

Tamanend Music Classes and Other Opportunities

Curricular Classes

Students must take a music class at least once in either 7th or 8th grade.

7, 8, 9 Band 7, 8, 9 Orchestra 7, 8, 9 Chorus	These classes meet every other day for the <u>entire</u> year. Students do not need to audition for these groups, but must be in one of them to participate in the extra-curricular ensembles listed below. Students receive a marking period grade for these classes. Curricular ensembles perform in the Winter and Spring Concerts. All music students, regardless of what music class they are taking, will have the opportunity to take Art, FCS, Phys. Ed. and Technology in either 7 th or 8 th grade.
Exploratory Music	This is Central Bucks' version of a general music class. If a student is not taking band, chorus or orchestra, they'll be scheduled for Exploratory Music in either 7 th or 8 th grade. The class meets every other day for <u>half</u> the year. Class activities may include basic musicianship, playing instruments, singing, acting, and dancing. As with the above ensembles, this is a graded class.

Extra-curricular Activities

Students must be in Band, Orchestra, or Chorus Class to audition for these enrichment activities.

Symphonic Swing Ensemble	Tamanend's large Jazz Band, open to any instrumental student: band or orchestra, as well as students who play electric guitar, piano, or upright bass. Auditions are will be held in the fall. Audition music will be available when your child returns to school in September. Rehearsals Wednesdays 2:45-4:00pm.
Jazz Band	Tamanend's smaller (~30) competitive jazz band. Open to band members and any students who play electric guitar, piano, or upright bass. This group will compete at several jazz festivals including one in Allentown in the spring. Auditions are will be held in the fall. Audition music will be available when your child returns to school in September. Rehearsals October-February: Tuesday EVENINGS 5:30-8:00p. March-June: Wednesday EVENINGS 5:30-8:00p
Wind Ensemble	This is Tamanend's only competitive concert band, mainly made up of 9 th grade band members. Select 7 th and 8 th grade band members may be asked to join. This group will compete in Allentown in the spring. Auditions will be available in the band room and will take place each October. Rehearsals Thursday 2:45-4:00pm, in the spring.
Chieftain Chorus	Tamanend's large (~80 voices), auditioned chorus open to all grades. This group will compete in Allentown in the spring. Auditions are held the first two weeks of school. Rehearsals on Tuesdays 2:45-4:00 with occasional rehearsals on other days.
Gold'n'Blues	This is Tamanend's most select singing group. These 20-30 singers learn a diverse repertoire of music with rapidity and intensity and perform at various school and community functions throughout the year. This group also competes in Allentown in the spring. Auditions held in mid to late September. Interested students must be members of Chieftain Chorus. Rehearsals TBA at least once a week (not always a regular schedule).
Barbershop Quartet(s)	The barbershop program is open to Chieftain Chorus boys. It starts as a large ensemble in the fall, with a quartet (or two) formed in the spring. Quartets compete in the CB Youth In Harmony Quartet Festival held in the spring.
String Ensemble	Tamanend's auditioned string group open to all grades. Rehearsals take place on alternating Wednesdays and Thursdays (whichever is the A day) from 2:40-4:00pm. This group performs at various school and community functions throughout the year & competes in Allentown in the Spring. Auditions are held in late September.
String Quartet/ Quintet	Tamanend's most select string group. This group is selected from the highest-scoring 9 th grade String Ensemble members and performs at various school, district, and community events. Rehearsals are mainly held during Resource periods.
Other Opportunities	<u>Musical</u> : Tamanend puts on a musical production every year. Auditions are held in the fall. Performance is in March. <u>Honors Groups</u> : Tamanend band, choir, and orchestra students may be eligible for various honors auditions throughout the year. These opportunities will be announced by directors and normally include District Orchestra, County Orchestra/Chorus, CB MS Honors Band. <u>Piano</u> : Pianists who wish to use their talents in school should speak to Mr. Sanchez about accompanying choirs. Also, see Jazz Band, Symphonic Swing, or String Ensemble above.
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