



CLIFTON HIGH SCHOOL

VISUAL AND PERFORMING ARTS ACADEMY

ORCHESTRA CONCENTRATION

Description and General Information

The music concentration of the Visual and Performing Arts Academy is comprised of two sub-strands: one vocal and one instrumental (which includes both band and orchestra). In addition to participation in a required ensemble within the strand, students may select from a wide variety of choral and instrumental ensembles. They may also select from a series of elective classes that will provide them with a comprehensive background in music theory, history, and performance. Students will be immersed in relevant topics that will further assist them in preparing for college, a career in music, or in simply becoming a literate lifelong music enthusiast.

Beyond the classroom, students will be afforded numerous opportunities for individual and ensemble performance, attendance at professional music performances, and workshops with professional musicians. These opportunities allow students to engross themselves in a music-rich environment. Possible careers related to this sequence are Musician, Composer, Conductor, Singer, Arranger, and Music Teacher. Students will be placed with a mentor/adviser to monitor and guide their progress through the Visual and Performing Arts Academy.

Course Schedule

9 th Grade	10 th Grade	11 th Grade	12 th Grade
English I	English II	English III	English IV
World History	US History I	US History II	Music Theory / Arranging
Physical Education	Physical Education	Physical Education	Physical Education
World Language I	World Language II	Personal Finance	Practical Art elective
Lunch	Lunch	Lunch	Lunch
Algebra I	Geometry	Algebra II	Pre-Calculus
Biology	Chemistry	Physics	Elective
Orchestra I	Orchestra II	Orchestra III	Orchestra IV Honors

Associated extra-curricular clubs

Orchestra
Strings Ensemble Club
Tri-M Music Honor Society
Spring Musical

Application

Applicants must have all prepared documents and application submitted by the application deadline in order to be considered for acceptance into the program for the following school year.
