

MUSIC DEPARTMENT

<u>COURSE</u>	<u>COURSE LENGTH</u>	<u>CREDIT</u>
<u>MUSIC THEORY I (0900)</u>	year	1
This course is an introduction to theoretical aspects and rudiments of music. Students will also explore the harmonic structure of music. (Grades 9-12)		

<u>MUSIC THEORY II (0905)</u>	year	1
Music history, literature, sight-singing, ear training, advanced harmony, composition, arranging and conducting are some of the topics covered in this course. (Grades 10-12)		
<u>PREREQUISITE:</u> Music Theory I		

MUSIC PERFORMANCE

<u>MUSIC TECHNOLOGY CLASS (0902)</u>	year	1
This class is designed for the student considering a career in a musical field, as well as the student who wishes to be more knowledgeable with the music they play and/or listen to. The class takes place in our state of the art Macintosh Music Lab; each student is assigned their own Midi keyboard and computer workstation. Programs used include Digital Performer, Garage Band, Photoshop, iLife and many more. Students will be exposed to aspects of music which include harmony, melody, chord progressions, scales and key signatures. Students will also have an opportunity to learn about today's latest music technology as well as be able to write and record their own music using a computer and keyboard. Some of the topics covered regarding technology will be digital music recording, pop song form, music sequencing, song production/CD mastering and CD artwork. (Grades 10-12)		

<u>FRESHMAN CHORUS (0903)</u>	year	1
(an audition is needed if a student is new to the program)		
The Freshman Chorus is composed of all 9 th grade interested students who sing soprano or alto.		
<u>PREREQUISITE:</u> Satisfactory prior experience in 8 th grade school chorus and permission of the middle school chorus director or permission of instructor.		

<u>MIXED CHORUS (0906)</u>	year	1
Grades 10-12 and 9 th Grade Tenor and Bass Students		
<u>PREREQUISITE:</u> Prior successful participation in the high school chorus program or permission of instructor. For 9 th grade tenor and bass students, satisfactory prior experience in 8 th grade school chorus or permission of middle school instructor.		

<u>CHORALE (0907) – Selective – Grades 10-12</u>	year	1
A select vocal group. Five full periods per week.		
<u>PREREQUISITE:</u> Satisfactory prior high school chorus experience and audition.		

<u>VOCAL MOTION (0911) – Highly selective (Grades 11-12)</u>	year	1
A highly select vocal group. Five full periods per week.		
<u>PREREQUISITE:</u> Outstanding work in school choir and audition with instructor.		

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<u>ORCHESTRA (0920) – Grade 9</u> Five full periods per week. Satisfactory prior experience in 8 th grade Orchestra or audition by instructor. <u>PREREQUISITE</u> Orchestra 8	year	1
<u>ORCHESTRA (0909) - Grades 10-12</u> Five full periods per week. Satisfactory prior experience in 9 th grade Orchestra or audition by instructor. <u>PREREQUISITE</u> Orchestra 9	year	1

BAND PROGRAM

The band program is divided into the following subdivisions depending on time of year and degree of student's musical ability. Courses meet five full periods per week.

<u>BAND (0914) - Grade 9</u> <u>PREREQUISITE:</u> Satisfactory prior experience in 8 th grade band or audition by instructor.	year	1
<u>MARCHING AND CONCERT BAND (0908)</u> Grades 10-12 <u>PREREQUISITE:</u> Satisfactory prior experience in the West Islip High School Band Program or by audition with instructor.	year	1

<u>MARCHING BAND & WIND ENSEMBLE (0916)</u> (Showband and Symphonic Orchestra) Grades 10-12 – Highly selective <u>PREREQUISITE:</u> Outstanding work in band, audition and permission of the Wind Ensemble and Orchestra instructor.	year	1
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JAZZ PROGRAM

Students participating in the high school band program will have the opportunity to audition for the following jazz groups.

<u>JAZZ LAB ENSEMBLE 1 - Selective</u> <u>PREREQUISITE:</u> Satisfactory prior band experience and audition.		
<u>JAZZ LAB ENSEMBLE 2 - Selective</u> <u>PREREQUISITE:</u> Satisfactory prior jazz ensemble experience and audition.		
<u>JAZZ LAB ENSEMBLE 3 - Highly selective</u> <u>PREREQUISITE:</u> Satisfactory prior jazz ensemble experience and audition.		

Students may elect music as their five-unit sequence by taking one full unit of credit in Music Theory and any combination of four full units in performance.