Pelham High School Music

Visual and Performing Arts Pathway

Why choose the Music Pathway?

The Music Pathway is designed to prepare students to play instruments or sing for live audiences and in recording studios. Musicians and singers often perform in settings such as concert halls, arenas, and clubs. They perform in a variety of styles such as Pop, Rock, Jazz, Classical, Hip-Hop, etc.

Is this the pathway for you?

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What courses am I required to take?

Students in the pathway should choose one of the following options:

Option #1	
Marching/Concert Band	4 years

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Option #2	Recommended Year			
Choose Three (3) Courses Below	9	10	11	12
Guitar 2 (.5 credit)		Х	Х	Х
Piano 2 (.5 credit)		Х	Х	Х
Percussion 2 (.5 credit)		Х	Х	Х
Choir		Х	Х	Х
Music Theory			Х	Х
Required				
Music Studio (.5 credit) (1 credit required)		Х	Х	Х

What are the honor cord requirements for the Music Pathway?

An honor cord signifying your academic achievement in the Music Pathway will be awarded to students who complete the following requirements:

- Completion of required and elective courses in the Music Pathway with an overall 3.0 GPA.
- Minimum overall 2.5 GPA in all high school courses.
- Marching/Concert Band students are expected to perform at all home football games and march in the Pelham Old Home Day parade in the fall during marching season. During concert season, students are expected to participate in performances such as the annual NHMEA large group music festival, spring concert, and PHS commencement ceremony.