

Courses of study range from entry-level (for students who wish to begin instruction) to advanced with honors credit (students with multiple years of experience can be a part of and even be leaders in a school instrumental program and/or honors ensembles). Assessment rubrics and teacher expectations will reflect an increased number of skills and increased sophistication in the application of these skills for each level of instruction. The purpose of the course is to provide regular instrumental training in the tradition of school educational music with strong global and multi-cultural influences. For band students, each year begins with a required athletic band unit. Throughout the course, students will be exposed to a variety of musical styles: orchestral, world/ethnic music, dance music, jazz, marches, medleys and other symphonic forms. Students will be expected to attend regular after school, evening, weekend, and/or summer Rehearsals/meetings/performances at various times throughout the year. Throughout all instrumental music instruction, emphasis on performance, accuracy, responsibility, physical wellbeing and the art of listening will be stressed. Through their work in orchestra or band, students will gain musical and life skills. and witness possible careers in music.