MUSIC				
COURSE	CREDIT	OPEN TO	PREREQUISITE	
Beginning Guitar	0.5	9-12	None	
Intermediate Guitar	0.5	9-12	Beginning Guitar or department recommendation	
Concert Band	1.0	9-12	None	
Symphonic Band	1.0	10-12	None	
Honors Symphonic Winds	1.0	9-12	Audition	
Honors Wind Ensemble	1.0	9-12	Audition	
Honors Jazz Ensemble	1.0	9-12	Enrollment in HWE/HSW/SB/CB and audition	
Jazz Orchestra	1.0	9-12	Enrollment in HWE/HSW/SB/CB and Audition	
Jazz Workshop	0.5	9-12	Enrollment in HWE/HSW/SB/CB and department recommendation	
Bella Voce	1.0	9-12	None	
Honors Concert Choir	1.0	9-12	Audition	
Honors Master Singers	1.0	9-12	Audition	
Reverb	1.0	9-12	Audition and enrollment in a concert ensemble	
Mundelein Sound	1.0	9-12	Audition and enrollment in a concert ensemble	
AP Music Theory	1.0	10-12	Department recommendation	

# **BEGINNING GUITAR**

Prerequisite: None Open to: Grades 9-12 Length: 1 semester

Credits: 0.5

Beginning Guitar is designed to introduce the basic techniques and musical skills required to perform on guitar in several styles. Students will learn basic chords, strumming patterns, and melodies via music notation.

Course Number: MU6200	
INTERMEDIATE GUITAR  Prerequisite: Beginning Guitar  Open to: Grades 9-12  Length: 1 semester  Credits: 0.5	Intermediate Guitar is designed to further develop the basic techniques and reading skills required to perform on guitar in several styles. Students will begin thorough and focused study of scale patterns, movable chord shapes, and improvisation techniques.
Course Number: MU6220	

## **INSTRUMENTAL ENSEMBLES**

- Marching Band will run first semester for all students in Concert Band, Symphonic Band, Honors
  Symphonic Winds, and Honors Wind Ensemble. Students enrolled in band will be waived from PE for the
  entire year.
- Required performances occur outside of the school day and include concerts, music festivals, football games, and pep band games.
- Summer Marching Band Camp is required for participation in all bands.
- Students participating in percussion and color guard will have an additional required summer camp.

CONCERT BAND  Prerequisite: None Open to: Grades 9-12 Length: 2 semesters Credits: 1.0  Course Number: MU1000	Concert Band is our entry-level band designed to build on the fundamental instrumental skills covered in middle school bands. Students perform wind and percussion literature of an intermediate difficulty level in a standard concert band setting.
SYMPHONIC BAND  Prerequisite: None Open to: Grades 10-12 Length: 2 semesters Credits: 1.0  Course Number: MU2000	Symphonic Band is our intermediate-level band designed to further develop skills in ensemble performance beyond what is covered in Concert Band. This ensemble performs literature of a moderate to advanced difficulty level.
HONORS SYMPHONIC WINDS  Prerequisite: Audition Open to: Grades 9-12 Length: 2 semesters Credits: 1.0	Honors Symphonic Winds is our advanced band designed to further develop skills in ensemble performance. This ensemble performs literature of an advanced difficulty level. Solo/Ensemble festival participation is required for this course. Honors credit is given for this course. Auditions for Honors-level bands are held during February for the following year.

Course Number: MU2100	
Prerequisite: Audition Open to: Grades 9-12 Length: 2 semesters Credits: 1.0	Honors Wind Ensemble is our elite band designed to refine instrumental music skills through performance. This ensemble performs literature at a college and professional level.  Solo/Ensemble festival participation is required for this course. Honors credit is given for this course. Auditions for Honors-level bands are held during February for the following year.
Course Number: MU3000	
HONORS JAZZ ENSEMBLE  Prerequisite: Enrollment in a concert band and Audition Open to: Grades 9-12 Length: 2 semesters Credits: 1.0	Honors Jazz Ensemble is our elite jazz band designed to refine instrumental music skills through performance. This ensemble performs literature at a college and professional level.
Course Number: MU6320	
JAZZ ORCHESTRA  Prerequisite: Enrollment in a concert band and Audition Open to: Grades 9-12 Length: 2 semesters Credits: 1.0  Course Number: MU6340	Jazz Orchestra is our advanced jazz band designed to further develop skills in ensemble performance. This ensemble performs jazz literature of an advanced difficulty level.
Course Number: W06340	
Prerequisite: Enrollment in a concert band or department recommendation Open to: Grades 9-12 Length: 1 semester Credits: 0.5	Jazz Workshop is our intermediate jazz band designed to further develop skills in jazz performance. This ensemble performs jazz literature of an intermediate difficulty level.
Course Number: MU6360	

# **CHORAL ENSEMBLES**

If you enjoy singing, consider the choral musical opportunities at MHS. No prior music experience is necessary. All interested students should register for choir, and the counselor and Choral Director will place them in the appropriate group. All choirs perform.

- Students enrolled in show choir will be waived from P.E. for the entire school year.
- Auditions for all choirs except Bella Voce are held in February and March.
   Please visit the choir website for information:

https://www.d120.org/activities/performing-arts/choir/

# **BELLA VOCE**

Prerequisite: None (co-ed)
Open to: Grades 9-12
Length: 2 semesters

Credits: 1.0

Course Number: MU2600

Bella Voce is for the foundational level choral student at Mundelein High School. It is a beginning-level co-ed ensemble, and students must participate in one year of Bella Voce in order to move on to another choral ensemble unless they place out of Bella Voce due to their audition and placement exam. Students do not need to have prior knowledge of singing to participate. Three and four-part literature, the basics of music theory and sight-singing, as well as the foundations of vocal technique are explored. Students perform at all four choral concerts during the school year as well as other performances as described in the choral syllabus.

#### HONORS CONCERT CHOIR

Prerequisite: Audition (co-ed)

Open to: Grades 9-12 Length: 2 semesters

Credits: 1.0

Course Number: MU3500

Honors Concert Choir is for the intermediate to advanced male or female student who has participated in one year of Chorale, or who has been placed into this ensemble based on their audition and placement exam. Students in Concert Choir will study intermediate to advanced mixed voice literature, vocal technique, music theory, and sight singing. Students sing at all choral concerts during the year as well as graduation and community events as requested. In addition, Concert Choir has a special off-site annual concert with Master Singers in the Spring.

#### **HONORS MASTER SINGERS**

Prerequisite: Audition (co-ed)

Open to: Grades 9-12 Length: 2 semesters

Credits: 1.0

Course Number: MU2500

Honors Master Singers is for the most advanced male or female choral students. Students will study advanced vocal technique, music theory and literature. Students sing at all choral concerts during the year as well as graduation, Senior Honors Night, and community events as requested. In addition, Master Singers has a special off-site annual concert with the Honors Concert Choir in the Spring.

#### **AP MUSIC THEORY**

Prerequisite: Department Recommendation

Open to: Grades 10-12 Length: 2 semesters

Credits: 1.0

This course runs alternating school years. It will be offered for the 2023-2024 and 2025-2026 school years.

Course Number: MU6120

Students must have faculty recommendation and approval to be enrolled in this course. They must also be able to fluidly read music notation and rhythms to enroll in this course. The study of music theory includes the study of melody, harmony, rhythm, ear training and analysis and music history. Students will learn to compose original music, as well as analyze compositions from a variety of musical styles.

It is highly recommended that all students in an Advanced Placement course take the Advanced Placement Exam offered each May by the College Board.

#### **REVERB**

Prerequisite: Audition; Enrollment in a Concert Ensemble

(Band or Choir)

Open to: Grades 9-12 Length: 2 semesters

Credits: 1.0

Course Number:

Reverb is the prep show choir of MHS. It is an auditioned group of singers who are enrolled in a concert ensemble (choir or band) another period of the day, or have been placed in this group at the directors' discretion. Students in show choir study pop and Broadway music that is then choreographed and performed at competitions around the Midwest from January through March. Besides their daily rehearsals, students in Reverb also rehearse outside of the school day occasionally and on some Saturdays throughout the year. This class fulfills the PE requirement for the year. There is a fee associated with this class.

## **MUNDELEIN SOUND**

Prerequisite: Audition; Enrollment in a Concert

Ensemble (Band or Choir)
Open to: Grades 9-12
Length: 2 semesters

Credits: 1.0

Course Number: MU6600

Sound is the award-winning varsity show choir of MHS. It is an auditioned group of singers who are enrolled in a concert ensemble (choir or band) another period of the day, or have been placed in this group at the directors' discretion.

Students in show choir study pop and Broadway music that is then choreographed and performed at competitions around the Midwest from January through March. Besides their daily rehearsals, students in Sound also rehearse outside of the school day occasionally and on some Saturdays throughout the year. This class fulfills the PE requirement for the year. There is a fee associated with this class.