PERFORMING ARTS COURSES





















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REMEMBER TO SCHEDULE YOUR 9th GRADE PERFORMING ARTS CLASSES

GREAT PERFORMING ARTS OPPORTUNITIES AWAIT

Quotes from the students...

“When you join a music class, you don’t just become part of a group of friends. You become part of a family. “

“You meet a lot of people that help you academically and push you to do better. “

“You learn how to better yourself in every way and learn something new every year. You just simply become a better performer.”

“Music equals best friends for life.”

“Music has given me the opportunity to experience many new things and to visit many new places.”

“The best way to meet new people, and it’s a credit!”

“The ensembles never stop getting better.”

“I got to play with a lot of other talented kids.“

“Your effort will be noticed and rewarded with praise.”

“It has helped improve my musical abilities drastically and allows me to play all different kinds of music that never fails to get stuck in my head.”

“I’ve met many new friends through music. Without taking the class I would have never met these amazing people.”

“I have learned so much and improved drastically as a musician and it has become one of the most rewarding aspects of my high school experience.”

“The music you play is very moving and enjoyable. It’s one of the most challenging, fun classes you’ll ever have.”

“I enjoyed playing the music with my friends and getting better.”

“I really enjoyed playing music. It made me feel confident and powerful.”

“The music program opens up lots of opportunities to meet new people.”

“No matter your skill, there is always a spot for you here.”

“You will never be told that you can’t play.”

“The vibes the band room gives off is a very welcoming place.”

“It is a class that allows you to meet new people, try new things, and have new experiences.”

“I was always worried I wouldn’t be good enough for any of the music ensembles. I learned, however, that I just needed to have confidence, which they filled me with.”

BHS MUSIC COURSES 2025-2026

CHOIR BAND ORCHESTRA



05101-HNCB

Concert Band (1 credit)

This class is available for new/novice students who wish to perform on a concert band instrument. Students perform a variety of band pieces and learn basic performance techniques.
Required Prerequisites: Director recommendation due to instrumentation. No audition is required for CHS and BHS students. Class size may be restricted due to available instruments and lesson grouping.

05102-HACH

Honors Symphonic Band (1 credit)

The Symphonic Band is a more advanced performing ensemble. Students perform a wide variety of music, including modern concert band literature standards.
Required Prerequisites: One year of experience in a Concert Band ensemble. Musicians are selected by audition only.

05103-MBH

Honors Marching Band (1 credit)

The marching band field show presents music, precision marching, and choreography. The marching band performs its field show at all varsity football games and at weekend competitions and parades. Marching band rehearsals are scheduled two weeks before the opening of school. All members must attend. Several rehearsals in the evening during the fall will also be scheduled and required. See your school's band director for more information about rehearsal dates and membership policies.

50105-HJB

Jazz Band (0.5 credit)

This ensemble is designed for continuing instrumental students wanting to play jazz music. The band will concentrate on jazz literature ranging from big band and swing to fusion. There are many performance opportunities with this ensemble, including community and school performances, festivals, and competitions.
Required Prerequisites: Players are selected by audition or teacher recommendation only. Students must be able to read notes and rhythms in standard musical notation.

05110-BPA

Brandywine Performing Arts (1 credit)

The course is a fully inclusive Choral ensemble that focuses on singing and experiencing choral music in a welcoming choral community. The class combines singing with movement and dance! This ensemble is specifically geared for students of all abilities.

05110-HCC

Concert Choir (1 credit).

The Concert Choir is the largest performing chorus ensemble. Students are invited to sing based on experience and skill level. Students should have a serious interest in learning to sing in a choir.
Required Prerequisites: Director recommendation.

05111-BHA

Armonia (1 credit) B

The BHS Armonia is a choral ensemble for women with a more advanced voice. It is open to students in all grades who have had experience singing in choirs.

Required Prerequisites: Permission from a current choral director is required.

50111-ACH

Honors Chorale (1 credit)

Advanced Chorale Honors is the top-performing choral group in high school. Members must have a high level of musical ability and dedication. Students must attend all outside performances and all concerts throughout the year.

Required Prerequisites: Membership to the Advanced Chorale is by audition only.

05104-HNO

Orchestra (1 credit)

Novice Orchestra is open to students who play violin, viola, cello, or string bass. Students study and perform a variety of orchestral music.

Required Prerequisites: Director's recommendation. At least one year of experience playing a string instrument.

05120-SEH

Honors String Ensemble (1 credit)

This ensemble is designed for more advanced string musicians. Enrollment is open to students who play violin, viola, cello, or bass.
Required Prerequisites: One year of orchestra, audition, or teacher recommendation.

BHS MUSIC COURSES 2025-2026

MUSIC ELECTIVES

05060-HMT

Musical Theater (1 credit)

This course is designed to familiarize the student with all aspects of musical theater. Students will be performing plays or vignettes while also learning the history of theater and crew tasks.

05107-HP1

Piano I, II, II, IV (1 credit)

This class gives students the basic skills needed to play piano. Students will focus on music reading, good piano technique, and some basic music theory. The class allows each student to progress at their own pace.
Class size is restricted due to lab, computer, and space restrictions.

05112-HNSP

Novice Steel Pan (1 credit)

Steel Pan Ensemble is for students who want to play the steel drum. They learn music theory, sight reading, and steel pan history and explore traditional and non-traditional pieces. This class requires students to attend performances outside of the regular school day.
Class size may be restricted due to available instruments.

05122-HASP

Advanced Steel Pan (1 credit)

Students in this class perform in the Advanced Steel Drum Ensemble.
Required Prerequisites: Steel Drum Band Novice or teacher recommendation.

05113-HMT

Music Theory (1 credit)

Students will be introduced to the elements of music theory and composition and will learn how these elements are used in music. The emphasis will be on rules of theory and composition, ear training, and analysis. The course is designed for students who desire to write their own music and those who desire it for personal enrichment.
Required Prerequisites: At least one year in a music ensemble and the ability to read music are required. Class size is restricted to eight students due to lab, computer, and space restrictions.

05114-APMT

AP Music Theory (1 credit)

Students will be introduced to the elements of music theory and composition and will learn how these elements are used in music. The emphasis will be on rules of theory and composition, ear training, and analysis. The course is designed both for students who desire to prepare for music as a career as well as those who desire it for personal enrichment.

Required Prerequisites: At least one year in a music ensemble and the ability to read music are required. Class size may be restricted due to available space and technology.

05116-HRR

History of Rock & Roll (1 credit)

This course is designed to familiarize the student with the history of rock music. Prominent players and groups of each era will be covered, as well as sociological, economic and cultural factors that shaped the many styles of rock music.

05123-MSP

Music Studio Production (1 credit)

Students learn to podcast and use loop and track-based composition. Students produce high-quality recordings of their own. They use programs such as Logic, GarageBand, and Sibelius.
Class size is restricted to eight students due to lab, computer, and space restrictions.

BHS MUSIC CLASESS 2024-2025

05003-HBLM

Ballet/Lyrical/Modern Dance

(1 credit)

Drama meets movement as students learn how to speak to their audience without saying a word. They build a solid knowledge of dance vocabulary used worldwide. Class size is restricted due to space restrictions.

05003-HJTF1

Jazz/Hip-Hop/Tap/Funk 1-4

(1 credit)

This course focuses on the American dance form that has swept the world. Students are challenged by this high-energy dance style found in movies, videos, and commercials. Required Prerequisites: Completion of the previous course sequence or permission of the teacher. Class size is restricted due to space restrictions.

05039-HEOD

Exploration of Dance

(1 credit)

Students are introduced to modern, jazz, hip hop, ballet & lyrical, and tap. This class will allow students who have never danced before to sample a few styles and allow them to confidently proceed in dance. Class size is restricted due to space restrictions.

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CHS MUSIC COURSES 2025-2026

CHOIR BAND ORCHESTRA



05101-HNCB

Concert Band (1 credit)

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05102-HACH

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50105-HJB

Jazz Band (0.5 credit)

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Required Prerequisites: Players are selected by audition or teacher recommendation only. Students must be able to read notes and rhythms in standard musical notation.

05102-HWEH

Honors Wind Ensemble (1 credit)

This is Concord's top auditioned ensemble for Band. This ensemble focuses on excellent wind and percussion players to rehearse and perform music on stage. The literature will focus on high school and college-level band music. Students must attend all outside performances and concerts throughout the year as well as any trips or competitions.
Required Prerequisites: Two years of experience in a Concert Band Ensemble. Musicians are selected by audition only. Recommended: Private instrumental instruction.

05110-HCC

Concert Choir (1 credit)

The Concert Choir is the largest performing chorus ensemble. Students are invited to sing based on experience and skill level. Students should have a serious interest in learning to sing in a choir.
Required Prerequisites: Director recommendation.

50111-ACH

Honors Chorale (1 credit)

Advanced Chorale Honors is the top-performing choral group in high school. Members must have a high level of musical ability and dedication. Students must attend all outside performances and all concerts throughout the year.
Required Prerequisites: Membership to the Advanced Chorale is by audition only.

50111-BVCH

Honors Bella Voce Chorus (1 credit)

Bella Voce Chorus Honors includes high school women who have previous chorus experience. They must have a high level of musical ability and dedication. Students must attend all outside performances and all concerts throughout the year.
Required Prerequisites: Membership to Bella Voce Chorus Honors is by audition only.

05104-HNO

Orchestra (1 credit)

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Required Prerequisites: Director's recommendation. At least one year of experience playing a string instrument.

05120-SEH

Honors String Ensemble (1 credit)

This ensemble is designed for more advanced string musicians. Enrollment is open to students who play violin, viola, cello, or bass.
Required Prerequisites: One year of orchestra, audition, or teacher recommendation.

CHS MUSIC COURSES 2025-2026



50111-AMH

Honors Madrigals (1 credit)

Honors Madrigals is the top-performing ensemble at Concord HS. Members are chosen from those who sing in the Chorale. Madrigals are conducted with support from the choral teacher. It is a traveling ensemble and performs for the community at special events, retirement communities, etc. Students must attend all outside performances and all concerts throughout the year.
Required Prerequisites: Membership in Advanced Chorale Honors, Audition/Director recommendation.

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05107-HP1

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05113-HMT

Music Theory (1 credit)

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05114-APMT

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05108-HSG1

Guitar I (1 credit)

This class gives students the basic skills needed to play the guitar. Students will focus on music reading, and good playing technique. This class allows each student to progress at their own pace. This class is offered to anyone who wants to learn to play guitar. No prior knowledge of music is necessary.
Required Prerequisites: Limited to ten students at CHS due to instrument restrictions.

MUSIC ELECTIVES

MPHS MUSIC COURSES 2025-2026



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05112-HVC

Voice Class (1 credit)

This course teaches skills to improve the singing voice as both a solo and ensemble singer. The class will focus on improving the voice by learning about and practicing good vocal health and proper vocal technique."

05110-HCC

Concert Choir (1 credit)

The Concert Choir is the largest performing chorus ensemble. Students are invited to sing based on experience and skill level. Students should have a serious interest in learning to sing in a choir.
Required Prerequisites: Director recommendation.

05111-HTS

Treble Choir (1 credit)

Treble Choir includes high school women who have previous experience in chorus. They must have a high level of musical ability and dedication. Students must attend all outside performances and three evening concerts a year.

50111-ACH

Honors Chorale (1 credit)

Advanced Chorale Honors is the top-performing choral group in high school. Members must have a high level of musical ability and dedication. Students must attend all outside performances and all concerts throughout the year.
Required Prerequisites: Membership to the Advanced Chorale is by audition only.

05104-HNO

Orchestra (1 credit)

Novice Orchestra is open to students who play violin, viola, cello, or string bass. Students study and perform a variety of orchestral music.
Required Prerequisites: Director's recommendation. At least one year of experience playing a string instrument.

05120-SEH

Honors String Ensemble (1 credit)

This ensemble is designed for more advanced string musicians. Enrollment is open to students who play violin, viola, cello, or bass.
Required Prerequisites: One year of orchestra, audition, or teacher recommendation.

MPHS MUSIC COURSES 2025-2026



MUSIC ELECTIVES

05121-HSC

Show Choir (0.5 credit)

Show Choir is a choral group that performs choreographed vocal numbers. Students audition for the group in dance and voice. Music will vary across genres and time periods. Rehearsals take place at the school in the evening. Members are required to sing in performances four times a year. Students selected for the Show Choir must travel to music festivals and competitions with the group.
Required Prerequisites: Membership is by audition only.

05112-HNSP

Novice Steel Pan (1 credit)

Steel Pan Ensemble is for students who want to play the steel drum. They learn music theory, sight reading, and steel pan history and explore traditional and non-traditional pieces. This class requires students to attend performances outside of the regular school day.
Class size may be restricted due to available instruments.

05122-HASP

Advanced Steel Pan (1 credit)

Students in this class perform in the Advanced Steel Drum Ensemble.
Required Prerequisites: Steel Drum Band Novice or teacher recommendation.

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05115-HIBM

IB Music (1 credit)

The IB High School Music Theory Course immerses students in music's language and structure, exploring fundamental elements like harmony, melody, rhythm, and form. With a focus on critical listening, analysis, composition, and historical study, it cultivates an appreciation for diverse cultural music, fostering a global understanding of its significance.

05114-APMT

AP Music Theory (1 credit)

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05108-HSG1

Guitar I (1 credit)

This class gives students the basic skills needed to play the guitar. Students will focus on music reading, and good playing technique. This class allows each student to progress at their own pace. This class is offered to anyone who wants to learn to play guitar. No prior knowledge of music is necessary. Required Prerequisites: Limited to ten students at CHS due to instrument restrictions.

05108-HSG2

Guitar II (1 credit)

In Guitar II students will continue their experience with the guitar. They work on single-note reading, chords and strumming style, and fingerstyle playing.
Required Prerequisites: Guitar I or teacher recommendation.

05106-EME

Early Music Ensemble (0.5 credit)

This course focuses on studying and performing Renaissance and early Baroque music. Students play period instruments. The early music ensemble meets one day per week after school, as decided by the teacher.
Required Prerequisites: Members are selected by audition only.

05107-HP1

Piano I, II, II, IV (1 credit)

This class gives students the basic skills needed to play piano. Students will focus on music reading, good piano technique, and some basic music theory. The class allows each student to progress at their own pace. Class size is restricted due to lab, computer, and space restrictions.