

# MUSIC

The study of Music at North High includes many course offerings and performance opportunities! Students are encouraged to explore their interests through performance, music theory, and classes that provide creative opportunities. If you have any questions, please email Dr. Pamela Levy, Department Head of Fine and Performing Arts.

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## **CONCERT CHOIR – FULL YEAR**

CONCERT CHOIR is a large ensemble for students in grades 9, 10, 11 and 12 who love to sing! No audition is required. The ensemble works on repertoire of all types with a strong emphasis on learning to read music. NYSSMA preparation is included in the course, which can lead to being selected for the prestigious All County and All State festivals. Attendance at all concert performance dates is required to receive credit. Students will perform at the Winter, Valentine Pops, and Spring Artfest concerts, as well as community events and other performances. This class meets every day.

1 unit of credit

Open to all students grades 9-12  
No prerequisite  
Meets Art/Drama/Music requirement.

## **CHAMBER CHOIR- AM FULL YEAR**

This course is for the student in grades 9, 10, 11, and 12 who loves to sing and enjoys a challenging musical experience. No audition is required. NYSSMA preparation is included in the course, which lead to being selected for the prestigious All County and All State festivals. Musicianship skills are emphasized such as sight-reading and conducting. Music will be studied from the Renaissance to the 21st Century such as Monteverdi, Bach, Brahms, Mozart, Poulenc, and Rutter. Students will perform at the Winter and Spring Artfest concerts, as well as community events and other performances.

1 unit of credit.

Open to all students grades 9-12  
No prerequisite  
Meets Art/Drama/Music requirement.

## **SONGWRITING**

Do you have ideas for creating songs and would like to understand how to write them down? This course will introduce the art and craft of songwriting through the study of harmony, melody, lyrics, rhythm, tempo, key, texture, and structure. In addition, the course will cover elements of music production and marketing. There will be a showcase at the end of the semester.

1/2 unit of credit  
Semester course

Open to all students grades 9-12  
No prerequisite  
Meets computer literacy requirement

### **ADVANCED PIANO- 1/2 Year**

This course will provide instruction and opportunities to perform for students who have already had several years of studying piano. Students will study composers by the masters; Chopin, Beethoven, Bach, Debussy, and others. There will be at least one recital during the term.

1/2 unit of credit  
Semester course

Open to all students grades 9-12  
No prerequisite  
Meets Art/Drama/Music  
requirement

### **VOICE**

Would you like to learn how to sing, or to improve your voice? VOICE is class that meets every day and is open to all students. No audition or prerequisite is required. The purpose of the course is to help you realize your talent by studying different styles such as musical theatre, pop, rock, jazz, opera, and art song. The class will consist of vocal technique, sight reading, preparation for concerts, competitions, and college auditions. In addition, students will have the opportunity to perform at community events.

1/2 unit of credit  
Semester course

Open to All Students grade 9-12  
No prerequisite  
Meets Art/Drama/Music requirement

### **MUSIC TODAY**

Do you love to listen to music?! This course is designed for those students who do not participate in a major performing ensemble, but who enjoy learning about music! Students will develop skills in critical listening, as they will discuss different styles of music. A rich history of contemporary music and other forms is a primary focus, along with discussion and analysis of current pop music and industry trends.

1/2 unit of credit  
Semester course

Open to All Students grade 9-12  
No prerequisite  
Meets Art/Drama/Music requirement

### **MUSIC THEORY and TECHNOLOGY I (SEMESTER)**

This course is an introduction to learning the elements of music; notes, rhythms, time signatures, chords, melody, harmony, and other topics. As students master the material they will learn to score music through using a computer program (Noteflight) which will enable them to produce original compositions. This course is a prerequisite for AP Music Theory.

1/2 unit of credit  
Semester course

Open to All Students grade 9-12  
No prerequisite  
Meets Art/Drama/Music requirement  
Meets computer literacy requirement

### **AP MUSIC THEORY**

This course is for the student interested in the advanced study of music. Having experience playing an instrument or being in chorus for several years is optimal. This course will include the study of four part

writing, analysis, and musical style, along with practice in ear training, sight singing, and musicianship. The AP test is required for completion of the course.

1 unit of credit

Prerequisite: Foundational study in Music Theory, Music Theory and Technology, an interview with the instructor.  
Meets Music/Art/Drama requirement

### **CONCERT BAND – FULL YEAR**

Enrollment in CONCERT BAND is available to all woodwind, brass and percussion students in grades 9, 10, 11 and 12. Students remain in Concert Band for as many terms until they qualify for Symphony Band. All members of the CONCERT BAND are encouraged to participate in additional music opportunities such as chamber music, pep band, jazz ensemble, musical pit orchestra, and to prepare solo compositions for the NYSSMA Solo Evaluation Festival, which can lead to being selected for the prestigious All County and All State performing ensembles.

1 unit of credit

Prerequisites: Participation in the 8th grade Band Recommendation from a music teacher  
Meets Music/Art/Drama requirement

### **SYMPHONY BAND – FULL YEAR**

Enrollment in the SYMPHONY BAND is available to all woodwind, brass and percussion students in grades 10, 11 and 12 who have successfully completed CONCERT BAND requirements. Students remain in the Symphonic Band subject to satisfactory performance. All members of the SYMPHONY BAND are encouraged to participate in additional music opportunities such as chamber music, pep band, jazz ensemble, musical pit orchestra, and to prepare solo compositions for the NYSSMA Solo evaluation Festival, which can lead to being selected for the prestigious All County and All State performing ensembles and/or All Eastern select ensembles.

1 unit of credit

Prerequisites: Participation for at least 2 semesters in the CONCERT BAND  
Recommendation from the BAND director  
Meets Music/Art/Drama requirement

### **CONCERT ORCHESTRA – FULL YEAR**

Enrollment in CONCERT ORCHESTRA is available to all ninth grade string players. Students remain in Concert orchestra for as many terms as necessary until they qualify for SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA, subject to a satisfactory performance. The course is designed for ninth grade string students as well as for 10th, 11th, and 12th graders who need foundational instruction in string techniques. Membership in the CONCERT ORCHESTRA entails mandatory attendance at all scheduled performances. In addition, students in the Concert Orchestra are encouraged to participate in the Jazz Orchestra, Pit Orchestra, and

to prepare solo compositions for the NYSSMA Solo Evaluation festival, which can lead to being selected for the prestigious All County and All State performing ensembles.

1 unit of credit

Prerequisites:  
Participation in the 8th grade ORCHESTRA  
Recommendation from a music teacher  
Meets Music/Art/Drama requirement

### **SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA – FULL YEAR**

Enrollment in the Symphony Orchestra is available to all string players who have successfully completed the CONCERT ORCHESTRA Class requirements. Wind and percussion players should not register for Symphony Orchestra. Students remain in the SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA subject to satisfactory performance. Challenging works of the string orchestra repertoire (NYSSMA ratings IV-VI) are studied and performed. Membership in the Symphony Orchestra requires mandatory attendance at all scheduled performances. Members of the SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA are encouraged to register for the CHAMBER MUSIC class, audition for the Jazz Orchestra, and Pit Orchestras. They also have the opportunity to prepare solo compositions to participate in the NYSSMA Solo Evaluation Festival, which can lead to being selected for the prestigious All County and All State performing ensembles.

1 unit of credit

Prerequisites: Participation for at least 2 semesters in the CONCERT ORCHESTRA  
Recommendation from the ORCHESTRA director  
Meets Music/Art/Drama requirement

### **CHAMBER MUSIC (A.M.)**

Enrollment in CHAMBER MUSIC is available to all students who play string, woodwind, brass, percussion, and keyboard instruments. The class meets every school day from 7:15-7:57 am. The course is designed for student musicians already registered for on of the core Instrumental classes (SYMPHONY BAND, SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA, CONCERT ORCHESTRA, or CONCERT BAND, who wish to develop instrumental techniques necessary to perform in a chamber ensemble.

1 unit of credit

Prerequisites: Enrollment in CONCERT BAND, SYMPHONY BAND, CONCERT ORCHESTRA, OR SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA and/or approval by the department chair.  
Meets Music/Art/Drama requirement