



Building on artistic traditions of the past to foster excellence in the future



Performing Arts at North Central

The North Central Performing Arts Department takes special pride in its four disciplines: Band, Choir, Orchestra, and Theatre.

These outstanding student performers are the heart of the school. Since NCHS's beginning in 1956, its Performing Arts ensembles have won countless awards and trained numerous artists who are contributors today in the arts community. The faculty of each area is made up of highly respected, professional arts educators.

Performing Arts Department students are involved in 4 concert bands, 2 jazz bands, marching band, basketball pep band, 10 choirs, 4 orchestras, 4 theatre productions, repertory theatre, acting courses, equity theatre, technical theatre, scene design, AP music theory, IB music, piano lab instruction, and the Pantherette dance team.



NORTH CENTRAL BANDS

The bands at North Central High School provide a comprehensive experience with special emphasis placed on both concert band and jazz band. The North Central Bands consistently earn high marks and are highly regarded throughout the state of Indiana, and nationwide.

| COURSE OFFERINGS | GRADE | PREREQUISITE(S) |
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| Wind Ensemble | 9-12 | Placement by audition (Advanced Concert Band) |
| Honors Wind Ensemble (weighted course) | 11-12 | |
| Symphonic Winds | 10-12 | Placement by audition (Advanced Concert Band) |
| Symphonic Band | 10-12 | Placement by audition (Intermediate Concert Band) |
| Concert Winds | 9 | Placement by audition (Intermediate Concert Band) |
| Beginning Band/Orchestra | 9-11 | Instructor's Permission (Beginning Concert Band) |
| Jazz Ensemble | 9-12 | Placement by audition, concurrent instrument enrollment (if instrument is offered) |
| Honors Jazz Ensemble (weighted course) | 11-12 | |
| Jazz Lab Band | 9-12 | |
| Marching Panthers and Pantherettes | 9-12 | Concurrent band enrollment- Fulfills one PE credit |

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The choirs at North Central High School provide a comprehensive experience with special emphasis placed on both Concert Choir and Show Choir. The North Central Choirs consistently earn high marks and are highly regarded throughout the state of Indiana, and nationwide.

| COURSE OFFERINGS | GRADE | PREREQUISITE(S) |
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| Counterpoints | 10-12 | Placement by audition (Advanced Chorus - Mixed Voice) |
| Honors Counterpoints (weighted course) | 11-12 | |
| King's Court Singers | 10-12 | Placement by audition (Advanced Chorus - Mixed Voice) |
| Northernaires | 10-12 | Placement by audition (Advanced Chorus - Mixed Voice) |
| Descants | 9-12 | Placement by audition (Advanced Chorus - Treble Voice) |
| Honors Descants (weighted course) | 9-12 | |
| Accents | 9-12 | Placement by audition (Intermediate Chorus - Treble Voice) |
| Encores | 9-12 | |
| Rondos | 10-12 | |
| Allegros | 9 | Placement by audition (Intermediate Chorus - Treble Voice) |
| Varsity Singers | 9-12 | Placement by audition (Intermediate Chorus - Tenor/Bass Voice) |
| Ambassadors | 9-12 | Placement by audition (Intermediate Chorus -Mixed Voice) |

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The orchestras at North Central High School provide a comprehensive experience and expose students to a wide variety of orchestral literature. The North Central Orchestras consistently earn high marks and are highly regarded throughout the state of Indiana, and nationwide.

| COURSE OFFERINGS | GRADE | PREREQUISITE(S) |
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| Symphony Orchestra | 9-12 | Placement by audition (Advanced String Orchestra) |
| Honors Symphony Orchestra (weighted course) | 11-12 | |
| Festival Orchestra | 9-12 | Placement by audition (Advanced String Orchestra) |
| Philharmonic Orchestra | 10-12 | Placement by audition (Intermediate String Orchestra) |
| Concert Orchestra | 9 | Placement by audition (Intermediate String Orchestra) |
| Beginning Band/Orchestra | 9-11 | Instructor's Permission (Beginning String Orchestra) |

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north central theatre

The theatre program at North Central High School is well known for its acclaimed theatre productions encompassing Musical, Drama, Comedy and Repertory Theater. The North Central Theatre Program also has an active Thespian troupe (troupe #1851).

| COURSE OFFERINGS | GRADE | PREREQUISITE(S) |
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| Repertory Theatre | 10-12 | Placement by audition (Theatre Production) |
| Honors Repertory Theatre (weighted course) | 11-12 | |
| Advanced Theatre | 10-12 | Theatre Arts II and Instructor Permission (Advanced Theatre Arts) |
| Equity Theatre | 10-12 | Theatre Arts II |
| Theatre Arts II | 9-12 | Theatre Arts I |
| Theatre Arts I | 9-12 | None |
| Advanced Technical Theatre | 10-12 | Intro to Technical Theatre with a "B" minimum and instructor's approval |
| Technical Theatre | 10-12 | None (Technical Theatre) |
| Scene Design | 11-12 | Advanced Technical Theatre, stage crew experience, and instructor's permission = Semester 1 only |

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Outside of the curricular music and theatre ensembles, the Performing Arts Department is proud to offer additional courses in AP/IB Music Theory, IB Music, and Piano Keyboarding. Outside of the school day, the Performing Arts Department also offers a stage crew to support the performances in the Auditorium and the Performing Arts Classroom.

| COURSE OFFERINGS | GRADE | PREREQUISITE(S) |
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| AP/IB Music Theory 1 | 10-12 | Concurrent enrollment in Performing Arts Ensemble or instructor approval |
| AP/IB Music Theory 2 | 10-12 | AP Music Theory 1 |
| IB Music | 11-12 | Instructor's Permission |
| Piano Keyboard 1 | 9-12 | None |
| Piano Keyboard 2 | 9-12 | Piano Keyboard 1 |
| Social History of Rock & Roll | 11-12 | None (Semester 2 Only) |
| Stage Crew | 11-12 | Extra Curricular |

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General Department Information

BAND, CHOIR, and ORCHESTRA

All freshmen band, choir, and orchestra students typically will be placed in Concert Winds (band) Concert Orchestra (orchestra), Allegros (female chorus), or Ambassadors (male chorus).

All current North Central students and incoming 9th grade students (Band, Orchestra, Choir, and Repertory Theatre) will undergo an audition process early in the second semester. Specific audition times and locations will be arranged with the middle school directors. Rosters will be determined by spring break and shared with all middle school and high school counselors to help facilitate scheduling. Students new to MSDWT should contact the Performing Arts Department to schedule an audition.

Special Note: There will be a small number of grade 9 students that make it into an advanced ensemble. These students will be listed on the Performing Arts rosters when they are released.

THEATRE

There are no prerequisites for Theatre Arts I. Students may enroll in Intro to Technical Theatre beginning their sophomore year with no prerequisites.

JAZZ

Any incoming 9th grade student wishing to be in a jazz group (Jazz Ensemble or Jazz Lab Band) will need to participate in the All-Star Middle School Jazz Band in the spring semester. Interested students should see their middle school director for information by the beginning of March. Mr. Granlund or Mr. Brinkman will circulate this information accordingly.

Special Note: Any student wishing to be involved with either the Jazz Ensemble or Jazz Lab band must be concurrently enrolled in a concert band class (Concert Winds, Symphonic Band, or Wind Ensemble) on their primary instrument. Only in rare cases will an exception be granted.

BEGINNING BAND/ORCHESTRA

Students will learn to play either a woodwind, brass, or string instrument (percussion not available for this course). This course serves as a prep course for the Band and Orchestra program. Register only with permission of the instructor.

* Student must own their own instructor approved instrument. Instruments and/or supplies will not be provided

MARCHING BAND & PANTHERETTES

Students enrolled in the Marching Band or Pantherettes will receive one credit basic Physical Education. The school requires one of the two mandated Physical Education credits to come from taking the Physical Education class, but this fulfills the other obligation. This gives the student room in their schedule during the school year to take other electives.

QUESTIONS CAN BE DIRECTED TO



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