

# Nathan Hale Music Department

The ensemble and course offerings at Nathan Hale are designed to provide a comprehensive and challenging musical experience for every student. From the traditional to the experimental, we provide our students with engaging opportunities for creative expression.

## PERFORMING ENSEMBLES

### CONCERT BAND

Of primary focus is the rehearsal and performance of quality concert band literature. Many different music styles are explored and rehearsed. As well as playing concert band music, this ensemble plays pep band music for Raider football and basketball games. Members of this ensemble will have opportunities to participate in chamber music and attend state solo and ensemble festivals.

### JAZZ BAND

Learn about jazz music and improvisation through rehearsal and performance. This ensemble performs often and travels to festivals in and around the Northwest. Members of this ensemble also form small jazz combos with additional performance opportunities. This class meets during Zero Period. Audition is required for placement in class.

### ORCHESTRA

This ensemble performs a variety of music ranging from classics of the string repertoire to more modern styles. Members of this ensemble also have opportunities to participate in chamber music and attend state solo and ensemble festivals.

### CONCERT CHOIR

This ensemble is open to all students who desire to learn how to sing independently and with others. This ensemble performs a wide range of repertoire- from Classical to Gospel to Pop and everything in between. No previous singing experience is required for entry into this ensemble. If you have always wanted to give singing a try, this ensemble is for you.

### VOCAL JAZZ

Vocal jazz is an advanced choir that explores the jazz idiom. Tight harmonies, vocal technique, working with a rhythm section, and self-guided practice are stressed. We perform throughout the northwest and farther, providing great opportunities to share our talents with other choirs around the country and to listen grow and learn from others. This class meets during Zero Period. Audition is required for placement in class. Members of Vocal Jazz may be required to take Concert Choir during the school day in case by case basis.

## MUSIC COURSES

### MUSIC SURVEY

Bring your instrument and your musical influences and learn to write and perform a song. Music fundamentals are stressed, as you explore instruments and form small groups with classmates to write and perform your own song. Explore rhythms, notes, chords, guitar, bass, drums, piano, and more!

### DRUMLINE

Drumline is designed for any percussionist or musician interested in a performance ensemble, with or without experience. While learning the basics of rhythms, apply knowledge for high energy, exciting performances to enrich all students' experience here at Nathan Hale. To be seen at pep assemblies, sports games, and more!

### PIANO LAB

Learn to play the piano by learning a solid foundation in fundamentals. No previous music experience is necessary. This course is designed for students with little or no previous music training.

We are looking forward to welcoming our incoming students to the Nathan Hale Music Department. Please feel free to contact us if you have any questions.

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