



MUSIC STAFF

Ensembles and Electives

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Curricular Ensembles

All high school music courses are offered on an elective basis. Band, Choir, and Orchestra classes meet for 83 minutes on alternate (A/B) days for the entire year and are 1. credits. Many of these groups also participate in exhibitions and competitions. MBIT students who have an interest in co-curricular music activities should speak to their music director.

Honors-level ensemble membership is determined by audition. Students should contact instructors for audition information.

Music Ensemble Courses



Concert Band
Honors Wind Ensemble
Honors Jazz Ensemble



Concert Choir
Honors Chamber Choir



String Orchestra
Honors Chamber Orchestra

Co-Curricular Ensembles

*Chord Street A Cappella

*Tenor-Bass Choir

*Treble Choir

*String Quartet

Marching Band

Jazz Ensemble 2

**By audition*

Members of any co-curricular ensemble must be in a curricular ensemble class to be eligible.

Music Elective Courses

Electives are open to all students

interested in music. For students in Band, Orchestra, or Choir, they are also designed fit opposite performance ensemble classes. It is recommended that all sophomores take Music Theory. Music electives meet every other day (A/B) for one semester and are 0.5 credits.

More information about each music elective can be found on the next page!

AP Music Theory – Students should plan to take Music Theory prior to taking AP Music Theory or will need to pass a placement exam.

Music Electives - No Experience Necessary

Music Theory



It is recommended that sophomores take P.E. for one semester opposite your ensemble (or other music elective) and Music Theory for the other semester. Music Theory teaches you the building blocks of music. These skills will enhance what you are learning in any other music class ensemble and beyond.

Rock Band



Rock Band is a great opportunity to learn the basics of guitar, bass guitar, drums, & keyboard. Students form rock bands and learn how to play and sing pop and rock music & learn what goes into gigging as a musician. No previous experience required!

Music Production



Music Production teaches students how to create music using GarageBand, LogicPro, and other software to learn the basics of audio editing. Students who take this course have access to iMacs to create beats, sample, and write songs.

Music Technical Theater



Music Technical Theater covers all aspects of putting on a musical, including musical theater history, performance, & sound/lighting/set design. The class culminates in putting on a live production. This is a highly interactive and hands-on class.

Collaborative Music



Collaborative Music is an inclusive, hands-on music class. Students from special-education and regular-education work together to create and perform a musical. This class is a lot of fun and a unique learning experience for all.

Scheduling Music Courses

Anyone can fit Music into their schedule, even one that is academically rigorous!

Question 1: Are you currently in a large ensemble course (Band, Choir, or Orchestra)?

Do you plan to take ONE or TWO Music Ensembles?

- If one, which A/B Courses do you want to take opposite your Music Ensemble?
- If two, replace the suggested music/PE elective with your second Music Ensemble.

Which Social Studies course is right for you?

- Honors/Academic Modern World History (18-week, semester course)
- AP European History (27-week, 3 Marking Period course)

Which Math course is right for you?

- Are you taking an 18-week semester-long course?
- Are you taking a 27-week (3 MP) course?

Which Science course is right for you?

- Honors/Academic Biology (18-week, semester course)
- AP Biology (36-week, full-year course)...*NOTE: AP Bio is only recommended to students who have successfully completed their initial Biology course.*

Question 2: Are you currently taking Guitar 9 or interested in other Music Electives at West?

Which Music Electives interest you most?

- Available courses for Sophomores: Rock Band, Music Production, Music Technical Theater, Collaborative Music, or Music Theory. See cover page for course descriptions.
- P/E will generally run opposite your Music Elective in your schedule.
- No previous musical experience necessary for any of these electives!

Sample 10th-Grade Schedules

Standard 10th Grade Schedule with Ensemble

	MP 1	MP 2	MP 3	MP 4
Block 1	Music Ensemble (Band, Choir, Orchestra) → → → → → → → → → → →			
	P.E. (18 week A/B)		Music Theory (18 week A/B)	
Block 2	Modern World History (Hon/Academic, 18 week, semester)		Science (18 week, semester)	
Block 3	English (Honors/Academic, 18 week)		World Language (18 week)	
Block 4	Math (18 week, semester)		<i>Open for additional electives</i>	

Standard 10th Grade Schedule with A/B Music Electives

	MP 1	MP 2	MP 3	MP 4
Block 1	Rock Band (18 week A/B)		Music Theory (18 week A/B)	
	P.E. (18 week A/B)		Music Production (18 week A/B)	
Block 2	Modern World History (Hon/Academic, 18 week, semester)		Science (18 week, semester)	
Block 3	English (Honors/Academic, 18 week)		World Language (18 week)	
Block 4	Math (18 week, semester)		<i>Open for additional electives</i>	

Additional Schedule Possibilities

	MP 1	MP 2	MP 3	MP 4
Block 1	Music Ensemble (Band, Choir, Orchestra) → → → → → → → → → → → →			
	Music Theory (18 week A/B)		(18 week A/B)	
Block 2	English (Honors/Academic, 18 week)		World Language (18 week)	
Block 3	AP Math (27 week, 3 MP)			P.E. (9 week)
Block 4	Modern World History (Hon/Academic, 18 week, semester)		Science (18 week, semester)	

	MP 1	MP 2	MP 3	MP 4
Block 1	Music Ensemble (Band, Choir, Orchestra) → → → → → → → → → → → →			
	Music Theory (18 week A/B)		P.E. (18 week A/B)	
Block 2	English (Honors/Academic, 18 week)		World Language (18 week)	
Block 3	AP Euro (27 week, 3 MP)			9-week Elective
Block 4	Math (18 week, semester)		Science (18 week, semester)	

	MP 1	MP 2	MP 3	MP 4
Block 1	Music Ensemble 1 (Band, Choir, Orchestra) → → → → → → → → → →			
	Music Ensemble 2 (Band, Choir, Orchestra, or Jazz Ens) → → → → → → → →			
Block 2	English (Honors/Academic, 18 week)		World Language (18 week)	
Block 3	AP Euro (27 week, 3 MP)			P.E. (9 week)
Block 4	Math (18 week, semester)		Science (18 week, semester)	

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Block 2	English (Honors/Academic, 18 week)		World Language (18 week)	
Block 3	Mod World History (Honors/Academic, 18 week)		Doubled Math or Science (18-Week)	
Block 4	Math (18 week, semester)		Science (18 week, semester)	

Note: the schedule above defers P.E. until 11th or 12th grade. Just be sure to leave room in your future schedule for your remaining P.E. credit.

Other schedules are possible! If you are concerned that your schedule might not work, please reach out to the West Music teachers! they can help!

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