

Course Descriptions

Burnaby Central

PERFORMING ARTS - MUSIC

MUSIC – GRADES 8 – 10

Students will be involved in performing, creating and listening to music. Through involvement in ensemble rehearsal and music activities, students will learn about the creative and expressive components of music. They will also develop an understanding of different perspectives and experiences and be able to communicate individual and collective expression to an audience. Through study and performance, students will have a greater appreciation of the meaning and importance of music as well as fine arts throughout history, and the connection that music provides in their lives today.

Students taking beginning and junior music courses will be placed in ensembles according to their experience and ability and will receive credit for the grade level in which they are enrolled.

BAND

Beginning Band 8 – 11

Beginning Band is an introductory course introducing students to the maintenance, technique and rudiments of a selected band instrument. Technical and musical 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. There are a limited number of school instruments available, however, most students will be required to provide/rent/purchase their own instrument from a local music store. Students who have not taken Grade 7 Band should take this course.

Concert Band 8

Band 8 provides an opportunity for students to expand on the grade 7 band experience. Students will continue to develop skills, techniques, and musical concepts through individual and collaborative study on their instrument. Repertoire is selected from a wide variety of musical styles (appropriate to their level) ranging from classical to modern music. (Pre-requisite Grade 7 Band and/or Instructor Approval)

Concert Band 9

Students enrolling in Band 9 must have at least one year of experience in a band program, or the musical equivalent on a wind instrument. Through individual and collaborative experiences in an ensemble, students will continue develop their knowledge and appreciation of music and build on their instrumental technique.

Concert Band 10

Students enrolling in Band 10 must have at least one year of experience in a secondary school concert band class or the musical equivalent on a wind instrument. Through individual and collaborative experiences in an ensemble, students will continue develop their knowledge and appreciation of music and build on their instrumental technique with repertoire that continues to build and challenge musical and technical abilities of the ensemble.

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. The Jazz Ensemble provides a unique experience, exploring a genre of music that is influenced by music styles from around the world. Through study in Jazz band students will have the opportunity to explore jazz improvisation, considered to be one of the most individually expressive forms of music.

CHOIR

Concert Choir 8 & 9

No prior experience is required for this course. Students will develop music-reading skills, knowledge of music and vocal technique through performance in a choral ensemble. As this is a multi-grade group (grades 8-12), assessment and evaluation is done individually and students are graded at the appropriate level for their grade. Choir is at 7:20 a.m. on alternate days throughout the school year.

Concert Choir 10

No prior experience is required for this course. Students will continue to develop more advanced music-reading skills, knowledge of music and vocal technique through performance in a choral ensemble. As this is a multi-grade group (grades 8-12), assessment and evaluation is done individually and students are graded at the appropriate level. There will be an expectation of leadership and mentorship for younger students in the class. 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 at least one year of Concert Choir or the equivalent. Students should consult with the choral teacher for specific audition requirements.

MUSIC – GRADES 11 & 12

Music 11 & 12 in Burnaby School District is primarily taught through two programs:

Instrumental Music

This includes:

- Concert Band
- Jazz Band
- Orchestra
- Small Ensembles

Choral Music

This includes:

- Concert Choir
- Chamber Choir
- Men's Choir
- Women's Choir

Students will be involved in more advanced studies in performing, creating and listening to music. Through involvement in ensemble rehearsal and music activities, students will continue to develop skills in creative and expressive components of music. They will also continue to explore their understanding of different perspectives and experiences and be able to communicate individual and collective expression to an audience. Through study and performance, students will have a greater appreciation of the meaning and importance of music as well as fine arts throughout history, and the connection that music provides in their lives today.

Concert Band 11 & 12

Students enrolling in Concert Band 11 & 12 must have at least three years of experience in a secondary school concert band class or the musical equivalent on a wind instrument. Through individual and collaborative experiences in an ensemble, students will continue develop their knowledge and appreciation of music and build on their instrumental technique with advanced repertoire that continues to build and challenge musical and technical abilities of the ensemble.

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 a Concert Band 11/12 class. The Jazz Ensemble provides a unique experience, exploring a genre of music that is influenced by music styles from around the world. Through advanced study in Jazz band students will have the opportunity to further develop jazz improvisation, considered to be one of the most individually expressive forms of music.

Concert Choir 11 & 12

No prior experience is required for this course. Students will continue to develop more advanced music-reading skills, knowledge of music and vocal technique through performance in a choral ensemble. As this is a multi-grade group (grades 8-12), assessment and evaluation is done individually and students are graded at the appropriate level. There will be an expectation of leadership and mentorship for younger students in the class. Choir is at 7:20 a.m. on alternate days throughout the school year.

Chamber Choir 11 & 12

Students enrolling in the course should have completed at least one year of Concert Choir or the equivalent. Students should consult with the choral teacher for specific requirements due to the advanced study in music.