

The Bridges Academy Music Program

The children at The Bridges Academy are enrolled in general music classes as well as choral music classes. They then have the opportunity to begin studying instrumental music in 4th grade.

General Music Overview

- Elementary School students meet twice a week with their respective music teacher, while Middle School meets once.
- The program is designed to support all aspects of music literacy and scaffolds from each grade.
- The curriculum for all students in grades Kindergarten through 8, focuses on but is not limited to:
 - Music History
 - Composers
 - Multicultural music
 - Composition
 - Dictation
 - Vocal pedagogy
 - Music theory
 - Aural training
 - Solfege (Orff/Kodaly)
- In tandem with general music, the students learn pieces for two required concerts per school year, incorporating the skills and knowledge attained in the general music setting.

Chorus overview

- Using the tools the students learn in general music, such as music literacy and vocal pedagogy, the students will prepare for 2 concerts.
- All students in grades Kindergarten through 8th are in a larger, multi-grade choral ensemble.

Band overview

- Starting in 4th grade, the students at The Bridges Academy have the opportunity to begin studying a concert band instrument.
- 4th grade students are in Jr. Band while 5th through 8th grade are in Sr. Band.
- These groups are electives and require at home practice and self-discipline.
- The students have lessons once a week and a full ensemble rehearsal before school, weekly.
- Using the tools the students learn in general music, such as music literacy and instrumental pedagogy from in-school lessons, the students will prepare for 2 concerts.

Grading

- Effort/Attitude/Participation.....50%
- Projects/Classwork.....40%
- Concert participation.....10%

Festivals and extra help

- The students at The Bridges Academy are encouraged to participate in SCMEA (Suffolk County Music Educators Association) All-County Festival, as well as the NYSSMA (New York State School Music Association) Solo Music Festival.
- These programs not only support our curriculum, but also enhance the musical experience for the participants and offer more performing opportunities
- Extra lessons are offered before, during or after school in order to better prepare the students for the festival they are participating in.
- Participation in these festivals is OPTIONAL.

Clubs

- The Bridges Academy Music Department offers several music based clubs throughout the year, such as, but not limited to:
 - Piano/Keyboard
 - Private voice/instrument lessons
 - Drama Club

Drama Club

- Drama Club is the largest club offered by the Music Department. It is available for all students in grades 3rd through 8th.
- Students will learn all elements involved in performing a show, culminating in a performance of the musical in the Spring.

If there are any questions or additional information is needed, please do not hesitate to contact us.

Musically,

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