

MISSION STATEMENT

The mission of the Bands, Choirs and Orchestra at Patrick Henry High School is to:

- Improve the individual performance and ensemble skills of its members.
- Introduce new, exciting literature to our student performers and audiences.
- Provide a high level of classical music performance training through reading and performing a large selection of classical repertoire in a variety of venues.
- Encourage students to strive for even higher levels of performance by participating in local, regional, state and national competitions and festivals.
- Heighten an awareness of the value of music in our individual lives and society.
- Act as goodwill ambassadors for our school & community at local, regional, state and national levels.
- Strengthen the social skills of its members.
- Teach important life skills and develop strong leaders and productive members of tomorrow's society.
- Teach the value of teamwork, discipline, and hard work through the reward of the great performances that result.



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ORCHESTRA



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Course # 5335

- Fine Art Graduation Credit
- UC f or g Requirement
- Year Long Course

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PERFORMANCE OPPORTUNITIES

The Orchestra performs at:

- Winter Concert
- Orchestra Festivals
- Cluster Concert
- Spring Concert
- Occasional Other Performance Opportunities

Members of the Orchestra are eligible to:

- Perform at Solo/Ensemble Festival
- Audition for the San Diego Unified School District Honor Orchestra
- Audition for the California All-Southern and All-State Honor Orchestras

10TH GRADE BOTTLENECK

In the 10th Grade year, electives are very limited. It is possible to be enrolled in Orchestra through scheduling one of the following ways:

- Postpone 10th Grade PE to the 11th Grade year if pass 9th gr. Fitness test.
- Take World History or Adv. World History through ihigh Dual Enrollment Course. www.ihighvirtual.com
- Participate in the Marching Band during the Fall Semester for 2 years.

COURSE OBJECTIVES

Orchestra shall include the following essential elements.

Students will be expected to improve in and eventually master the objectives in each of the identified areas:

- I. Care and handling of instruments
- II. Posture and playing position
- III. Instrumental technique
 - A. Develop good tone and intonation
 - B. Develop correct right-hand and left-hand techniques
 - C. Develop accurate rhythmic skills
 - D. Develop ability to phrase musically
 - E. Develop dynamic control
 - F. Develop articulation
- IV. Music reading skills
 - A. Develop eye-hand coordination
 - B. Interpret and demonstrate musical symbols and terms from the printed page in actual sounds
- V. Musical sensitivity through performance and listening
- VI. Evaluation of musical performance quality
 - A. Evaluate progress toward self-established musical goals
 - B. Evaluate solo and group rehearsals and performances
 - C. Recognize quality of sound, pitch, style, tempo, rhythm, blend, balance, phrasing, dynamics and articulation
- VII. Cognitive skills (to come to know and to develop better judgment in learning more about the elements of perception)

PROGRAM GOALS

Students will develop the following skills and concepts:

- I. A high degree of music reading encompassing: correct rhythm, tempo, bowing and left hand techniques, dynamics, precision, tone, and the ability to be versatile and adjust to any given musical circumstance.
- II. The ability to work cooperatively with others toward the performance of music in and with the ensemble.
- III. The knowledge of a wide variety of orchestral literature.
- IV. A high level of artistry through individual musical awareness, control, and technical facility.
- V. Self-discipline; self-confidence; responsible and dependable behavior.
- VI. Respect for others, loyalty to the ensemble, and pride in the organization.
- VII. Respect for and proper use of equipment.
- VIII. The ability to comprehend and foster higher-level thinking skills.

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