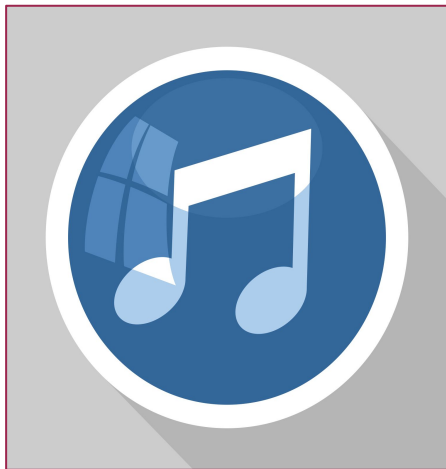


The Conservatory



Desert Edge
Instrumental Music





The Pathway

At Desert Edge, we have The Conservatory, a collection of fine arts programs working together to create artistic moments for everyone involved. Instrumental Music is one program in The Conservatory.



Become part of the show and
become a part of the family



Push yourself to do more and
take pride in what you do

Music is more than playing
notes - Music can change
hearts and minds

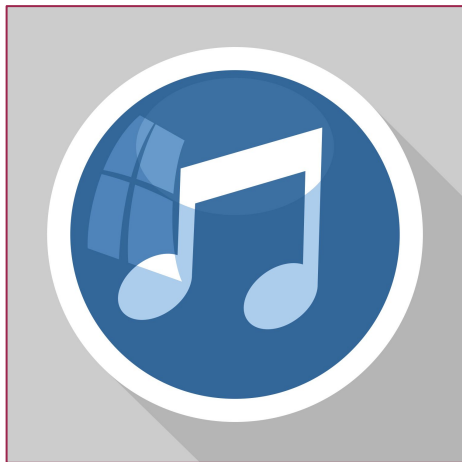


Learn more!





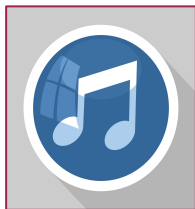
Courses in Instrumental Music



- The Marching Scorpions
- Pulse (Indoor Percussion)
- Winterguard (Indoor Flags and Dance)
- The D.E.J. (Desert Edge Jazz Band)
- Desert Edge Orchestra
- Beginning Band
- Soundwave (Winter Pep Band)



Opportunities to Join



Desert Edge Symphonic Band

This is our core ensemble where in the fall semester we perform in marching competitions and during halftime at football games. The spring semester is when we focus on concert band literature.

Winter Guard

This ensemble, which is open to everyone, competes against other color guard units throughout the second semester. We rehearse during 6th period and after school.



Desert Edge Orchestra

This newest ensemble to Desert Edge is unique in that we are only a handful of schools to offer orchestra as a daily class. Play a violin, viola, cello or string bass! Come join the fun!



Pulse - Winter Percussion

This ensemble, which is open to everyone, competes against other percussion units throughout the second semester. We rehearse during 6th period and after school.

The D.E.J. (Jazz Band)

Go further with your musical experience and study more about the theory behind the music, how to improvise, learn about the origins of styles of music, and more history of music





Careers Aligned With Instrumental Music



Professional Musician
Studio, Military, Film,
Symphony

—
**Sound / Audio
Engineer**

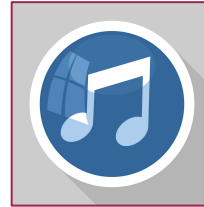
Make music happen
behind the scenes



Singer / Songwriter
Perform live for
audiences

—
DJ

DJ for events such as
weddings and parties



Music Educator
Teach at a private
studio or at a school

—
Composer

Compose and edit music for
TV, movies, and video games

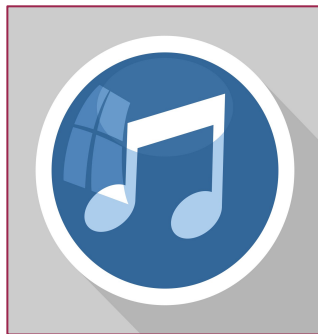




Senior Year - Fine Arts Seal



First



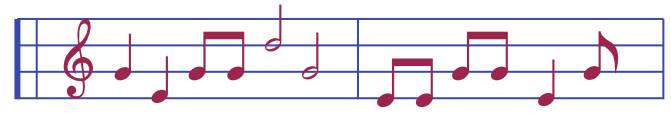
Then

Senior Capstone

Complete a senior capstone project demonstrating your talent in band or orchestra!

Fine Arts Diploma Seal

With 4 fine arts credits, students can earn a seal on their diploma and wear a special cord at graduation.

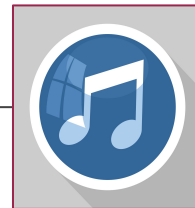
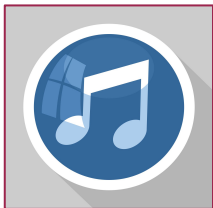


It's Not Just About Picking a Career in Music...

“The theory of relativity occurred to me by intuition, and music is the driving force behind this intuition.”

~ Albert Einstein





\$37,000,000,000

The estimated combined annual income of all music
careers across the United States





Skills Gained



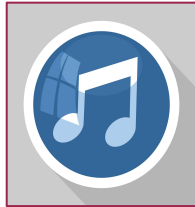
How to Play an Instrument

Pick an instrument in the brass, woodwind, percussion, or string family



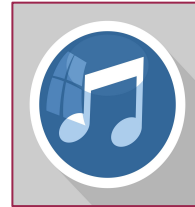
Creativity

Learn how to unleash and focus your mind in ways other subjects cannot



How to Read Music

Traditional music notation is its own language



Leadership

Students in music classes become leaders of their peers and in their jobs

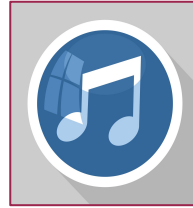


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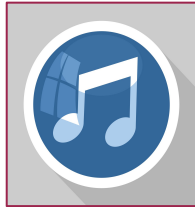
Communication

You will need to learn how to communicate with others, not only through music, but through words. This skill will help in developing greater speaking skills, but also listening skills.



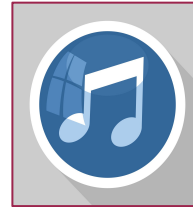
Self-Discipline

Your time spent in rehearsal working on perfecting your skills will transfer to other classes and activities. We don't always get to do everything we want to and sometimes we have to do what we don't want to do.



Teamwork

There may be soloists, but soloists need other musicians backing them up to make the music soar. Each day you will learn how to work as a team to achieve a singular task: Playing that music!



Time Management

You will have homework, some of you will get a job, you'll want to hang out with your friends, and you will need to attend rehearsals. If you do not plan accordingly, you will struggle with balancing everything.

Why Choose Music?



Music students have fun while they learn.

They also:

- Experience joy making music with their friends.
- Express their emotions in an inviting and encouraging space.
- Learn how to collaborate with others and champion their successes.
- Study the music of many cultures, building awareness and respect of all others.



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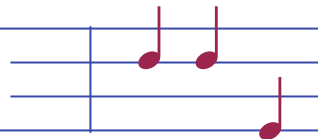
They also:

- Improve in other academic subjects as well.
- Make lifelong friends through musical collaboration.
- Develop musical independence so music can always be part of their life.
- Build the skills and perseverance needed for success in every future endeavor.

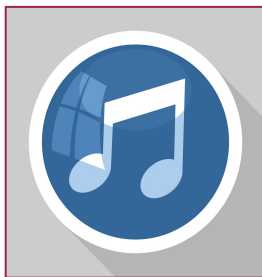




Thank you



*I look
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meeting you!*

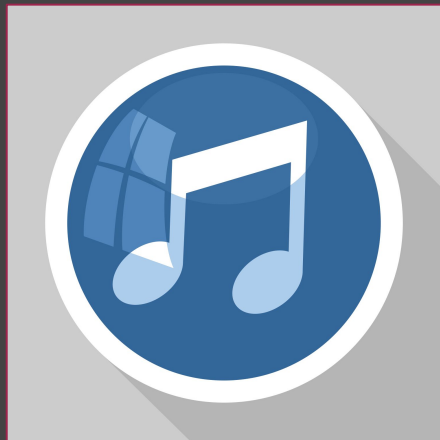


Interested? Have
questions?

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 - 34 years Music Teaching Experience
 - Former Principal Timpanist for the Colorado Symphony Orchestra
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