

MUSIC

The music program of the Midland Public Schools has a long and proud history of performance excellence. It is important that careful planning occurs as students prepare to enter their 9th grade year. Seeking the advice of a counselor or music teacher prior to course selection is encouraged.

COURSE TITLE	PREREQUISITE	GRADE LEVEL	SEMESTER OR FULL YEAR	CONTENT
Concert Band MU3200	Completion of the 8th grade level of music instruction is recommended	9-12	Full Year	Concert Band serves as the training course for membership in Symphonic Band. In the fall, members of Concert Band participate as a part of the marching band (in combination with Symphonic Band). The remainder of the year covers appropriate band literature with performance opportunities such as concerts, festivals, and community events. This is a .2 level course.
Symphonic Band A MU5300 <i>Accelerated</i> Symphonic Band H MU4400 <i>Honors</i>	Completion of the 8th grade level of music instruction (or equivalent) Audition required	9-12	Full Year	Advanced brass, woodwind, and percussion students may audition for Symphonic Band. This group serves as the marching band during the fall season, along with the members of the Concert Band. Through numerous concerts, festivals, trips, and athletic performances, the Symphonic Band program offers its members a varied and substantive music experience. The course may be taken at either a .3 or a .4 level. The .4 level may require an audition, and will include significant emphasis on individual skills, solo or small ensemble performances, and competency in music theory and music history.
Concert Orchestra MU3220	Completion of 8th grade Orchestra (or equivalent)	9-12	Full Year	Concert Orchestra serves as the training course for membership in Symphony Orchestra. Significant emphasis is placed on developing individual and ensemble skills. All incoming students should register for Concert Orchestra. This is a .2 level course.
Symphony Orchestra A MU4320 <i>Accelerated</i> Symphony Orchestra H MU4420 <i>Honors</i>	Completion of the 8th grade level of music instruction (or equivalent) Audition required	9-12	Full Year	String players who have completed Concert Orchestra may audition for Symphony Orchestra. This exciting musical ensemble performs a variety of music at concerts, school programs, and festivals. The Orchestra performs as both a string orchestra and a full orchestra. The course may be taken at either a .3 or a .4 level. The .4 level may require an audition, and will include significant emphasis on individual skills, solo or small ensemble performances, and competency in music theory and music history.
Chorus MU3210	Completion of the 8 th grade level of music instruction (or equivalent) is recommended.	9-12	Full Year	Any student interested in singing is welcome to join Chorus. This group consists of singers who have little or no singing experience, and students who have been involved in middle school choir. This course allows them to develop their music reading and singing skills. This is a .2 level course.
Concert Choir A MU4310 <i>Accelerated</i> Concert Choir H MU4410 <i>Honors</i>	Completion of the 8th grade level of music instruction (or equivalent). Audition required.	10-12	Full Year	The Concert Choir is the most advanced choir at the secondary level. It is intended for students with previous choral experience and advanced skills. A wide variety of music is studied and performed in settings that include concerts, festivals, small ensembles, etc. This is a .3 level course, with the .4 option available.
IB Music SL A MU5300	Completion of the sophomore year of musical study or equivalent.	11, 12	Full Year	This course is fully aligned to meet the standard level requirements for a course in Music as part of the International Baccalaureate program. It may be taken by students in the IB diploma program, the certificate program, or by qualified students in the traditional MPS diploma program. Significant emphasis is placed in music theory, music literature, and in-depth discussion and analysis of varying styles, cultures and periods. A strong music performance element is required in the IB descriptors. Students are expected to maintain their enrollment in their school performing music class (band, orchestra, choir) during their time in this course.