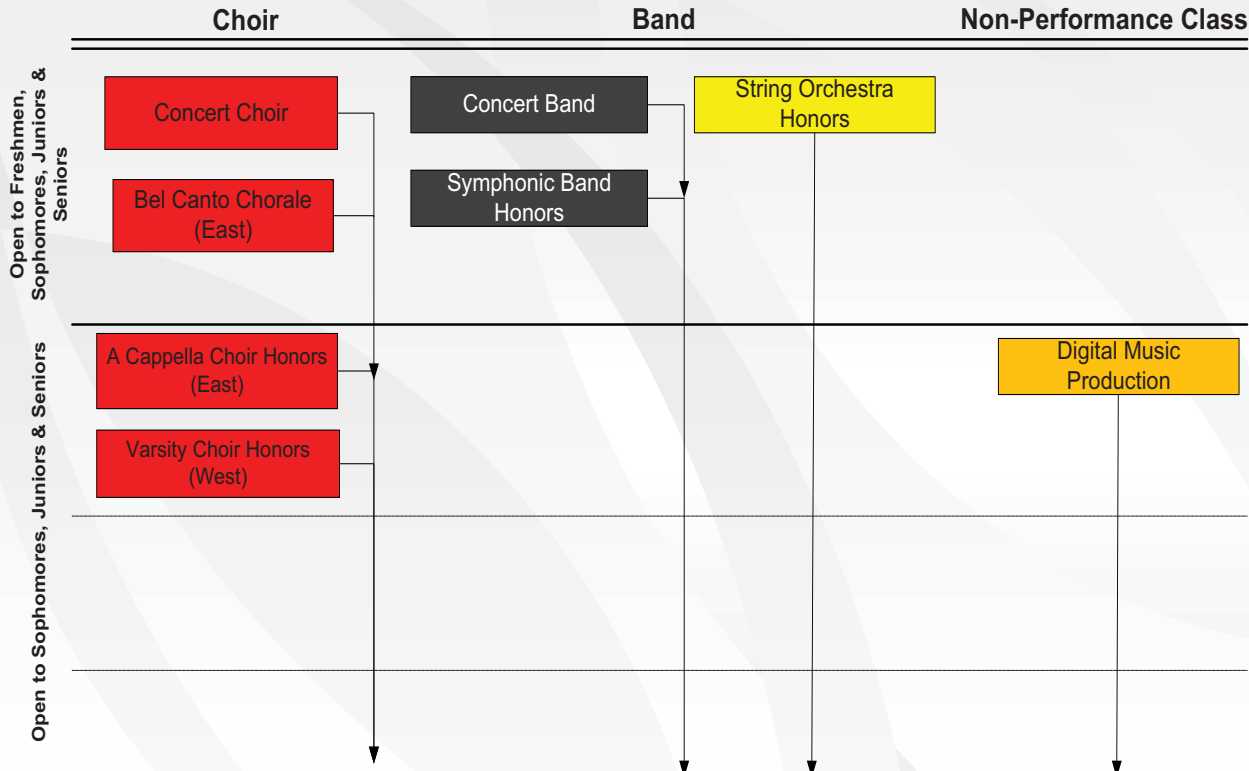




Music 2023-2024



MUSIC

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Students may apply up to four units of music performance classes towards graduation requirements. Additional music classes continue to be counted towards a student's grade point average. Music classes are open enrollment and may be taken for one or two semesters each year. All students may also enroll in Leyden's summer school music course offering, Marching Band. Students may also participate in the Music Department's extra-curricular offerings: Jazz Ensembles, Chamber Singers, Color Guard, GraceNotes, and Unresolved.

Because the music groups regularly serve the school and community, performances and rehearsals outside of the regular school day are an expected and required component of these elective courses and related extra-curricular offerings.

(☀ 4th year Choir/Band/Orchestra courses qualify as Capstone.)

CONCERT CHOIR

MUS 101, 102

Elective: Grades 9, 10, 11, 12 One-Half Credit

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.

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

BEL CANTO CHORALE (East)

MUS 151, 152

Elective: Grades 9, 10, 11, 12 One-Half Credit

Prerequisite: Audition

Grade Weight: College Prep

This advanced treble choral ensemble course is offered at East Leyden. Performing advanced treble literature, this choir serves as a training ensemble for placement into A Cappella Choir. Placement in this course is determined through audition. This class fulfills the fine arts graduation requirement.

A CAPPELLA CHOIR HONORS (East)

MUS 201, 202

Elective: Grades 10, 11, 12 One-Half Credit

Prerequisite: Audition

Grade Weight: Honors

Performing high 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. Students must audition for placement into this course. This class fulfills the fine arts graduation requirement.

VARSITY CHOIR HONORS (West)

MUS 211, 212

Elective: Grades 10, 11, 12 One-Half Credit

Prerequisite: Audition

Grade Weight: Honors

Performing high 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. Students must audition for placement into this course. This class fulfills the fine arts graduation requirement.

CONCERT BAND

MUS 131, 132

Elective: Grades 9, 10, 11, 12 One-Half Credit

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. This class is designed for students with prior band experience. 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.

SYMPHONIC BAND HONORS

MUS 141, 142

Elective: Grades 9, 10, 11, 12 One-Half Credit

Prerequisite: Audition

Grade Weight: Honors

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.

STRING ORCHESTRA HONORS

MUS 161, 162

Elective: Grades 9, 10, 11, 12 One-Half Credit

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 of this group's schedule. This class receives honors credit and fulfills the fine arts graduation requirement.

DIGITAL MUSIC PRODUCTION

MUS 240

Elective: Grades 10, 11, 12 One-Half Credit

Prerequisite:

Grade Weight: College Prep

In this non-performance class, students of various musical backgrounds will use recording and editing software to create original digital music compositions. This one-semester course focuses on studying various musical styles and how they are created. By the end of the course, students of all music ability levels will have created a digital audio file portfolio demonstrating their own musical style and interests.