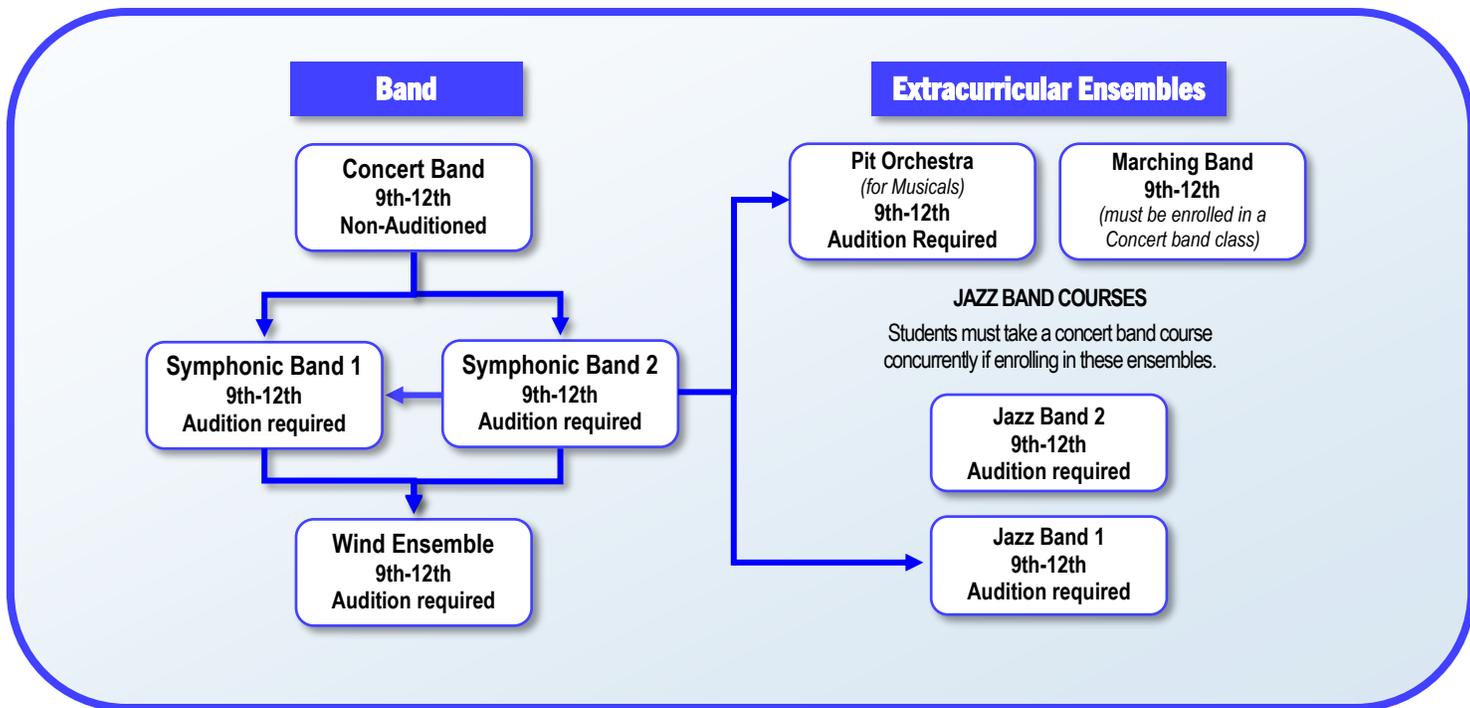


INSTRUMENTAL MUSIC PROGRAM



BANDS AND ORCHESTRAS (INSTRUMENTAL MUSIC)

While every attempt is made to place students in the ensemble that they want to perform in, most of the groups are entered by audition only. Proper instrumentation balance and skill level are considerations in staffing the other bands and orchestras.

The Colorado High School Activities Association has ruled that a student must be a member in good standing of his/her parallel ensemble before he/she can audition for that type of All-State group. For example, a student must be a member of the Cherry Creek High School Jazz Band before they can try out for All-State Jazz Band. A student who is in Concert Band only (not Jazz Band also), cannot try out for All-State Jazz Band.

CONCERT BAND ★

Grade Levels: 9-12 Credit: 1 Term: Year

Prerequisite: Successful prior band experience

The goal of this band is to prepare music for concert performance. It is the intent of this band's curriculum to expose students to the joy and satisfaction of performing music in a large ensemble environment where skill development will be emphasized. Students are expected to improve their level of proficiency and to function as a member of the band by coming to class and performances prepared to fulfill their performance obligations.

SYMPHONIC BAND 1 ★

Grade Levels: 9-12 Credit: 1 Term: Year

Prerequisite: Audition by Instructor (Auditions occur in March)

The Symphonic Band 1 is a group of auditioned winds and percussion that prepare music for concert and festival performances. The curriculum for this class is aimed at the advancing musician, and proper instrumental technique, ear training skills, music theory, and appropriate rehearsal/performance disciplines will be taught in this course. Performances are required and are a significant portion of semester grades.

SYMPHONIC BAND 2 ★

Grade Levels: 9-12 Credit: 1 Term: Year

Prerequisite: Audition by Instructor (Auditions occur in March)

The Symphonic Band 2 is a group of auditioned winds and percussion that prepare music for concert and festival performances. The curriculum for this class is aimed at the intermediate level musician, and proper instrumental technique, ear training skills, music theory, and appropriate rehearsal/performance disciplines will be taught in this course. Performances are required and are a significant portion of semester grades.

WIND ENSEMBLE ★

Grade Levels: 9-12 Credit: 1 Term: Year

Prerequisite: Audition by Instructor (Auditions occur in March)

The Wind Ensemble is a select group of concert winds and percussion that prepare music for concert and festival performances. Some select members of this band also serve as the wind and percussion section for the Symphonic Orchestra. Proper instrumental technique, ear training skills, music theory, and appropriate rehearsal/performance disciplines are taught in this course. Performances are required and are a significant portion of semester grades.

JAZZ BAND 1 ★

Grade Levels: 9-12 Credit: 1 Term: Year

Prerequisite: Audition by Instructor (Auditions occur in March)

Jazz Bands at Cherry Creek High School are limited to the instrumentation of the classic Big Band; two alto saxophones, two tenor saxophones, one baritone saxophone, four trombones, four trumpets, one drummer, one electric bass player, one electric guitar player, and one pianist.

Student must be enrolled concurrently in a Concert Band course.

JAZZ BAND 2 ★

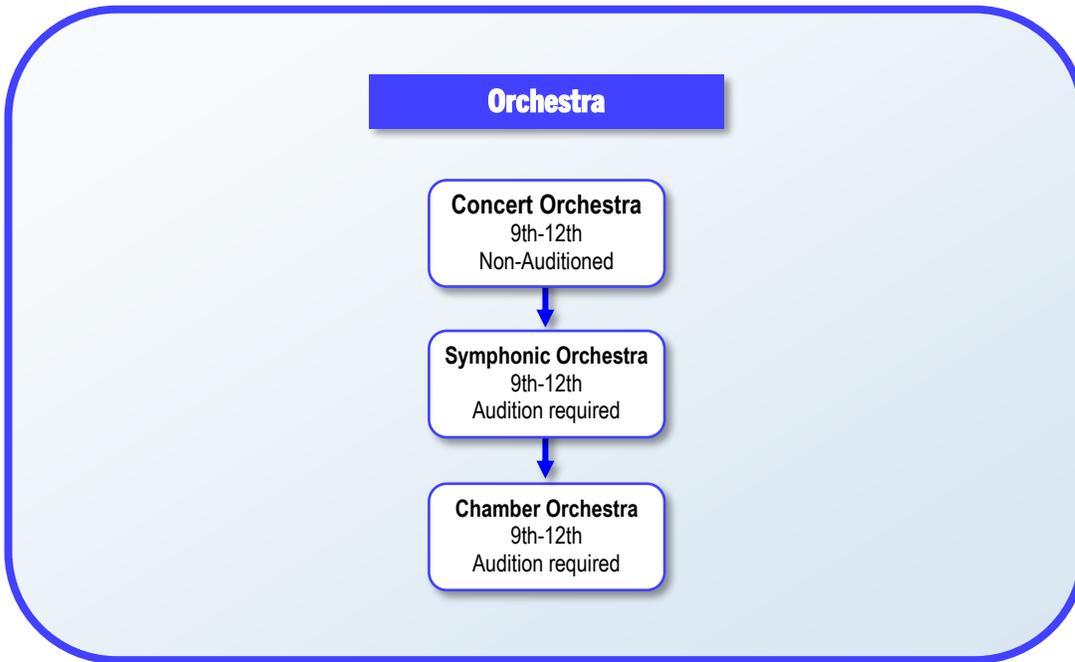
Grade Levels: 9-12 Credit: 1 Term: Year

Prerequisite: Audition by Instructor (Auditions occur in March)

See course Jazz Band 1 for description.



ORCHESTRA



CONCERT ORCHESTRA

Grade Levels: 9-12 **Credit:** 1 **Term:** Year ★

Prerequisite: Successful prior Orchestra experience

Concert Orchestra is open to violin, viola, cello, and bass players with at least 3 years prior experience. No audition required for acceptance into Concert. This orchestra meets as a class and performs throughout the year at evening concerts.

CHAMBER ORCHESTRA

Grade Levels: 9-12 **Credit:** 1 **Term:** Year ★

Prerequisite: Audition by Instructor (Auditions occur in March)

Chamber Orchestra is the advanced string orchestra, comprised of select violin, viola, cello, and bass players. Audition is required for acceptance into Chamber. This orchestra meets as a class and performs throughout the year at evening concerts and various regional/state festivals.

SYMPHONIC ORCHESTRA

Grade Levels: 9-12 **Credit:** 1 **Term:** Year ★

Prerequisite: Audition by Instructor (Auditions occur in March)

Symphonic Orchestra is the intermediate string orchestra, comprised of select violin, viola, cello, and bass players. Audition is required for acceptance into Symphonic. This orchestra meets as a class and performs throughout the year at evening concerts and various regional/state festivals.

ADDITIONAL MUSIC COURSES

*ADVANCED PLACEMENT - MUSIC THEORY

Grade Levels: 11-12 **Credit:** 1 **Term:** Year

Prerequisite: Approval by Instructor

AP Music Theory is designed for the more serious music student. The course emphasizes fluency with music's fundamentals of notation, scales, keys and modes, intervals and chord structure via Roman numeral analysis and figured bass symbols. This leads to fluency in part writing, harmonization of the soprano line, harmonic analysis of instrumental and vocal music, dictation exercises, aural skills and sight singing. Students are expected to take the AP Music Theory Exam given in the spring.

PIANO

Grade Levels: 9-12 **Credit:** 1 **Term:** Year ★

Prerequisite: None

This course is designed for students to develop and/or increase piano skills with teacher assistance. These skills will include basic finger technique, scales, knowledge of various forms of piano literature and music theory. Students are assessed on a consistent basis throughout each quarter and will have the opportunity to perform for classmates at the close of each quarter.