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Rolesville High School Instrumental Music Department invites and welcomes you to:

BE PART OF THE MUSIC

"Music gives a soul to the universe, wings
to the mind, flight to the imagination, and
life to everything." - Plato



Dear Students,

Have you taken band or orchestra in middle school? Or, have you ever wanted to learn how to play an instrument? Band and Orchestra at Rolesville High School offer you two pathways to learning to play an instrument in High School:

Band students should have received 3 years of band instructions in middle school. There are a few exceptions to this rule, but very few. Middle School band class prepares you to do the projects that we accomplish in the high school courses. First year students should sign up for **Instrumental Music: Band - Intermediate**. Band students need to do a placement meeting with Mr. Kohring through GoogleClassroom: bit.ly/RHSBand21 You can also email Mr. K at tkohring@wcpss.net.

Have you never played an instrument before but want to learn? The Rolesville High School Orchestra offers a beginning instrumental music class. Sign up for **Instrumental Music: Orchestra - Beginning** to learn to play violin, viola, cello, or string bass.

The Rolesville High School Orchestra also offers higher level classes for experienced string musicians. Students with orchestra experience can sign up for **Instrumental Music: Orchestra - Intermediate** but will need to do a placement meeting with Ms. Luke. Please contact her at mrluke@wcpss.net.

Our instrumental music programs offer students the opportunity to learn and perfect their musical craft. We have multiple performances per year in all ensembles. Our musicians are the face of community outreach at Rolesville High School and involve not only the highest academic achieving students but also the most well-rounded leaders of our school community.

Students involved in music:

- Get higher grades
- Score higher in math
- Have higher test scores
- Have higher graduation rates
- Do better with foreign languages

Benefits of Music Education:

- Make new friends and become part of a community!
- Learn to read music and play an instrument - an activity that is a lifelong pursuit!
- Many national studies have proven that instrumental music helps increase students' math and reading scores!
- Playing in an ensemble helps develop life skills like teamwork, self-discipline, and responsibility!
- A great opportunity for social-emotional learning and development!
- Be creative and express yourself!
- Having FUN together during the school day learning to find the joy in hard work and collaboration!

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To learn more about our programs, you can visit our websites or shoot us an email! We can't wait to hear from you!

Ms. Luke (Orchestra) - mrluke@wcpss.net, bit.ly/RHSOrch

Mr. Kohring (Band) - tkohring@wcpss.net, www.rolesvillehsband.com

Not going to Rolesville High School? Contact your music teachers at your high school to see how you can stay involved in music.

www.wakecountybands.com/high-schools.html

www.wcpssorchestras.com/our-programs

“If I were not a physicist, I would probably be a musician. I often think in music. I live my daydreams in music. I see my life in terms of music.” -Albert Einstein

EMOTIONAL

Music provides a creative outlet and a break from the routine and rigor of the traditional school day. Students in music are among the highest academic performers and still report less stress and tension than their non-musical counterparts.

SOCIAL

Participating in musical groups promotes self confidence, team work, social skills, social networking, a sense of belonging, self-discipline, a sense of accomplishment, cooperation, responsibility, commitment, mutual support, and friendships.

ACADEMIC

Research has found that learning music facilitates learning other subjects and enhances skills that children inevitably use in other areas including language development, spatial-temporal skills, pattern recognition, critical thinking, and so much more.

PERSONAL

Through music, students become better people, as they develop self-discipline, confidence, commitment, responsibility, good decision making, and personal pride. They are able to do this with the support of peers in a safe and risk-free environment.

MUSIC HELPS TO ENSURE LIFE-LONG SUCCESS

70%

Admissions officers at 70% of the nation's major universities have stated that high school credit and achievement in the arts are significant considerations for admission to their institutions.

30

The combined results of 30 studies indicate that music instruction is linked to significantly improved reading skills.

66%

Lewis Thomas, physician and biologist, found that music majors comprise the highest percentage of accepted medical students (66%).

107

The College Entrance Examination Board found that students involved in public school music programs scored 107 points higher on the SAT.

92%

A 2000 Gallup Poll indicated that 92% percent of people who play an instrument say they were glad they learned to do so.



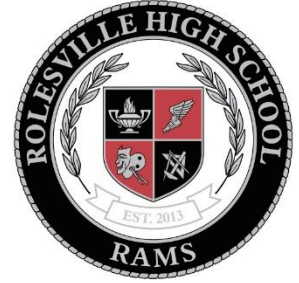
Students who participate in music have the lowest levels of current and lifelong use of alcohol, tobacco, and illicit drugs among any group in our society.

- H. Con. Res 266, U.S. Senate, June 2000



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WCPSS High School Four Year Plan (for Four-Year College-Bound Students)



This is only an example. Some students start different course pathways in different years, courses may be in different semesters (but you pick which year),

9TH GRADE

Fall

Math

English 1

Elective 1 (Music)

Elective 2 (PE)

Spring

Social Studies

Science

Elective 1 (Music)

Elective 2

10TH GRADE

Fall

Math

English 2

Elective 1 (Music)

Elective 2

Spring

Social Studies

Science

Elective 1 (Music)

Elective 2

11TH GRADE

Fall

Math

English 3

Elective 1 (Music)

Elective 2 (Foreign1)

Spring

Social Studies

Science

Elective 1 (Music)

Elective 2

12TH GRADE

Fall

Math

English 4

Elective 1 (Music)

Elective 2 (Foreign2)

Spring

Social Studies

Elective (Science)

Elective 1 (Music)

Elective 2

- 4 English
- 4 Math
- 4 Social Studies
- 3 Science
- 2 Foreign Language
- 1 Physical Education
- **17 Electives!!!**

(need 1 PE, recommended 2 Foreign Language, recommended 1 Science)

- Recommended Courses are based on what NC 4-year colleges are looking for
- Be sure to "Build Your Academic Resume!"
- Music All 4 years would be 8 of the 17 electives, less than half (if you are not sure, take music in 9th grade, that counts as two if you decide to move on in 10th grade)
- Questions? Email Mr. Kohring, Rolesville High School Band Teacher, at tkohring@wcpss.net! Or Ms. Luke, Rolesville High School Orchestra Teacher, at mrluke@wcpss.net!

