

Music Courses

JAZZ ENSEMBLE

10-11-12

(No credit)

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****Teacher signature required**

Students must perform a successful audition, receive written permission from the instructor and be enrolled in either Spartan Band or Concert Band to enroll in this course. The Jazz Ensemble is a full year course which rehearses daily during the advisory period. This ensemble is open to saxophones, trumpets, trombones, and a small rhythm section. Various musical styles to be explored with this ensemble include big band, swing, rock and traditional jazz standards. The Jazz Ensemble performs in three formal concerts, the Spartan Fiesta and other community events during the school year.

Students may register for 1/4 credit each semester, but cannot exceed 3.5 total semester credits. Those who would exceed 3.5 total semester credits will receive a letter grade for Chamber Orchestra, but will not receive a credit for the course.

Music Courses

SPARTAN ORCHESTRA

9-10-11-12

(1 Credit – 1 Year) 262

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required**

The Spartan Orchestra includes students in grades 9-12 who have had prior training on a string instrument (violin, viola, cello, or bass). The orchestra studies and performs intermediate level high school literature. Proper string playing technique and music reading are emphasized.

The Spartan Orchestra has five formal performances during the school year: the Fall Concert, the Winter Concert, the Pops Concert and Graduation. The Orchestra also participates in an annual music festival sponsored by the Wisconsin School Music Association.

In addition to concerts, many Spartan Orchestra members choose to participate in the annual solo/small ensemble festival sponsored by Wisconsin School Music Association.

Homework includes regular practice outside of class (at least two hours weekly) as well as written assignments.

A course fee of \$20.00 is charged for students using a school string instrument to cover maintenance cost.

CONCERT ORCHESTRA

10-11-12

(1 Credit – 1 Year) 264

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The Concert Orchestra includes students in grades 10–12 who demonstrate advanced playing technique by auditioning for the orchestra director. This orchestra studies and performs intermediate and advanced level high school orchestra literature. More advanced playing techniques and music reading is covered in this ensemble.

The Concert Orchestra has five formal performances during the school year: the Fall Concert, the Winter Concert, the Pops Concert and Graduation. The Orchestra also participates in an annual music festival sponsored by the Wisconsin School Music Association.

In addition to concerts, many Concert Orchestra members choose to participate in the annual solo/small ensemble festival sponsored by Wisconsin School Music Association.

A course fee of \$20.00 is charged for students using a school string instrument to cover maintenance cost.

ADVANCED CONCERT ORCHESTRA (HONORS)

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(1 Credit – 1 Year) 266

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Concert Orchestra is available as an honors course for students in grade 12 who have completed three years in orchestra. The class meets at the same time as Concert Orchestra. Students must complete all of the requirements of Concert Orchestra. In addition students must receive one private lesson weekly (either in or out of school), must practice a minimum of 5 hours weekly, and must complete an Honors Project each grading period under the supervision of the orchestra director. Honors students also perform in an Honors Recital at the end of both semesters.

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CHAMBER ORCHESTRA

9-10-11-12

(No Credit)

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The Chamber Orchestra is a full year course, which meets during advisory period daily, Monday through Friday. Membership is limited to the most advanced string players and one pianist. The Chamber Orchestra will explore some of the most difficult music written for string orchestra. Students must be enrolled in the Concert Orchestra or Spartan Orchestra, and must audition before the orchestra director.

Students may register for 1/4 credit each semester, but cannot exceed 3.5 total semester credits. Those who would exceed 3.5 total semester credits will receive a letter grade for Chamber Orchestra, but will not receive a credit for the course.

CHOIR

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(1 Credit – 1 Year)

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All types of music are used and explored. Singing is done in three, four and five parts. This class is designed to enable the student to read and perform a large number of different pieces of music.

MIXED CHOIR

10-11-12

(1 Credit – 1 Year)

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Students who enjoy singing and developing their music skills are encouraged to join Mixed Choir. Studies in voice and the skills of music reading provide the student with an excellent opportunity to grow musically. No auditions are required, but interest, ambition, and self-discipline are necessary for success. *Participation in concerts and arranged programs is a requirement of the class.*

CONCERT CHOIR

11-12

(1 Credit – 1 Year)

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Any sophomore, junior or senior who possesses vocal musical proficiency and an appreciation of good music is encouraged to audition for this choir. The Concert Choir performs music in a wide variety of styles ranging from chants of the middle ages to current Broadway and pop. All students wishing to sign up for Concert Choir must audition. Participation in concerts and arranged programs is a requirement of the class.

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SPARTAN SINGERS

10-11-12

(1 Credit – 1 Year) 278

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***Prerequisite: Previous or current membership in high school band, choir or orchestra.**

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The Spartan Singers is a select group of dedicated vocal music students. In addition to the normal concerts presented during the year, this group also performs for various community functions. Members must possess above average musical ability and be willing to commit extra time outside of our class hour to performing and rehearsing. This group performs music in any and all styles and languages. Participation in concerts and arranged programs is a requirement of the class.

ADVANCED SPARTAN SINGERS (HONORS)

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(1 Credit – 1 Year) 280

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Spartan Singers is available as an honors course for seniors who have been in the music program for three years. Students must complete all the requirements for Spartan Singers. In addition, students will be expected to complete an Honors Project each Grading period, have one additional voice lesson each grading period, and perform in an honors recital at the end of each semester.
