

Course Descriptions

Burnaby Central

PERFORMING ARTS - MUSIC

Music – Grades 8 -10

In music courses, students will be involved in performing, creating and listening to music. Through involvement in these activities, students will learn about the structure, meaning and importance of music throughout history as well as in their lives today. Students taking beginning and junior music courses will be placed in ensembles according to their experience and ability, but will receive credit for the grade level in which they are enrolled.

Beginning Band 8-11

This course is an introductory course in which students are introduced to the maintenance, technique and rudiments of a selected band instrument. Concepts such as articulation, embouchure, blend, balance, tone and style are introduced to form a foundation of musical awareness that encourages expression, reflection and performance. While some instruments are available through the school, most students will be required to provide their own instrument. Assistance for renting or purchasing a musical instrument will be provided at term start.

Band 8

This course provides an opportunity for students to expand on their beginner band experiences at the elementary level. Students will continue to master their individual instrument and frame their musical experiences through independent learning as well as group rehearsal. Students will perform a wide variety of music (appropriate to their level) ranging from classical to modern music. (Pre-requisite Grade 7 Band and/or Instructor Approval)

Band 9

To register for this course, students must have at least one year of experience in a band program, or the musical equivalent. Through performing in a band, students will develop their knowledge and appreciation of music as well as their instrumental technique.

Choir 8 and 9

While no prior experience is required for this course, previous participation in choir would be an asset. Students will develop music-reading skills, knowledge of music and vocal technique through the performance in choir. Choir is at 7:20 a.m. on alternate days throughout the school year.

Chamber Choir 9 & 10

Students enrolling in the course should have completed junior concert choir or the equivalent. Students should consult with the choral teacher for specific admission requirements.

Band 10

To register for this course, students must have at least one year of experience in a secondary school concert band class. Students will continue to develop their musical skills through performing, creating and listening to music.

Jazz Band 10

To register for this course, students must have at least one year in a secondary band or jazz band class and be registered in Concert Band 10. Students will further enhance their understanding of jazz through performance and listening. Students will explore the skills and knowledge required to gain confidence in jazz improvisation.

Choir 10

To register, students should have completed a year of secondary choral classes. Students wishing to register without previous choral training should consult with the choral teacher at the school. Students will develop their vocal technique and musicianship through performing in choir.

Music – Grades 11 & 12

Music 11/12 in Burnaby School District is taught through three distinct programs:

Instrumental Music (includes Concert Band, Jazz Band and Orchestra)

Choral Music (includes Concert Choir and Chamber Choir)

Jazz Band 11 & 12

Students enrolling in this course should have successfully completed intermediate jazz band, intermediate concert band or equivalent and are enrolled in corresponding Concert Band class.

Concert Band 11 & 12

Students enrolling in this course should have studied a concert band instrument for at least two years or have seen the instructor for special permission to register.

Choir 11 & 12

Students enrolling in this course should have successfully completed junior choir or the equivalent.

Chamber Choir 11 & 12

Students enrolling in the course should have completed junior concert choir or the equivalent. Students should consult with the choral teacher for specific admission requirements.