

What does the Prospect Music Department offer?

The Prospect Music Department offers a broad range of opportunities for students to achieve excellence in music and serve their community through music. In addition to two concert bands, a concert choir, a jazz ensemble and jazz choir, Prospect is proud to offer the only string orchestra in the Campbell Union High School District.

The Prospect Music Program's main focus is on concert performance, with emphasis on symphonic repertoire. All music classes offered are A-G courses, recognized as high school credit accepted by the University of California admissions. All ensembles participate in local festivals where their performances are adjudicated to California state standards.

In addition to music classes, students have the opportunity to join extracurricular ensembles such as Jazz Choir and Percussion Ensemble.

Are students required to take Marching Band?

For the 2017-18 school year, Prospect will not offer a Marching Band. The Symphonic Band is a non-audition intermediate level band focusing on rudimentary training in a concert-based performance setting. The Wind Ensemble is an advanced audition-based concert performance class focused on more challenging symphonic repertoire. As has been the tradition at Prospect High School, both groups foster school spirit and serve the school community as a pep band at home football games in the fall. The bands also participate in two local parades and perform at Homecoming.

How much time does it take to be in the Music Department?

In addition to rehearsals during the scheduled class time, a few events per month require student's time outside of the school day. Such events can be concerts, competitions, football games, fundraisers, volunteering and sectionals. Most students do not have a problem with the additional time commitment to the Music Department and in fact, find it a great way to become involved with the school and the greater Prospect Community.

Is it too much to take honors or AP classes and be in the Music Department?

No, in fact many students in the Music Department are enrolled in one or more honors or A.P. courses at Prospect. Most students in these classes find the connection they make in the Music Department helpful to their success in their advanced classes.

Can I play sports and be involved in other activities and be in an ensemble in the Music Department?

Absolutely! The Music Department has many students who are involved in after-school athletics such as tennis, soccer, field hockey, badminton, cross country, swimming, baseball, wrestling, football, basketball, golf and track & field. In addition to sports, many students participate in other activities as well, including Theatre, Mock Trial, Dance, Cheerleading, Robotics, Student Leadership (ASB) and many others. The key to succeeding in participating in sports and music is good communication with your coach/advisor and music teacher.

My child is interested in Jazz Ensemble. Can they participate as a freshman and when does the class meet?

Prospect's Jazz Ensemble is open to all students pending an audition or instructor consent. For the 2016-17 school year, the Jazz Ensemble meets on Mondays and Wednesdays from 2:30 - 4:30 pm. A Jazz Choir ensemble (not an official class) also meets on Mondays and Thursdays from 2:30 - 3:30pm and is open to all interested Prospect students.

Are there instruments for students to borrow?

In most cases we have a supply of instruments to loan out to students. These instruments are on a first-come, first-served basis. All wind students are expected to own her/his mouthpiece and reeds (reed instruments). Percussion instruments are supplied for those playing percussion in an ensemble. However, students are expected to own the appropriate drumsticks and mallets required. Percussion students are also expected to own their own practice pad.

What kind of credits do students receive for music courses?

Students receive 10 visual/performing arts credits for each music department class. Ten performing/visual arts credits are required for graduation. All Prospect music performance classes are college preparatory (i.e. A-G classes).

What types of fundraising do Music Boosters organize for the department?

Music Boosters coordinate many events and activities, which benefit music students in either providing financial support to the department or fostering school spirit within the music or Prospect community. Some examples include holding a mattress sale in the fall, running the snack shack during football games, an Arts & Crafts Faire in November, a bi-annual luau, selling concert concessions, See's candy, holiday greenery, and a Prospect Music wall calendar.

Are there other ways to get involved?

Music Boosters chaperone after school events, such as off campus concerts and music tours, as well as helping to fit students in proper concert attire and coordinate food for students during events outside of the school day. Additionally, boosters provide support to the music director as various projects come up, such as transporting percussion equipment, coordinating polo shirt sales, and helping to coordinate performing trips for all of the ensembles. Providing baked goods for concerts and other events is another way to be involved.

How can I get involved with Music Boosters and when do they meet?

There are many ways to get involved with the Music Boosters. Volunteer opportunities are available throughout the year with events and fundraising activities. The easiest and best way to get involved and stay informed is to come to the monthly Music Boosters meetings. Music Boosters meetings are held the third Wednesday of each month in the Choir Room (Rm 48) at 6:30pm, unless otherwise stated. All families with a music student enrolled are automatic members.

Will I be asked to make a contribution?

To cover the cost of running and maintaining a music department, students and parents are asked to make a contribution to the department to cover various costs. These costs contribute to purchasing new instruments and music, music specialists and guest clinicians, repairing and cleaning instruments beyond normal use, festival entrance and transportation costs. The suggested contribution is \$250 for each student. If a student is in more than one ensemble, an extra \$50 contribution is suggested.

Are private lessons required for music students?

Private lessons are not required of any student. However, lessons are highly suggested for all students. We will do all that we can to provide quality instruction, including sectionals run by music specialists, for all students, but private lessons are sure to enhance techniques and lessons taught in class.

Is being in the Prospect Music Department worth the investment?

Absolutely! The students have an opportunity to grow and learn in an environment that fosters respect, commitment and time management skills while making friends and learning to be an active member of a group. Students will also develop self-esteem and a sense of individuality by participating in a team-oriented experience where the full participation of every individual is essential for the success of the whole group.

Are there music honor groups at Prospect?

Yes! The Tri-M Music Honor Society is a nationally recognized leadership and service-based group with more than 1,775 chapters nationwide. Prospect is proud to sponsor Tri-M Chapter 7159. Membership requires commitment to exemplary musicianship and community service. Our members are advocates of the Prospect music program as well as leaders in our music community. See Mr. Ancheta if you are interested in becoming a member of the Tri-M Music Honor Society.

Are there any travel opportunities?

Yes! In 2014, Prospect music students had the opportunity to participate in a performance tour to Hawaii. In 2015, music students traveled to Southern California to attend a college music clinic and visit Disneyland during the Spring break. Each year, we try to provide the music students musical opportunities and experiences beyond our local community.

In 2018 spring, the music department will take a music tour to Southern California: April 11 - 15, 2018 during Spring Break. We will take a campus tour at Chapman University and receive music instruction from the music professors, perform in the Heritage Festivals and spend two days at Disneyland.

I want to learn more about the music program at Prospect High School. Who do I contact?

Feel free to contact Prospect Music Director, Charles Ancheta, with any questions you have regarding the Prospect Music program.

Email is the best way to contact Mr. Ancheta. He can be reached at:

prospectmusic@gmail.com

You can also visit the Prospect Music website at:

www.prospectmusic.com

Mr. Ancheta also welcomes all incoming freshman and prospective music students to come to Prospect for a visit. He will be able to answer all of your questions as well as give you a tour of Prospect's new state-of-the-art music facility. Please e-mail Mr. Ancheta at the address shown above to set up an appointment.



FAQ: Frequently Asked Questions about the

Prospect High School Music Department



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