



## Music Highlights

### Music Major

To successfully complete a 5-credit major in Music, a student must participate in an in-school musical organization for four years and earn one credit of Music Theory.

### Music Letter Criteria

- ✓ Satisfactory completion of 3-years of an In-school performing organization. This may include a combination of band, orchestra or choir.
- ✓ Satisfactory completion of 3-years in an Extra-Curricular performing organization. These include any combination of:
  - Marching Band
  - Jazz Ensemble
  - Show Choir
  - School Musical
  - Steel Band
  - Musical Pit
- ✓ Performance at one NYSSMA/ECMEA sponsored solo festival
- ✓ Satisfactory completion of Music Theory

### Extra-Curricular Music Activities

- [Academy of the Visual and Performing Arts – Dinner Theatre Ensemble](#)
- [Brass Choir](#)
- [Jazz Ensemble](#)
- [Marching Band](#)
- [Men's Choir](#)
- [Musical – Performing Arts](#)
- [Pit Orchestra](#)
- [Show Choir](#)
- [Stage Crew](#)
- [Steel Band \(CKSO\)](#)
- [Vocal Jazz](#)
- [Winter Guard – Varsity](#)
- [Woodwind Choir](#)



## Performance Ensembles

### Choral Program

All types and forms of music are studied and performed for the development of skills. Seasonal and competitive concerts involving mandatory attendance are held.

ALL CHORAL COURSES: 1 credit

#### *Concert Choir 6532*

⊗ Pre-requisite: Audition  
Advanced Music Ensemble  
Grades 10,11,12

#### *Mixed Choir 6536*

⊗ Pre-requisite: Audition  
Training Ensemble  
Grades 9 (men), 10,11,12

#### *Treble Choir 6533*

Training Ensemble  
Grades 9, 10,11,12

### Instrumental Program

These groups study and perform all styles and types of music to develop skills. Four seasonal concerts, guest artists, competitions and festivals comprise the performance schedule. Participation during rehearsals, lessons and concerts is mandatory. Lessons once weekly required.

ALL INSTRUMENTAL COURSES: 1 credit

#### *Symphonic Band 6535*

⊗ Pre-requisite: Audition  
Advanced Music Ensemble  
Grades 9,10,11,12

#### *Wind Symphony 6537*

⊗ Pre-requisite: Audition  
Intermediate Ensemble  
Grades 9, 10,11,12

#### *Concert Band 6531*

Training Ensemble  
Grades 9, 10,11,12

#### *String Orchestra 6534*

⊗ Pre-requisite: Previous experience in orchestra playing a string instrument  
This course is open to all string instrumental students. Orchestra will perform music from various genres including classical and contemporary.  
Grades 9,10,11,12

#### *Symphony Orchestra 6538*

⊗ Pre-requisite: Audition  
This course is an advanced orchestra for the more serious string student. The Orchestra will perform music from various genres including classical and contemporary. Students will have the opportunity to perform both string and full orchestra music.  
Grades 9, 10,11,12



## Music - Course Descriptions

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### Music Theory 1

*6530 Grades 10,11,12*

*1 credit*

★ Recommended: Band, Orchestra or Choir experience

This course helps students develop an understanding of the elements of music while putting those elements to practical use. Students will learn more about reading, writing, and analyzing music utilizing written and aural examples from all time periods of music. Basic piano skills, an overview of music history, and the incorporation of music technology will enhance each student's learning experience.

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### AP Music Theory

*6528 Grade 11.12*

*1 credit*

★ Recommendation: Music Theory 1

AP Music Theory is an expansion and continuation of topics covered in Music Theory I. This college level course includes instruction in musical terminology as well as notational, compositional, musical analysis, and aural skills. Students may take the AP Music Theory Exam in the spring to earn college credit.



### Tech in Music

*6543 Grades 11,12*

*½ credit*

★ Recommended: Music Theory 1

This course is a hands on class that will expand your knowledge and skills in music technology! Students will learn to compose, arrange and edit with notation software. They will create multi-track compositions and recordings using a digital audio workstation (DAW). Ensemble experience and a background in music theory are highly recommended.

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### Piano and Guitar Performance

*6544 Grades 11,12*

*½ credit*

★ Recommended: Music Theory 1

Are you currently enrolled in a performing ensemble? Have you always wished you could learn to play piano or guitar? This course is for you! This course is designed for students who have completed Music Theory I but have little/no experience playing piano and guitar. Students will have basic performance skills on both instruments and present a short recital (in class) at the end of the semester.



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## Music Composition and Improvisation

*6545 Grades 11,12*

*½ credit*

★ Recommended: Music Theory 1 and Tech in Music

Did you ever wish you could create a song to the melody in your head? This course is designed to introduce advancing music students to the creative world of composition and improvisation. Students will develop skills in the areas of writing and performing original music. The students will serve as the creators, critics and performers of their own material!! Students will learn the compositional elements of style and form as they explore the rhythmic, melodic and harmonic aspects of creating music.

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## Beginning Guitar

*6546 Grades 9,10,11,12*

*½ credit*

This class is an opportunity for students without performance experience to increase their knowledge and understanding of music while learning to play the guitar. Course topics include basic theory skills and guitar performance. No previous musical experience required! This course may be taken with other music courses to earn a ½ or full credit in music.

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## Beginning Piano

*6547 Grades 9,10,11,12*

*½ credit*

This class is an opportunity for students without performance experience to increase their knowledge and understanding of music while learning to play the piano. Course topics include basic theory skills and piano performance. No previous musical experience required! This course may be taken with other music courses to earn a ½ or full credit in music..