

The Addison Trail H.S. Music Program

Music is all around us. One cannot imagine a world without music. At Addison Trail, students have the opportunity to participate in a music program which is fun and educational. The AT Music Program is one of the prime showcases for the talents of our students. The music students have performed locally in parades and special events such as White Sox Games and throughout the U.S. at places like Disney World, St. Louis, Nashville, New York, Anaheim, San Diego and Washington D.C. Students will, through musical experiences, develop their own musical communication skills as well as develop a respect and understanding for all music and the arts in general.



Symphonic Band

The Symphonic Band is comprised of usually younger, less experienced musicians. The goals of this class will be to build technique and to develop performance abilities through the preparation and performance of appropriate literature.

Wind Ensemble

The Wind Ensemble is comprised of older, more experienced musicians. The goals of this class will be to develop advanced performance techniques through the preparation of appropriate literature.

Marching Band

The Marching Band is comprised of all students enrolled in the band program and students who are members of the Flag Corps. This group performs at all varsity home football games as well as community parades and events.

Pep Band

The Pep Band consists of two bands, the White Band and the Blue Band which are each comprised of members of both the Symphonic Band and Wind Ensemble. Students are assigned to one of these bands by the director and are responsible for the performances assigned to that band.

All Band students participate in Pep Band, Marching Band and either Symphonic Band or Wind Ensemble.

Jazz Ensemble I and II

Jazz Ensemble is an auditioned group of students playing jazz appropriate instruments. Jazz Ensemble meets during zero hour. This group performs at all concerts and at the invitation of the community at large.

Orchestra Winds

Band students can receive extra experience by performing in the orchestra. This allows band students the chance to experience solo playing and orchestral literature. Rehearsals are at the same time as regular band classes

Symphony Orchestra

The Symphony Orchestra usually consists of younger string students. We perform throughout the year and participate in tours and other special performances. The goal of this class is to build technique and to develop performance abilities through the preparation and performance of appropriate literature.

Chamber Strings

Chamber Strings is for string students seeking the highest level of performance. Students will perform string and full orchestra literature from all style periods throughout the community.

Concert Choir

Concert Choir is a mixed chorus designed for intermediate singers in their sophomore, junior, or senior year. Students will build upon prior knowledge of singing technique, music theory, and ear-training skills and perform a more advanced repertoire. This choir will perform at all concerts throughout the year.

Treble Choir

Treble Choir is comprised of 18-24 advanced female vocalists. The group will focus on Soprano/Soprano/Alto/Alto repertoire and build upon prior knowledge of singing technique, music theory, and ear-training skills. This choir will perform at all concerts throughout the year.

Beginning Mixed Choir

Beginning Mixed Choir is a group designed for beginning singers at all grade levels. Students will learn fundamentals of singing technique, music theory, and ear-training skills. This choir will perform at all concerts throughout the year. These students may be placed in "Concert Choir" based on class enrollment.

Beginning Guitar

Students in grades 9-12 who are interested in the guitar can take this year-long class. Students learn basic chords, note-reading, strumming, finger picking, blues, rock, and solo techniques.

Guitar Ensemble

Students wishing to continue guitar studies may take Guitar Ensemble. This class will further develop skills learned in Beginning Guitar and give students an opportunity to perform music in small groups for public performance.



Non-Performance Classes

Beginning Piano

We offer a class in beginning piano instruction for students in grades 9-12. Students practice in group and individual settings in our keyboard lab.

AP Music Theory

Students considering careers in music or seeking an exploratory course in music theory and composition will be able to take this year-long course. AP Music Theory will also prepare students to take the AP Music Theory exam. AP credit can be applied towards Fine Arts or Humanities requirements at most colleges for music **and non-music** majors.

Music Production

Music Production is a two-semester career-focused course designed for students interested in all aspects of music and music production. Student projects will include a music video, video game/movie soundtrack composition, live sound recording techniques, learning how to DJ, creating promotional materials, and basic music theory.

Music Honors Option

Junior and Seniors may elect to receive weighted credit in music by participating in the Honors Option program. See your director for further information.

Music/Sectional Lunch

All students enrolled in a music performance class are also enrolled in Music/Sectional Lunch. This allows the students to have a common lunch 7th period so that they can combine together for Marching Band, Combined Choirs, take small group lessons, perform assessments, and receive extra help and instruction.

Extracurricular Ensembles

Shades of Blue

Shades of Blue is an extra-curricular, audition only vocal ensemble. This group, a vocal jazz ensemble, has been selected to perform at the All-State Conference in Peoria, and travels to a few festivals every year.

Show Choir

The Show Choir will be a group where students sing and dance at the same time, to popular music. This group is perfect for singers/dancers who cannot fit choir into their schedule. It will be a no-cut ensemble unless the numbers get too big. There will also be an opportunity for instrumentalists to get involved with a small combo for the group.

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Welcome to the Addison Trail H.S. Music Department



Music - the pulse of the school

**Your Guide to Music
at Addison Trail**