

A LETTER TO THE CLASS OF 2025



1 Department
15 Ensembles
460 Students
A lifetime of memories.
Sylvania Northview Music.



The importance of music and the friendships that will last your child's life.

As parents of future high school students, you might be thinking about the major change about to occur in your child's life. They might be faced with stressful situations, rigorous classes, new schedules, changing social groups, and the all fearful high school dances! The music faculty at Northview cares deeply for the growth and well-being of your child and we hope you decide to enroll your child in music at Northview. We have much to offer and your child has incredible potential to realize.

The leap from junior high to high school is one of the most important changes in a person's life and handling it delicately has significant benefits.

If your student is in music next year, you as a parent are all but

guaranteeing their success. The network of friends may change, but their music class, one that will be the same for four years, will remain intact. Former students often speak about how relaxing and treasured their music classes were because no matter what, they always knew what to expect. They always knew the kids in their music class, and they always knew their music teacher. Having a constant in a world that changed quickly gave Northview music graduates a strong foundation for high school.

In today's economy, we all want our children to be successful. We want them to be challenged to be able to attend a good college or university,

and to reach their full potential. The Northview music program does all three of these things. We ask our students to think critically and to question their own thoughts. We ask our students to consider how the Arts play a role in other subjects and how they can aid their chosen program of study in college. And finally, we ask them to do more than they think they can, to achieve excellence in every facet of their life, and to care for their colleagues like their own family.

Please join us!

Carter Adams, Band
Jeremy Davis, Choir
Nathan Heath, Band
Pamela Thiel, Orchestra

Northview Music FAQ's

Does participation in a high school music ensemble take up a lot of time?

Classes meet daily during school for 42 minutes. Each ensemble performs evening concerts and events throughout the year. Groups may travel, attend festivals and special trips. Personal practice is strongly encouraged.

Can my child be in two or more curricular music ensembles?

Yes! This depends on how your child's classes are scheduled. In addition to being in more than one instrumental ensemble, many of our instrumentalists are able to find time to also sing in a choir. Choir members may also explore learning an instrument.

Can my child take a foreign language in his or her schedule?

Yes! We have music students involved in ALL foreign language programs at ALL levels offered at Northview. Learning a foreign language is an important life skill. Foreign language requirements vary from college to college and we advise students to confirm their foreign language needs for college with their guidance counselor.

Can my child be in sports and curricular music classes?

Yes! Many music students participate in all of the sports teams available at Northview. We have a great working relationship with the athletic department and work hard to resolve conflicts in advance.

Will my child be able to keep his or her grades up if he or she is in a music ensemble?

Yes! High school is challenging and your child will have to study. Our music students are consistently in the top 10% of the class.

How does music benefit my child socially?

Music at Northview is a great way to meet new people who share the same interests. Students learn a variety of music from the Renaissance to the present popular music as well as skills that will allow them to be educated music consumers and advocates.

What if my child feels that he or she is not 'good enough' to participate in high school music?

We offer music ensembles suited to every level, from students who play or sing mainly for enjoyment to students who hope to be music majors in college. We even have students who are learning new instruments or singing in a choir for the first time. All of the ensembles perform music literature that is appropriate to the students' abilities.

Will my child be able to meet all the requirements for graduation and college admission with music in his or her schedule?

Yes! In fact, a majority of our students are college bound.

Can participation in high school music ensembles benefit my child when he or she is applying for college?

Yes! Many colleges look for participation in music programs because they know that music students are reliable, organized, and able to work with others toward a common goal. Colleges also look for well-rounded individuals, because they are looking for students who have the potential for future success.

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