

BE PART OF THE MUSIC

What if I am not sure if I want to do music in high school?

Remember when your children wouldn't eat the food you made for them? You always said, "Try it before you decide you don't like it." Music is the same way. You should sign up for music even if you are unsure. If at some point you decide that music is not for you, drop the class. It is much easier to drop something after trying it, than to join late when you decide you miss it.

How is music different in high school?

While the actual act of playing your instrument is similar, the social network and safety net that high school music provides is very different from junior high. From day one, your child will be musically and personally mentored by successful upperclassmen who have a vested interest in their success. They will have dozens of new and like-minded friends before school even begins and have experiences (Friday night football games and trips) that are unlike anything they have experienced in junior high.

Can I do music and sports?

YES. There might be occasional conflicts, but know that our faculty works hard to resolve as many conflicts as possible before they occur and to work collaboratively to solve them when they arise.

How much out of school time is required?

The many ensembles have different requirements for participation. Some ensembles require very little (less than standard homework) while other ensembles require more substantial commitment. Generally, the greater the level of commitment, the greater the reward and memories. Regardless of the ensemble, a year-long calendar will be provided well in advance to help you plan for these events.

What are the donations involved?

The donations associated with music depend on which ensembles your child participates in and what events they participate in. The music boosters and staff work together to provide fundraising opportunities for each and every child and ensure that no one is excluded due to financial issues.

What music should I register for?

All incoming brass and woodwind students should register for Symphonic Band and Marching Band. All incoming percussion students should register for Percussion class and Marching Band. All incoming color guard students should register for Color Guard class and Marching Band. If a schedule change is required based on their musical skill sets, we will make the change for you over the summer.

How do I procure an instrument?

We wish funds were available for us to provide every child with an instrument, however, this is simply not possible. The school provides many of the larger and more expensive instruments. We encourage students playing smaller, less expensive instruments to either rent or purchase their own instrument. We will not let instrument availability or financial constraints keep your child from participating. More information regarding instrument availability will be emailed as the new school year approaches.

What if I have other questions?

Please know that we are here to answer any and all questions that you may have. Due to the busy nature of our program, it is difficult to contact us by phone. The best way for you to reach us is electronically at Austin.Rico@cjuhsd.net. This will allow us to respond to your query, whether you are available by phone or not. You may also visit our website at www.rcmarchingarts.com