

MUSIC COURSES

INSTRUMENTAL MUSIC COURSES

101 Freshman Band (meets every other day)

Two Semesters

Grade 9

The ninth grade band will study intermediate techniques, sacred, contemporary, and traditional band literature with lesser technical demands. Units in basic theory and fundamentals in good overall musicianship will be experienced. Performances will be concerts, band festivals, and some limited marching. Students will be encouraged to use and develop their talents so that they not only can enrich their own lives but also be of service to their Creator, others, and themselves.

102 Concert Band

Two Semesters

Grades 10-11

The concert band will participate in the same events as the Symphonic Band. These are Marching Band (first nine weeks), Christmas Concert, Winter Concert, District Band Festival, Spring Concert, and spring parades. One night or early morning sectional is scheduled and required per week during marching season. The Concert Band plays literature with lesser demands than the Symphonic Band. Considerable time and emphasis is placed on skill development and improvement through the use of scales, music theory, and other basic fundamentals.

104 Symphonic Band

Two Semesters

Grades 10-12

Prerequisite: See below*

The Symphonic Band is a select group of instrumentalists from grades 10, 11 and 12. To be placed in this band, a student must have an above average interest and skill in the performance of highly technical band literature. This band participates in all of the activities listed for Concert Band and may also perform occasionally on its own as invitations occur. One sectional per week before school is required. The willingness to serve their school, community, and others is the concept that is emphasized. *The ability to perform major and minor scales, various interval studies, sight read, and perform rhythmic drills, along with good basic musicianship, is a prerequisite for membership in the symphonic band. Members are eligible for various woodwind, brass, and percussion ensembles for solo and ensemble festivals as well as playing in the school pep band.

106 Orchestra

Two Semesters

Grades 9-12

The orchestra is a group of string players who will be studying intermediate string ensemble techniques, sacred, contemporary and traditional orchestra music with a certain degree of technical demand. There will also be units in music theory, aural perception and fundamentals in good musicianship. The orchestra will perform at various concerts, with the possibility of a performance at orchestra festival. The student must have prior middle school orchestra experience or have taken at least two years of private string lessons.