

MUSIC

Graduation Requirement: All students earn one credit in Arts or Career & Technology Education Classes

<u>COURSE TITLE</u>	<u>UNITS</u>	<u>GRADES OFFERED</u>
Full Year Courses		
Concert Choir*	1	9 10 11 12
Select Choir *	1	9 10 11 12
Concert Band *	1	9 10 11 12
String Orchestra*	1	9 10 11 12
Wind Ensemble Honors*	1	9 10 11 12
Music Theory	1	10 11 12
AP Music Theory	1	11 12
Sectional Band (Percussion/ guitar, keyboards, drums)*	1	9 10 11 12
Theatre Arts and Vocal Production	1	9 10 11 12
Advanced Theatre Arts & Vocal Production	1	10 11 12
Semester Courses		
Music Technology	.5	10 11 12
Introduction to the Guitar	.5	10 11 12
Introduction to the Piano	.5	10 11 12
* Course can be repeated for credit		

Grades 9 – 12

All music courses meet the Arts graduation requirement.

Concert Choir

1 Unit, 5 Periods

This course is an elective for grades 9-12 students and includes rehearsal and performance of choral literature of all styles and periods. Fundamentals of rhythm and tonality, and music reading are emphasized in this course. Participation in performances is required. **Prerequisite: None**

Select Choir

1 Unit, 5 Periods

This course is an elective for grades 9-12 advanced students and includes rehearsal and performance of choral literature of all styles and periods. A successful audition is required to participate in this course. Participation in performances is required. **Prerequisite: Audition**

Concert Band

1 Unit, 5 Periods

Students from grades 9-12 may elect concert band if they have previous experience on a band instrument. Emphasis will be placed on the development of aural and technical skills, by rehearsing/performing literature from a variety of musical styles. Activities are required in addition to the regular allotted school time. Each band member is expected to participate at home football games, concerts, graduation, the Memorial Day Parade, and other civic activities as scheduled. **Prerequisite: Prior experience playing a band instrument. (Note: There is a \$15.00 instrument usage fee for this class for students who use the school's instruments, including percussion)**

String Orchestra

1 Unit, 5 Periods

This course is an elective for grades 9-12 students. Students who elect strings will study violin, viola, cello, or double bass in a class and ensemble setting. Performance and participation are important elements in a string ensemble. (Offered at SHS only) **Prerequisite: Prior experience playing a string instrument is required. (Note: There is a \$15.00 instrument usage fee for this class for students who use the school's instruments.)**

Wind Ensemble Honors

1 Unit, 5 Periods

This Honors-level course is offered by audition to advanced instrumentalists. It is designed to develop advanced aural and instrumental skills, and to experience challenging musical literature. Members will be expected to fulfill the same requirements as Concert Band. **Prerequisite: Audition (Note: There is a \$15.00 instrument usage fee for this class for students who use the school's instruments.)**

Music Theory

1 Unit, 5 Periods

This course is a study of the melodic and harmonic structure of music. It is designed for the student with formal music training and will focus on advanced techniques in the use of computers, keyboards, and traditional methods. Those with an interest in the music industry and/or in a career in music should consider this course. Through the use of computers, keyboards, and traditional methods, students will learn to read, compose, and perform arrangements and original music. It is open to students in grades 10-12. Students accepted into the UConn Early College Experience Program (ECE) course earn 3 college credits for Fundamentals of Music I from the University of Connecticut if they earn a UConn grade of C or better. The students are required to take an exit exam for this course that is provided by the UConn Music Department. **Prerequisite: A basic knowledge of music concepts and the ability to read music is required.**

AP Music Theory

1 Unit, 5 Periods

This course is a study of the melodic and harmonic structure of music. It is designed for the serious music student and will focus on advanced techniques in musicianship. Participants are expected to take the AP exam offered by the College Board. Students accepted into the UConn Early College Experience Program (ECE) course earn 3 college credits for Fundamentals of Music I and an additional 3 credits for Introduction to Ear Training from the University of Connecticut if they earn a UConn grade of C or better. The students are required to take an exit exam for each course that is provided by the UConn Music Department. Note: Students who have already taken Music Theory and earned UConn credit for Fundamentals of Music I will only have the opportunity to earn credit for Introduction to Ear Training. **Prerequisite: Approval of the instructor, approval of the Fine Arts Coordinator, completion of a planned program of studies that includes a grade of B or better in three years of music electives including music theory.**

Music Technology

.5 Unit, 5 Periods (1/2 Year)

Students will explore the fast growing field of music technology using state of the art equipment. Participants will learn to write and arrange music using computers and MIDI. They will utilize the Internet and a variety of music programs to explore popular and other styles of music. Careers in music will also be explored. **Prerequisite: None. Course may not be offered every year.**

Introduction to Guitar

.5 Unit, 5 Periods (1/2 Year)

Students will learn to play and read music using acoustic guitars in a group setting. Each participant will have access to a guitar for school use only. **Prerequisite: None. Course may not be offered every year.**

Introduction to Piano

.5 Unit, 5 Periods (1/2 Year)

Students will learn to play and read music using electronic keyboards in a group setting. Each participant will have access to a keyboard. **Prerequisite: None. Course may not be offered every year.**

Sectional Band (Percussion/Rhythm Section)

1 Unit, 5 Periods

This course is offered to students who study percussion (drums), mallet percussion (xylophone), guitar, and keyboard. Students will study all aspects of percussion and develop ensemble skills and technique through the preparation and performance of Marching Band/Concert Band/Percussion Ensemble literature. **Prerequisite: Prior experience playing a band instrument is required.**

Theatre Arts and Vocal Production

1 Unit, 5 Periods

This is a course for learning stage and performance techniques. Overall production aspects such as performing, costuming, lighting, set design, make-up, directing, and stage movement and vocal technique or production will be considered. **Prerequisite: None.**

Advanced Theatre Arts and Vocal Production

1 Unit, 5 Periods

This course is a continuation of the work in Theatre Arts and Vocal Production and can only be taken by students completing Theatre Arts and Vocal Production successfully. The course will be divided into four areas: drama workshop, writing workshop, reading workshop, and production workshop. Emphasis will be on performance. May be repeated for credit. **Prerequisite: Theatre Arts and Vocal Production and/or teacher recommendation.**