



MUSIC

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Four units of performance music classes may be applied towards graduation. Students may participate in Leyden's extracurricular musical offerings: Jazz Ensembles, Swing Choir, Chamber Singers, and Color Guard.

Performances and rehearsals outside of the regular school day are an expected and required component of these elective courses.

CONCERT CHOIR

MUS101 MUS102 CON CHOIR

Elective: Grades 9, 10, 11, 12. One unit

Prerequisite: None

Grade Weight: College Prep

Students who wish to participate must simply enjoy singing. Musical background or prior experience is not necessary. Fundamentals of music and vocal development are stressed. This choir participates in all choral concerts given throughout the year. This class fulfills the fine arts graduation requirement.

Female vocal students have the opportunity to audition for Bel Canto Chorale. This advanced level female section of the Concert Choir class performs representative treble choir works for all curricular concerts and various clinics.

A CAPPELLA CHOIR (East)

MUS201 MUS202 ACAP CHOIR

Elective: Grades 10, 11, 12. One unit

Prerequisite: Audition

Grade Weight: Honors

Performing quality literature, this choir's activities include participation in all curricular choir concerts, various clinics, and area school performances. This course is offered exclusively at East Leyden, and is designed for the more advanced singers at East Leyden. A student must audition for placement into this organization. This class fulfills the fine arts graduation requirement.

VARSITY CHOIR (West)

MUS211 MUS212 VAR CHOIR

Elective: Grades 10, 11, 12. One unit

Prerequisite: Audition

Grade Weight: Honors

Performing quality literature, this choir's activities include participation in all curricular choir concerts, various clinics, and area school performances. This course is offered exclusively at West Leyden, and is designed for more advanced singers at West Leyden. A student must audition for placement into this organization. This class fulfills the fine arts graduation requirement.

STRING ORCHESTRA

MUS161 MUS162 STRINGORCH

Elective: Grades 9, 10, 11, 12. One unit

Prerequisite: Audition

Grade Weight: Honors

The String Orchestra performs a wide variety of fundamental orchestral literature ranging from symphonic classics to contemporary/pop music. Enrollment in this group is open to string instrument players. Experienced piano and guitar students may also participate with director approval. This group is showcased at select school and community functions in addition to performing in featured concerts. The String Orchestra also participates in selected educational field trip performances and tours. Performances and rehearsals outside of the school day are an expected component on this group's schedule. This class receives honors credit and fulfills the fine arts graduation requirement.

CONCERT BAND

MUS131 MUS132 CON BAND

Elective: Grades 9, 10, 11, 12. One unit

Prerequisite: Audition

Grade Weight: College Prep

Fundamentals of woodwind, brass, and percussion performance are emphasized through study and performance of a diverse repertoire of challenging band literature. In addition to performing at featured concerts, Concert Band members may also perform in the Marching and/or Basketball Bands. The Concert Band also participates in selected educational field trip performances and band tours. Performances and rehearsals outside of the school day are an expected component of this group's schedule. This class fulfills the fine arts graduation requirement.

Concert Band students have the opportunity to audition for Wind Symphony. This advanced level/section of Concert band class performs more challenging literature and has more increased performance commitments.

SYMPHONIC BAND

MUS141 MUS142 SYM BAND

Elective: Grades 9, 10, 11, 12. One unit

Prerequisite: Audition

Grade Weight: Honors

The Symphonic Band is Leyden's premiere instrumental ensemble. Membership is competitive and is through audition. Performing the highest quality literature, Symphonic Band members are featured performers at many concerts, contests, festivals, and community functions. Symphonic Band members may also perform in the Marching and/or Basketball Bands. The Symphonic Band also participates in selected educational field trip performances and tours. Performances and rehearsals outside of the school day are an expected component of this group's schedule. This class receives honors credit and fulfills the fine arts graduation requirement.

MUSIC THEORY

MUS221 MUS222

MUS THEORY

Elective: Grades 10, 11, 12. One unit

Prerequisite: Previous enrollment in a music course

Grade Weight: College Prep

Music Theory explores the academic materials of musical construction. Through exercises, analyses, aural examples and performance, students study elements of melody, harmony, rhythm, phrasing, line, and formal construction of standard repertoire excerpts. This class fulfills the fine arts graduation requirement.