

MUSIC

MUSIC CONCEPTS

First term only, 0.5 credit, grades 10-12

Prerequisite: Prior music knowledge and ability to read music to perform on a musical instrument (voice included) are required. Members work together in small and large groups on chamber music and other music projects. Students improve individual music skills and study music theory, history and literature. Students are required to participate in at least one performance as determined by instructor. Students are responsible for purchasing materials for this course. Materials provided to students remain the property of LOCS (Lake Orion Community Schools).

Performance requirements: Membership in all music performance groups requires the student attend all performances of the group in which he/she is enrolled. Failure to appear may result in failure in that class and loss of credit. Exceptions include: doctor's excuse, death in immediate family or any unusual circumstances as decided by director and/or principal.

CAMPUS CHOIR

1.0 credits, grades 9 –12

Campus Choir is a two-term course for incoming 9th grade students and 10th, 11th and 12th grade students who are not yet ready for a more advanced choir experience. Students will be taught to sing in three-part harmony. Correct vocal production is emphasized. Music reading is learned. Basic music theory and music history are introduced. Students will be involved in at least one required evening performance each term. Additional choir opportunities such as MSVMA Honor Choir, show choirs, and Solo & Ensemble Festival will be offered to those enrolled in class. Previous choir experience is not necessary. The class may be repeated. Students are responsible for purchasing materials for this course. Materials provided to students remain the property of LOCS.

CHAMBER CHOIR

2.0 credits, grades 10-12

Prerequisite: Campus Choir, Concert Choir, or Chorale and Audition. Chamber choir is a highly auditioned choir of the most advanced singers who will study collegiate level choral literature. Students typically have extensive vocal and even instrumental training and have the desire to be challenged by this level. Advanced sightsinging, ear-training, history and music theory as it applies to the choral literature will be included. Students will be expected to attend all performances including, but not limited to, evening concerts and MSVMA festivals as part of their grade. A concert uniform will be provided by the school. Students are responsible for purchasing materials for this course. Materials provided to the students remain the property of LOCS.

CHORALE

2.0 credits, grades 10-12

Prerequisite: Open by audition. The chorale will be comprised of advanced students. A full range of choral literature will be sung. Advanced sight-singing will be rehearsed. It is desirable that Chorale members remain in this class for the full year. If a conflict should occur, the student, after consultation with his/her counselor and director may opt out. All performances are required. Students are responsible for purchasing materials for this course. Materials provided to students remain the property of LOCS.

CONCERT CHOIR

2.0 credits, grades 10-12

Prerequisite: Open by audition. Concert Choir is the intermediate level choir. A full range of choral literature will be sung. Intermediate level sight-singing will be rehearsed. It is desirable that Concert Choir members remain in this class all year. If a conflict should occur, the student after consultation with his/her counselor and director may opt out. All performances are required. Students are responsible for purchasing materials for this course. Materials provided to students remain the property of LOCS.

EXPLORING POPULAR MUSIC

0.5 credit, grades 9-12

Exploring Popular Music is a survey of American popular music from its roots in colonial times to the present day. Through listening to multiple musical samples, selected readings, and class discussion, students will develop knowledge of musical elements and analysis skills. Emphasis will also be placed on social and historical events which led to the evolution of different popular musical styles. The course will begin with colonial times and the founding of the United States, move through the 19th Century westward expansion, and emphasize the explosion of popular music styles in the 20th and 21st centuries including the influence of world popular music and electronic music. Genres included for study (but not limited to) would be: Folk Songs, Ragtime, Tin Pan Alley, Roots of Jazz, Big Band, Broadway, Gospel, Blues, Rock and Roll, Rock, New Age, Techno, Mash-ups, Grunge, Metal, Funk, Soul, Rap and world music such as Reggae.

INDEPENDENT STUDY - Fine Arts -Music

0.5 credit, grades 11-12

Prerequisite: Student must have completed all courses offered in the area of study before selecting this class. A written plan of work must be submitted and approved by mutual student and teacher agreement. This course is designed for the students in grades 11-12 who desires a more intensive study in a particular discipline than the general curriculum provides. Before registration, each student must submit a work-study plan signed by his/her parent/guardian. Upon approval, copies will be held by the student, the teacher and their counselor. Weekly student-teacher conferences will be arranged to monitor the student's progress. The final project may be evaluated by the entire department before a grade is granted. Students selecting this course must be able to work independently and responsibly.

INSTRUMENTAL MUSIC

CAMPUS BAND

1.0 credit, grades 9-12

Prerequisite: Successful completion of eighth grade band. Open by audition. This course will be comprised of primarily ninth grade members. The ensemble will perform at concerts, festivals and parades when appropriate. Attending Solo and Ensemble will be strongly encouraged as part of the curriculum. The members of this ensemble will be groomed for participation in advanced Senior High School performing groups. Students are responsible for purchasing materials for this course. Materials provided to students remain the property of LOCS (Lake Orion Community Schools).

CONCERT BAND

2.0 credits, grades 9-12 (9th graders by Audition) (Terms 1, 2, 3, &4)

Prerequisite: Open to Grade 9 by audition. The High School Concert Band is designed for the serious, developing musician. The concert band will be responsible for all scheduled performances. Members will be encouraged to perform at Solo and Ensemble Festival. Attendance at all performances is required. It is desirable that band members remain in all terms of this class. If a conflict should occur, the student, after consultation with his/her counselor and director may opt out. (If admitted as a 9th grade student, the student must enroll in terms 1-4 (2.0 credits) without exception, although students who are in marching band first term would be exempt from first term in Concert Band). Students are responsible for purchasing materials for this course. Materials provided to students remain the property of LOCS (Lake Orion Community Schools).

JAZZ BAND

1.0 credit, grades 9-12

Prerequisite: Teacher approval. Jazz Band is a performing ensemble for students in Lake Orion High School who perform on piano, guitar, bass guitar, drum-set, percussion, saxophone, trumpet and trombone. Students will learn the various jazz scales and modes, develop improvisational skills, and learn the history of jazz, which is one of the only truly American art forms.

MARCHING BAND

First term only, 0.5 credit, grades 10-12 (grade 9 by audition)

Prerequisite: Open by audition. This group will perform at all home football games and parades plus Saturday competitions throughout the term. A schedule of performances will be made available in May prior to the next school year. All performances are required. This class must be taken in conjunction with Concert Band, Symphonic Band or Wind Ensemble unless prior approval is given by the band director. Students must attend summer band camp to be a member of Marching Band. Students are responsible for purchasing materials and paying additional costs for this course. Materials provided to the students remain the property of Lake Orion Community Schools.

SYMPHONIC BAND

1.5 credits, grades 9-12 (Terms 2, 3, 4 only)

Prerequisite: Open by audition. The High School Symphonic Band will be comprised of intermediate to advanced musicians. This ensemble rehearses and performs advanced band literature. All performances are required. Members will be highly encouraged to perform in a solo or small ensemble type of event as deemed appropriate by the director. It is desirable that band members remain in all terms of this class. If a conflict should occur, the student, after consultation with his/her counselor and director may opt out. Students are responsible for purchasing materials for this course. Materials provided to students remain the property of Lake Orion Community Schools.

WIND ENSEMBLE

1.5 credits, grades 10-12 (Terms 2, 3, 4 only)

Prerequisite: Open by audition. The High School Wind Ensemble will be comprised of the most advanced instrumental musicians. This ensemble will rehearse and perform advanced high school and collegiate band literature. All performances are required. Members will be expected to perform in a Solo & Ensemble event as deemed appropriated by the director. It is desirable that band members remain in all terms of this class. If a conflict should occur, the student, after consultation with his/her counselor and director may opt out. Students are responsible for purchasing materials for this course. Materials provided to students remain the property of Lake Orion Community Schools.