTE/2nd Language

Repeat for Credit: Yes

Prerequisite: Audition required

Treble Choir is a select singing ensemble designed for alto and soprano voices. Students will study advanced vocal production techniques, diverse choral literature, music reading and music history. Through participation in rigorous rehearsals, students will gain skills in music appreciation, artistry and expressiveness, and creating a unified and blended tone. To achieve a high level of musicianship, students will participate in quarterly school concerts and a Treble Choir Festival in the spring.

TENOR-BASS VOCAL ENSEMBLE

Grades: 9-12

Credits: 1.0 Arts/CTE/2nd Language

Repeat for Credit: Yes

Prerequisites: Audition or instructor approval

This choir is a select singing ensemble designed for tenor and bass voices. Students will study advanced vocal production techniques, diverse choral literature, music reading and music history. Through participation in rigorous rehearsals, students will gain skills in music appreciation, artistry and expressiveness, and creating a unified and blended tone. To achieve a high level of musicianship, Tenor-Bass Ensemble will participate in quarterly school concerts and perform in a Chorus Festival in the spring.

CONCERT CHOIR

Grades: 10-12

Credits: 1.0 Arts/CTE/2nd Language

Repeat for Credit: Yes

Prerequisite: Audition or instructor approval

This choir is a select singing ensemble designed for all voices. Students in Concert Choir will study advanced vocal production techniques, diverse choral literature, music reading and music history. Through participation in rigorous rehearsals, students will gain skills in music appreciation, creating a unified and blended tone, artistry and expressiveness in performance. To demonstrate a high level of competency, Concert Choir will perform in quarterly school concerts and the League Choir Festival.

CHAMBER CHOIR

Grades: 10-12

Credits: 1.0 Arts/CTE/2nd Language

Level: Honors

Repeat for Credit: Yes

Prerequisite: Audition or instructor approval (concurrent enrollment in Concert Choir preferred for 10th graders)

This choir is a highly select 30-40 voice singing group that performs college-level repertoire with increasing difficulty and diversity. Students are expected to achieve a highly advanced level of musicianship, music reading and an understanding of music history. Students will perform in the community and represent the school on many occasions, including quarterly school concerts and the League Choir Festival. Outfit rental or purchase required.

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THEATRE ARTS I

Grades: 9-12

Credits: 0.5 Arts/CTE/2nd Language

Repeat for Credit: No

Prerequisites: None

This course is designed to allow the students to explore theatre skills and techniques and develop performance skills. Students focus on all aspects of theater such as acting, directing, playwriting, scenery design, costumes, lighting and make-up with the goal of instilling a deeper appreciation of the art of theatre and its relevance to society today.

THEATRE ARTS 2

Grades: 9-12

Credits: 0.5 Arts/CTE/2nd Language

Repeat for Credit: Yes

Prerequisites: Theatre Arts 1 or instructor approval

Theatre Arts 2 provides opportunities to further student's growth and participation in theatre performance and tech. Students will work to develop a more in depth understanding of supporting theatrical shows with prop creation, scenic support, and the development of lighting and sound designs. Students will focus on both monologues and scenes with an emphasis on actors combining self and character.

ADVANCED THEATRE

Grades: 10-12

Credits: 0.5 Arts/CTE/2nd Language

Repeat for Credit: Yes

Prerequisite: Audition or instructor approval

This is a production theatre class, in which students put on full productions. This class gives opportunities to learn and apply skills in directing a show, choreography, stage management, set design, costuming, stage lighting, sound, and theatrical make-up. We rehearse and perform three plays each school year, ultimately putting on productions for an audience. Students also explore careers in theatre, movement in theatre, and various other production styles.

STUDENT NEWS

Grades: 9-12

Credits: 1.0 Elective

Repeat for Credit: Yes

Prerequisite: Instructor approval

This course works specifically on scripting, announcing, broadcasting, filming, and editing daily student news. Students are needed as broadcasters, camera operators, editors, script writers, set-up and take-down configuration, interviewers, and editors. Positions will shift so everyone will know how to work in each area. Students will work with the following software on desktop computers: **Adobe Premiere Pro** and **iMovie**.

