

GRADUATION REQUIREMENTS:

Students are required to complete 1 credit of fine arts instruction to fulfill the New York State Regents Music/Art Requirement for graduation.

One full year in any performing ensemble will fulfill this requirement.

Practical musicianship will fulfill 1/2 credit, leaving students the opportunity to explore other interests in art and technology.



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The Baldwinsville Central School District has been named one of the best communities for music education.



Durgee Junior High School

MUSIC ELECTIVES 2020-2021



INSTRUMENTAL ENSEMBLES

BAND

Prerequisites: Permission by the instructor is required. Band work includes instrumental group lesson, concert band, and required performance and non-performance evaluations. The concert band performs NYSSMA grade 3-5 literature. Opportunities are available for involvement in select ensemble groups such as Jazz Ensemble. Students will participate in five rehearsal sessions plus one instructional session per week. Additional involvement to include small ensemble and solo studies and related performing experiences.

ORCHESTRA

Prerequisite: Permission by instructor is required. Membership is open to any regularly enrolled student subject to instructor's approval. Orchestra work includes weekly pull-out lessons, daily rehearsals, and required performances. String Quartet, Chamber Ensemble and Exit 11 Jazz Strings are also available.

PRACTICAL MUSICIANSHIP

aka

"The guitar/keyboard/ukulele class"

Practical Musicianship offers students the opportunity to explore and enhance their music abilities through learning the basics of keyboarding, ukulele and/or guitar. Students may choose to play one or any combination of those instruments throughout the semester. Song choices will center around individual preferences (for example: pop, rock, and country songs typically heard on the radio).

This 20-week course is designed for students who are interested in participating in music, but not through the performing ensembles traditionally offered. *Reading music will be optional*, as students will also learn to play off of lead sheets and by ear.

CHORAL ENSEMBLES

Participation in chorus is open to any student looking for an opportunity to sing in a group setting. No previous experience is required and newcomers are always welcome! Choral ensembles perform 4 times throughout the school year, typically in November, January, March, and May. Music selections consist of all styles from the classics to pop. Daily rehearsals focus on healthy singing techniques. Opportunities such as the musical, vocal jazz, All-County, and NYSSMA festivals are available to students wishing to enhance their choral experience.

