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NORTH SPRINGS MUSIC MAGNET PATHWAYS





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NORTH SPRINGS HIGH SCHOOL

NORTH SPRINGS MUSIC INDUSTRY PATHWAY



Our Industry Pathway offers a unique opportunity unavailable in any other Fulton County School.

Pro Tools Certification

Avid Pro Tools is the industry standard for recording studios around the world. Students will be certified in Pro Tools by the end of their senior year.

Fundamentals of Live Sound

Students will learn how to run sound for indoor and outdoor performances.

Fundamentals of the Recording Studio

We have an in-house recording studio where students can work, learn, and create. Additionally, students will have internship opportunities with local studios, producers, and college programs.

Artist Portfolio

An important part of the college application process, faculty will guide students in putting together a portfolio of performances, productions, and other music experiences.

Live Performance Experience

Students will have opportunities to perform for live audiences at school and in the community as they develop their artistic voices.

Georgia Fine Arts Diploma Seal

Students who complete a visual or performing arts pathway earn the FADS on their diploma to indicate their mastery of state standards in the arts.

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NORTH SPRINGS MUSIC PERFORMANCE PATHWAY

Unlock Your Musical Potential

Gain live performance experience, master audition techniques, and build a professional portfolio for college and scholarships—whether pursuing a music major or not.





Live Performance Experience

Students have opportunities to perform for live audiences at school and in the community through participation in band, orchestra, chorus, guitar, or piano.

Audition Methods

Pathway completers will learn how to prepare and perform an audition. Students will put these skills to the test in honor band, all-state, GHP, or one of the many other audition-based honor groups in our state and district.

College Audition and Portfolio Development

At the end of four years, students will have a performance portfolio, and will be prepared for college entrance and scholarship auditions. Not planning to major in music? Non-majors can apply for and earn scholarships and entrance privileges too!

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Students will have slightly different schedules based on their pathway...

Music Performance

The music performance path is open to band, orchestra, chorus, piano, and guitar students.

9th Grade	• Music Performance Class (Band, Chorus, Orchestra, Guitar, or Piano) • Music Theory 1
10th Grade	• Music Performance Class (Band, Chorus, Orchestra, Guitar, or Piano) • Open Choice
11th Grade	• Music Performance Class (Band, Chorus, Orchestra, Guitar, or Piano) • AP Music Theory or Open Choice
12th Grade	• Music Performance Class (Band, Chorus, Orchestra, Guitar, or Piano) • AP Music Theory or Open Choice

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Music industry students will also receive certification in Avid Pro Tools, which is the industry-standard DAW used by most music studios.

Why it's important...

We have accomplished alumni thriving while working in music performance, production, education, and management. North Springs gave them an exceptional start, providing a vibrant and diverse community where students from across metro Atlanta come together to explore a wide range of musical opportunities.

Not all of our students pursue careers in music, but the value of participating in our program is significant. Many colleges offer scholarships for students who excel in music, even if they don't major in it. Research consistently highlights the cognitive and behavioral advantages musicians experience. On average, music students graduate in the top half of their class and are less likely to face disciplinary issues. Moreover, students who take four years of music classes score over 150 points higher on the SAT compared to those who take half a year or less. That's a significant advantage!

We have had lots of famous people come through our doors. Usher, hip-hop producer Ethereal, Playboi Carti...Google it!

Check out what some of our recent students have done in music after graduation...



Joining Band was, hands down, the best decision I made in high school. The Band's comradery, the travelling, the shows, and specifically Band Director, Michael Brown, made a huge impact on me as a musician and performer. My involvement with Marching Band, Wind Ensemble, Steel Drum Ensemble, and Pit Orchestra all further developed my love for music. I currently live in Nashville, TN and I'm a full-time musician, fiddling and singing in a couple of bands that tour around the country and internationally.

I graduated from North Springs in 2008, but every time I think about high school, the memory nearly always has something to do with Band, and I am so happy to have the life-long friends and memories because of it.

- Kevin Martin



My name is Allie Sinatra (Class of 2017), and my primary instrument is French horn. I was an active member of North Springs Band for four years, where I participated in many ensembles, including concert band, marching band, pit orchestra, full orchestra, a brass quintet, and a woodwind quintet. Mr. Brown also encouraged me to audition for honor bands, All-State, Governor's Honors, and the Emory Youth Symphony Orchestra. North Springs Band has it all: a built-in social life, exciting trips (to Universal, NYC, & more!), leadership opportunities to boost your resume, and, of course, the life-changing chance to make music with friends. There are endless opportunities with Mr. Brown and North Springs Band!

I loved band and music so much, I decided to become a music teacher! After high school graduation, I attended Berry College for an undergraduate degree in music education. While I was there, I continued to perform in ensembles, teach music classes of my own, and make some side money teaching private lessons and performing as a freelance artist. I graduated from college this past May, and now live in North Philadelphia where I teach music at a tuition-free private middle school. North Springs' Band certainly inspired me to pursue music education, and for that I am forever grateful.

- Allison Sinatra



My name is Kevin See. I'm an alumni and a professional trumpet player. I've been performing all over the southeast since I graduated in 2013. I studied jazz and trumpet performance at GSU. I've gotten to open for Lady Gaga's jazz quintet at her private birthday party, met rappers like Big Boi and Killer Mike by chance in the recording studio, and performed with artists including Randy Brecker, Bobby Shew, Joe Gransden, and more. Along with light teaching, I work primarily as a contractor for east coast entertainment. My time in the NS band programs was critical in my development not just as a professional trumpet player, but also as a human being. Mr. Brown has a magical way of getting students to get invested in not just the class/program, but the pursuit of true musicianship. Whether you continue to play after graduation or not, the life skills and appreciation for music will last a lifetime.

- Kevin See



As a Sandy Springs Middle School band student, I could not wait to join the North Springs High School band. My sister was a NSHS cheerleader at the time, but I knew band was going to be "my thing."

I still have the fondest memories of my very first band camp. The trumpet section had the biggest personalities— and the most welcoming people! We had an amazing time learning the show, and I felt so much a part of the bigger picture.

This feeling of belonging is what got me hooked on band. I really enjoyed being part of the process of learning a show, taking it to competitions, and having the personal pride in making it better each Friday night.

In the fall and spring semesters, concert band with Mr. Brown made me fall in love with music even more. Not only did we concentrate on playing what was on the page, but Mr. Brown really drew the music out of us. He helped me understand the next level music can develop into when you play with feeling.

I ended up studying Music Education in college, and after teaching middle school band for several years, I enlisted as a trumpet player in the US Army Band.

I have now started a new career outside of music, and the work ethic I learned in band has stayed with me with each new skill I learn. Band has literally opened the doors for me time and time again, and I have my experiences at North Springs to thank for that!

- Devon Phillips (Schmidt)

NORTH SPRINGS SPARTAN BANDS