

The Norwalk High School Instrumental Music Department is a well-established and widely respected program in Southern California with many awards, accomplishments and accolades accredited to its name.

However, participating in the music department encompasses more than simply playing an instrument or twirling a flag.

Businesses understand arts in education...

- Builds a school climate of high expectation, discipline, and academic rigor which attracts businesses relocating to your community.
- Strengthens student's problem-solving and critical thinking skills, adding to overall academic achievement and school success.
- Helps students develop a sense of craftsmanship, quality task performance, and goal-setting—skills needed to succeed in the classroom and beyond.
- Can help troubled youth, providing an alternative to destructive behavior and another way for students to approach learning.
- Provides another opportunity for parental, community, and business involvement with schools, including arts and humanities organizations.
- Helps students develop a positive work ethic and pride in a job well done.

(Business Circle for Arts Education in Oklahoma, "Arts at the Core of Learning 1999 Initiative")

The facts are arts in education...

- Makes a tremendous impact on the developmental growth of every child and has proven to help level the "learning field" across socio-economic boundaries.

(*Involvement in the Arts and Success in Secondary School*, James S. Catterall, The UCLA Imagination Project, Graduate School of Education & Information Studies, UCLA, Americans for the Arts *Monograph*, January 1998)

- Has a measurable impact on at – risk youth in deterring delinquent behavior and truancy problems, while also increasing overall academic performance among those engaged in after – school and summer arts programs targeted toward delinquency prevention.

(YouthARTS Development Project, 1996, U.S. Department of Justice, National Endowment for the Arts, and Americans for the Arts)

For more information on how participation in the arts impacts your child please visit:
<http://artsaskformore.artsusa.org/>



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JOIN THE NHS INSTRUMENTAL MUSIC DEPARTMENT

Home to GRAMMY award – winning programs, the instrumental music department is open to all students enrolled at Norwalk High School. Each ensemble performs literature and routines at an advanced high school and early college level.

ORCHESTRA

Considered one of the top orchestras in Gateway Cities, the NHS String Orchestra has earned numerous superior ratings at district and regional festivals. Orchestral repertoire covered in this program offers students a comprehensive performing experience through various periods and genres.

The String Orchestra is open to all students who demonstrate proficiency with a string instrument. Students who took string orchestra at any middle school are eligible to enroll in orchestra at Norwalk with a recommendation from their teacher.

COLOR GUARD

Members are selected by auditions held in late May. For an audition packet please e-mail band director Mr. C.

In the Fall, the color guard performs with the Norwalk marching band at rallies, football games, community events, Knott's Berry Farm, Disneyland, and parade competitions. At the end of the marching season, the color guard participates in the WGASC winter guard circuit from January through late April. The winter guard performs at school rallies, WGASC competitions and will typically have between 5-7 shows from February to April.

THE NORWALK LANCERS REGIMENT

This is the marching band at Norwalk High School. It is made up of brass, woodwind, percussion, and color guard students. Practices begin in June and continue throughout the summer and fall. The season begins at the start of the school year and concludes with the Pomona Christmas Parade in early December. The Norwalk marching band performs at rallies, community events, Knott's Berry Farm, Disneyland and parade competitions. In addition to these events, the group performs a half time field show at home football games.

The Norwalk High School Lancers Regiment has had much success and continues to be one of the top music programs in the Gateway Cities and greater Los Angeles area. The students have earned numerous awards in parades and superior ratings in district and regional festivals. Members of the Lancers Regiment have been invited to perform in the London New Year's Day Parade and the Tournament of Roses Honor Band.

CONCERT BAND

This ensemble is made up of musicians from the *Lancers Regiment*. The concert band performs a varied repertoire of literature at the advanced level. In order to be eligible for this group, students must demonstrate proficiency on their instrument by playing major scales, sight reading, and playing with a good sound on their instrument.

JAZZ BAND

The Norwalk Jazz Band is a unique and exciting advanced ensemble which performs all styles of jazz music, such as Big Band, Blues, Funk, Motown, Latin, Pop and Rock.

Because the jazz band performs music at such high levels and reads new charts on a regular basis, participation in the Jazz Band is contingent on enrollment in either the band or orchestra programs.

DRUMLINE

The Drumline consists of the battery and front ensemble section of a marching band. The battery performs with the Norwalk Pep Band at rallies, football games, community events, Knott's Berry Farm, Disneyland and parade competitions. At the end of the marching season, the battery and the front ensemble begin their indoor percussion ensemble (a.k.a. Winter line) season. During their competitive season, the ensemble travels to competitions in surrounding school districts to perform their indoor show. This group is limited to those who meet for afterschool rehearsals. The indoor percussion ensemble performs at ADLA competitions and will typically have between 5-7 performances from February to May.

LANCERS PEP BAND

The Lancers is a high-energy and pops-oriented group. The Pep Band plays at different home sporting events, some away games and performs at various events in and around the community.

Our primary focus is to provide energy, entertainment, help boost the school spirit, and support our teams by taking home-court advantage during the games; all while having fun and enjoying the sport.

All students are welcome to join these rabid Lancers fanatics. This group uses no color guard, battery, or front ensemble percussion.

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