MHS Curriculum Overview Music

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Gradebook standards for all music courses are:

- Create
- Respond/Connect
- Perform

Chorale

Topics of Study

 Build upon fundamental musical concepts learned in middle school, while establishing new techniques

Chromatic Choir

Topics of Study

 Build upon fundamental musical concepts learned in Chorale, while establishing new techniques

A Cappella Choir

Topics of Study

 advanced choral literature.
 Continued focus on technique, theory, and music literacy at an advanced level

BlueNotes

Topics of Study

 focuses on contemporary popular a cappella, jazz, and several other choral genres/periods. Blue Notes is by audition only, and requires music reading skills, developed vocal technique, and advanced musicianship

Concert Band

Topics of Study

 Introductory Field Marching Techniques, 6 Most Common Key Signatures (Major/Minor), Intermediate Rhythm Patterns and Counting Strategies, Level Appropriate Repertoire (Grades 2.5-3.5)

Symphonic Band

Topics of Study

 Field Marching Techniques, Review of 6 Most Common Key Signatures (Major/Minor), Intermediate Rhythm Patterns and Counting Strategies, Level Appropriate Repertoire (Grades 3 - 4)

Wind Ensemble

Topics of Study

Corp Style Marching
 Techniques, Advanced Key
 Signature Study (Major/Minor),
 Advanced Rhythm Patterns
 and Counting Strategies, Level
 Appropriate Repertoire
 (Grades 3 - 5)

Chamber Strings

Topics of Study

 6 Most Common Key Signatures (Major/Minor), Intermediate Rhythm Patterns, Counting Strategies and Vibrato, Level Appropriate Repertoire (Grades 2.5-3.5)

Philharmonic Orchestra

Topics of Study

 Advanced Key Signatures (Major/Minor), Intermediate Rhythm Patterns, Counting Strategies and Vibrato, Level Appropriate Repertoire (Grades 3-4.5)

Early Bird Jazz Ensemble

Topics of Study

 Intermediate Jazz Repertoire, Improvisational Theory and Techniques, Jazz Articulation, Jazz Styles (Swing, Rock, Various Latin, etc.)

Second Lake Jazz Ensemble

Topics of Study

 Advanced Jazz Repertoire, Improvisational Theory and Techniques, Jazz Articulation, Jazz Styles (Swing, Rock, Various Latin, etc.)

Music Fundamentals

Topics of Study

 fundamental structures of western music, music analysis and an historic overview of western music periods, music history covered includes the western compositional periods: medieval, renaissance, baroque, classical, and romantic.

Music Theory

Topics of Study

 styles of music theory analysis including figured bass and Roman Numeral Analysis, theory studies will also include counterpoint and composition, introduction to non-western musical traditions will include East Asian, Middle-eastern, West African, and Latin American

Musicians Studio

Topics of Study

 individualized performance-based music course, project-based learning units, learn about numerous popular musical styles and genres, respond to these styles with their own musical creation, and share with one another in a safe "studio" space