

SOUTH EAST JR. HIGH PERFORMANCE MUSIC

BAND, ORCHESTRA, & CHOIR

Is there a prerequisite to be in a performance group?

- Band & Orchestra –Lessons in elementary school
- Choir – No previous experience is needed. Anyone can join choir.

Can I be in more than one performance group?

- Yes, a student can be in each performance group. A student may have to make a choice between music and other electives.
- Band & Choir or Orchestra & Choir is the most common combination
- It is possible for advanced students to be in Band & Orchestra with permission from the teachers

How is a student graded in band and orchestra?

- Each student will receive a letter grade based on class participation, lesson attendance and concert performance

How is a student graded in choir?

- Each student will receive a letter grade based on class participation, concert performance and attendance

Is there any commitment outside of the school day?

- **YES.** Each group has an evening concert at the end of each trimester where attendance is **mandatory**. Concerts are held at City High.
- **YES.** Band and Orchestra students have required home practice.

Can I join choir 2nd or 3rd tri or in 8th grade?

- A student can join choir at the beginning of any trimester
- A student can join choir in 8th grade even if they did not sing in 7th grade

Can I play in the Jazz Band? Can a 7th grade student be in Jazz Band?

- If you are a member of the band you have the opportunity to **audition** for jazz band
- Guitar, piano and bass players do not have to be in band to **audition** for jazz band
- There are two jazz bands, one for 7th grade and one for 8th grade

Can I be in Show Choir?

- You must be a member of the choir to **audition** for show choir and auditions are open to 7th and 8th graders

Can I be in Show Choir and Jazz Band?

- Yes. A student can participate in both Show Choir and Jazz Band if they are selected through the audition process.

When are rehearsals for Show Choir and Jazz Band?

- These groups rehearse before school on opposite days

Is music required in Jr. High?

- Yes. All 7th grade students must have one trimester of music. Passing a performance class satisfies this requirement.
- All students not in performance music will take Music Technology.