



## ANN ARBOR SUMMER MUSIC PROGRAM

The Ann Arbor Public Schools Summer Music Program is open to students in Washtenaw County in grades 5-12. Please note the grade level of the class or camp you are interested in. Students will have the opportunity to display their existing talent and be challenged to develop new skills.

**Dates:** Monday through Thursday, June 15 through July 2, 2026

**Location:** Skyline High School

**Fee:** \$200 per individual music class; \$490 for the Music Day Camp; and \$310 for the Choir Camp \*Online only registration & payment through [MyPaymentsPlus](#)

**Questions:** Contact Facilitator Brittany Osman: [osmanb@aaps.k12.mi.us](mailto:osmanb@aaps.k12.mi.us)

*\*\* Limited scholarships are available only to AAPS students. The application deadline is May 16.*

**To apply, please fill out the [Scholarship Form](#). For questions, email Brittany Osman at [osmanb@aaps.k12.mi.us](mailto:osmanb@aaps.k12.mi.us)**

# Class Offerings and Descriptions

## Instrumental Music Day Camp

Camp ID# 26-IMDC  
9:00 - 2:00 pm  
Monday-Thursday June 15-July 2

**ALL STUDENTS WILL NEED TO BRING A BAG LUNCH**

**Incoming Grades: 6, 7, & 8.** Students can hone their craft through lessons in performance, music theory, and large-ensemble skills. This day camp will include large-ensemble (band and orchestra) rehearsals, sectionals (by instrument or instrument family), multi-level instruction, and an All-Camp Symphony experience (band and orchestra perform together). Physical movement activities will also be included. The camp session will conclude with a concert.

Instructors: Brittany Osman, AAPS Music Staff.

When you register for camp, you will be asked to complete an online Course Selection Form. Please read through the class descriptions on this webpage before completing the Course Selection form. **Students should choose one large ensemble class (Intermediate or Advanced Orchestra or Band) and may select Jazz as their second class. Students who do not choose Jazz Class will be in sectional classes organized by instrument and experience. An orchestra instrument: violin, viola, cello, or bass. A band instrument: flute, oboe, bassoon, all clarinets, saxophones, trumpet, french horn, trombone, baritone/euphonium, tuba, or percussion.**

## Middle School Jazz Band

Class Only ID# 26-J1  
Camp ID# 26-IMDC  
10:05 - 11:05 am  
Monday-Thursday June 15-July 2

**Incoming Grades 6-8:** No jazz experience is required! All instruments are welcome! Students will learn about jazz through ensemble playing, starting from the foundations of the music, from learning how to play "swing" rhythms to creating our own compositions and solos. We will learn music from different eras, from the traditional sounds of New Orleans to the swing band sounds of Basie and Ellington, and beyond. This class is for ALL instruments- winds, strings, piano, guitar, and others!

(For those interested in signing up but are outside the recommended grade level, please contact Mr. Pakela at [pakelah@azschools.org](mailto:pakelah@azschools.org))

Instructor: Henry Pakela, AAPS Music Staff

## All City High School Jazz Ensemble

Class Only ID# 26-J3

Camp ID# 26-IMDC

11:10-12:10 pm

Monday-Thursday June 15-July 2

**Incoming Grades 9-12:** For students with performance experience in a jazz or other instrumental ensemble. In this group, students will enjoy playing rewarding charts written by some of the great composers and arrangers of the jazz world. Students can showcase their learning through a final concert at the end of the camp. (pakelah@a2schools.org)

Instructor: Henry Pakela, AAPS Music Staff

## Jazz Lab Band

(Intro to Jazz thru Ensemble Music)

Class Only ID# 26-J2

Camp ID# 26-IMDC

9:00-10:00 am

Monday-Thursday June 15-July 2

Incoming Grades 8-11: No jazz experience required! All instruments are welcome! Have you ever wondered how musicians learn to improvise? How to create a composition or learn chord changes? Experience music entirely differently in our Jazz Lab Class- where students will have fun learning about this fantastic American art form! In our class, students will;

- 1) Develop an understanding of group interactions in a jazz ensemble format through listening
- 2) Learn the basics of jazz and music theory through songs from the jazz repertoire
- 3) Compose their own solos (or melodies) to perform with the class.

We'll work together as a class to learn songs, create solos, and jam! This class is for all instruments—winds, strings, piano, and guitar. At the end of the camp, students can showcase their learning through a final concert.

(For those interested in signing up but are outside the recommended grade level, please contact Mr. Pakela at pakelah@a2schools.org)

## Middle School Orchestra Crash Course

Class Only ID# 26-OCC

Camp ID# 26-IMDC

12:30-1:30 pm

### Incoming Grade 6:

Get ready for middle school orchestra! This class provides quick, essential tips to help students feel confident joining a large ensemble. We'll strengthen core skills in rhythm, music theory, key signatures, scales, and sight reading. This is not a performance class—it's a focused crash course to help students enter orchestra feeling prepared and successful.

Instructor: Vera Schwankl, AAPS Music Staff

## Middle School Band Crash Course

Class Only ID# 26-BCC

Camp ID# 26-IMDC

12:30-1:30 pm

### Incoming Grade 6:

Get ready for middle school band! This class provides quick, essential tips to help students feel confident joining a large ensemble. We'll strengthen core skills such as rhythm, music theory, key signatures, scales, and sight reading. This is not a performance class—it's a focused crash course to help students enter middle school band class feeling prepared and successful.

Instructor: Craig Beery, AAPS Music Staff

## Intermediate Orchestra Ensemble

Class Only ID# 26-IO

Camp ID# 26-IMDC

9:00-10:00 am

Monday-Thursday June 15-July 2

**Incoming Grades 6 & 7:** This class is for students who have played violin, viola, cello, or bass for less than 2 years. This is an orchestral experience for students seeking a moderate challenge in a relaxed, fun environment.

Instructor: Elizabeth Paddock, AAPS Music Staff

## Advanced Orchestra Ensemble

Class Only ID# 26-AO

Camp ID# 26-IMDC

10:05-11:05 am

Monday-Thursday June 15-July 2

**Incoming Grades 7 & 8:** This class is for students who have played violin, viola, cello, or bass for more than 2 years. It is an orchestra experience for students seeking a moderate challenge in a relaxed and fun environment.

Instructor: Elizabeth Paddock, AAPS Music Staff.

<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Intermediate Band</b>  Class Only ID# 26-IB  Camp ID# 26-IMDC  9:00 - 10:00 am  Monday-Thursday June 15-July 2</p>	<p><b>Incoming Grades 6 &amp; 7:</b> This class is for students who have played a band instrument: flute, clarinet, saxophone, trumpet, french horn, trombone, baritone, tuba, or percussion for less than 2 years. This band experience is for students seeking a moderate challenge in a relaxed and fun environment.  Instructor: Caroline Fitzgerald, AAPS Music Staff</p>
<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Advanced Band</b>  Class Only ID# 26-AB  Camp ID# 26-IMDC  10:05 - 11:05 am  Monday-Thursday June 15-July 2</p>	<p><b>Incoming Grades 7 &amp; 8:</b> This class is for students who have played a band instrument for more than 2 years, including flute, clarinet, saxophone, trumpet, French horn, trombone, baritone, tuba, or percussion. It is a band experience for students seeking additional musical instruction in a relaxed, fun environment.  Instructor: Caroline Fitzgerald, AAPS Staff</p>
<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Choir Camp-</b>  <u><i>new for summer 2026</i></u>  Camp ID# 26-MCC  9:00-12:00 pm  Monday-Thursday June 22-July 2</p>	<p><b>Incoming Grades 6-8th:</b> This class is for students who love to sing! You do not need to have prior singing experience to participate. We will focus on healthy singing techniques for performing gospel and musical theatre styles.  Limited to 50 students  Instructor: Sadarra Fields, AAPS Staff</p>
<p><b>Summer Music Camp Counselor Opportunities:</b></p> <p>Students in the 2025-2026 High School Concert or Symphony Band/Orchestra or Bel Canto/A Capella/Chamber Choirs may apply. All Counselors/CITs must arrive at Skyline by 8:30 am, and will be dismissed after a daily debriefing with the camp director (around 12:30pm for Choir counselors and around 2:30pm for Instrumental counselors and CITs). To apply, students must complete the <a href="#">application</a> form, <a href="#">AAPS Instrumental Music Day Camp and Choir Camp Counselor Application</a>. Applicants will be notified of their acceptance by May 1, 2026. <u><i>Accepted CITs will be emailed a registration/payment link at that time.</i></u></p>	<p><b><u>Counselors-in-Training (CITs) - Incoming Grade 9, INSTRUMENTAL DAY CAMP ONLY (no choir) -Tuition \$150</u></b></p> <p><b><u>CITs</u></b> will develop leadership and teaching skills by assisting with rehearsals, sectionals, supervising activities, and other tasks.</p> <p><b><u>Counselors - Incoming Grades 10-12 &amp; 2024 Graduates (instrumental and choir):</u></b></p> <p><b><u>Counselors</u></b> will assist with rehearsals, sectionals, supervising activities, and other tasks. Counselors do not pay tuition and may use this as community service hours.</p> <p>Instructor: Brittany Osman and Sadarra Fields, AAPS Music Staff</p>

**Instrument Rental for Summer (Summer Music Program or Not) - Fee: \$40 (Program) / \$65 (Summer Only)**

AAPS students in a music program can rent an instrument for the summer if available.

- The fee is \$40 for students enrolled in the Summer Music Program. [ID# 26-R1](#).
- The fee is \$65 for students ONLY renting for the summer.-[ID# 26-R2](#).

**IMPORTANT:** To obtain an instrument, complete the Summer Music registration and present the payment receipt to your music teacher. You must arrange to pick up your instrument from your current teacher before the school year ends if you plan to attend the same school in Fall 2025. Current 5th- and 8th-graders should contact their 6th- or 9th-grade music teacher (2025-2026) to arrange a rental. (See school chart)

Students renting an instrument for summer only (not enrolling in the Summer Music Program) should enroll in [ID# 26-R2](#).

**Eligibility:** Return the cleaned instrument on the first day of the 2025-2026 school year.

BAND DIRECTORS			ORCHESTRA DIRECTORS		
SCHOOL	NAME	EMAIL ADDRESS	SCHOOL	NAME	EMAIL ADDRESS
A2STEAM	Cara Boden	boden@aaps.k12.mi.us	A2STEAM	Piper Meldrum-Roy	meldrumroy@aaps.k12.mi.us
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TAPPAN	Lauren Stout	stoutl@aaps.k12.mi.us			

Complete a Summer Music registration and print a receipt of payment to show your music teacher as proof of payment to receive your instrument.