

Band & Strings, All Forms

Course Description

Band and Strings are instrumental performing groups that explore a variety of musical examples. Students will develop a functional knowledge of music so as to recognize and demonstrate the elements of music including rhythm, pitch, duration, dynamics, timbre, form, style and texture.

Course Goals

- To enable students to participate in a multifarious instrumental ensemble
- To enable students to perform a variety of musical styles from various historical periods
- To enable students to make emotional responses to the basic elements of music
- To develop in students the interrelationship each instrument shares within a piece of music

Course Objectives

- To develop an understanding of how each student's musical contribution affects the elements and balance of the composition
- To recognize and correctively articulate, including attack and release, specific rhythms within each composition
- To recognize and correctly articulate pitches within melody and harmony
- To recognize and correctly articulate durations and how those durations vary according to historical style
- To demonstrate adequate and appropriate dynamics
- To discover the differences in timbre when various instrumentation is utilized
- To recognize the various forms of musical composition
- To apply stylistic nuances appropriate to each musical composition
- To discover the different textures afforded each composition by adding or deleting instrumental parts, producing single or multiple sounds and describing the textures in works being studied as thick or thin, light or heavy