

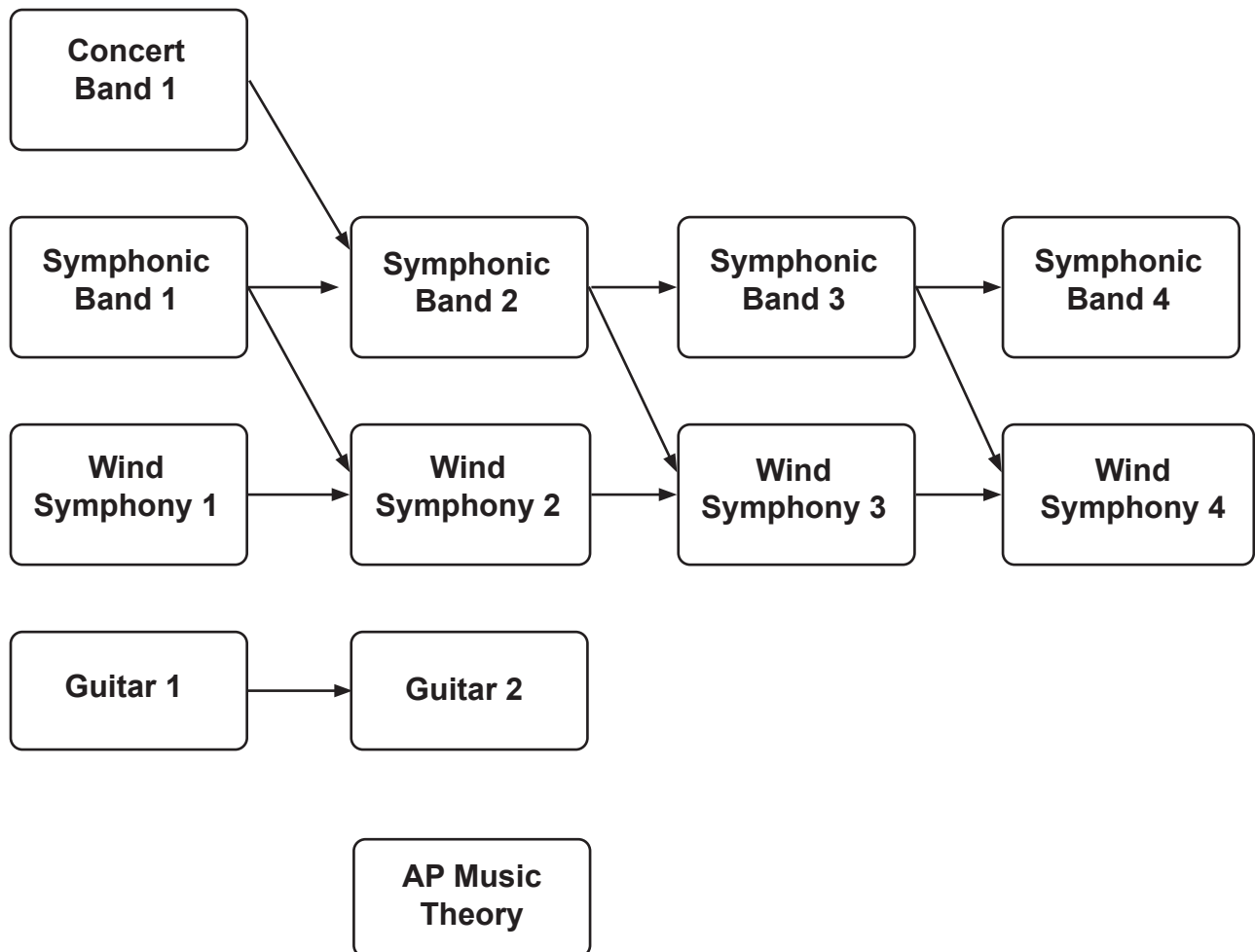


Music – Instrumental



Possible sequences for Music-Instrumental

Grades 9 - 12



CONCERT BAND

Grade 9

full year

Prerequisite: Elementary and junior high school band experience or teacher approval

Concert Band is the gateway to high school band! Open to freshman only, Concert Band provides a rich and rewarding musical experience and gives students the opportunity to grow musically. Through musical performance, students will learn how to appreciate and perform music of a variety of styles and levels of difficulty. Through the study of scales, harmony, rhythm, theory, and the mechanics of music, students will develop skills that allow them to truly understand and appreciate the foundations of music. Concert Band performs 5-6 times each year. By registering for this course, students commit to the full year in Concert Band.

SYMPHONIC BAND 1-2-3-4

Grades 10-12

full year

Prerequisite: Elementary and junior high school band experience, audition, and teacher approval

Symphonic Band is comprised of sophomores, juniors, and seniors who are continuing to develop their musicianship through more advanced band literature, technique studies, and music opportunities. There is no audition for Symphonic Band. By registering for this course, students commit to the full year in Symphonic Band. Current juniors and seniors may also enroll in Symphonic Band in addition to Wind Symphony. Symphonic Band performs 5-6 times each year.

WIND SYMPHONY 1-2-3-4

Grades 10-12

full year

Prerequisite: Audition and teacher approval

Wind Symphony is the premier concert band and is intended for the most advanced and serious musicians. The Wind Symphony prides itself on pushing the boundaries of what is possible for a high school band through performing the most challenging literature and showcasing the most advanced musicianship. Open to all sophomores, juniors, and seniors—Auditions take place each February. Students in Wind Symphony are strongly encouraged to take private lessons and audition for ILMEA. The Wind Symphony performs 5-6 times each year. By registering for this course, students commit to the full year in Wind Symphony.

GUITAR 1

Grades 9-12

1 semester

Guitar 1 is a no-experience-necessary course, introducing students to the basic skill sets of playing acoustic guitar. Students will learn foundations of guitar playing, including: chord shapes, strumming patterns, reading TABS, tuning the guitar, changing the strings, and more! Additionally, students will learn to play popular rock, punk, and alternative tunes from the 70's, 80's, 90's & 00's! Large group, small group and individual practice participation is expected in the classroom. The school provides guitars for use in the classroom.



GUITAR 2

Grades 9-12

1 semester

Prerequisite: Guitar 1

Guitar 2 is the next step in your development on guitar. Students will learn intermediate and advanced techniques on the guitar, including: more advanced chord shapes, strumming patterns, tunes, and more! Large group, small group and individual practice participation is expected in the classroom. The school provides guitars for use in the classroom.

AP MUSIC THEORY

Grades 11-12

full year

Prerequisite: Currently enrolled in Band, Choir, or can read music

AP Music Theory course is a one-year course designed to develop a student's ability to recognize, understand, and describe the advanced materials and processes of music that are heard or seen in a musical score. The achievement of this goal may be best promoted by integrated approaches to the student's development of: (1) aural skills, (2) sight-singing skills, (3) written skills (4) compositional skills, and (5) analytical skills. These skills are developed through: (1) listening exercises, (2) performance exercises, (3) written exercises, (4) creative exercises, and (5) analytical exercises.