

Performing Arts Courses

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AP Music Theory

70659S1 & 70659S2

Credit: 1 **AP Exam \$94 and Book**

Grade:
10-12

Prerequisites: Music Theory or Instructor Approval

Graduation Req: Fine Arts

The AP Music Theory course is designed for students who are passionate about music, and who participate in formal music instruction, such as choir, orchestra, band, or private music lessons. The class is equivalent to one year of college level music theory. This music theory course develops a student's ability to recognize, understand, and describe the basic materials and processes of music that are heard or presented in a piece of music. AP Music Theory will foster fluency in sight-reading, listening, analyzing, discussing and describing, and composing music. Building on this foundation, this course will progress to include more creative tasks, such as harmonizing a melody, composing and analyzing two-voice and four-voice counterpoint, and realizing figured-bass notation.

Concert Band

70355S1 & 70355S2

Credit: 1 **Performance Attire, \$100 Instrument Rental (if needed)**

Grade:
9-12

Prerequisites: None

Graduation Req: Fine Arts

Concert Band students will be actively involved in the development of overall musicianship and technique. This class is specifically designed to allow students to develop their skills, and students will study all types of music. This band is a performance-based class and all performances are required.

Estrella Choir

70595S1 & 70595S2

Credit: 1 **Performance Attire**

Grade:
10-12

Prerequisites: Audition and teacher approval

Graduation Req: Fine Arts

Estrella is a group composed of the finest female voices at Ponderosa. Estrella performs choral, world, jazz and popular music. Membership is based on an audition that measures advanced voice quality, sight reading ability, range, tonal memory, and musicianship. Estrella performs at various concerts, festivals, contests, and community group events. Rehearsals and performance schedules require significant extracurricular commitment.

Guitar I

70487

Credit: 0.5 **Guitar & \$16 Workbook**

Grade:
9-12

Prerequisites: None

Graduation Req: Fine Arts

This course is designed for the student with little or no guitar experience. Basic guitar skills including reading music, chords, and tablature will be taught. This course will introduce various guitar styles such as folk, classical, blues and rock. Students must provide their own acoustic guitar. Electric guitars will not be used in this class.

Guitar II

70488

Credit:**0.5****Guitar & \$16****Workbook****Grade:****9-12****Prerequisites:** Successful completion of Guitar 1 with a "C" or higher, or instructor permission**Graduation Req:** Fine Arts

Guitar II is for the intermediate to advanced seeking the opportunity to perform in front of an audience. Introductory lead guitar technique will be a focus in this course as well as ensemble work. You must be comfortable performing individually and in groups. You must have basic knowledge of guitar theory, rhythm techniques, and know the basic major and minor scales.

Guitar III

70489

Credit:**0.5****Guitar & \$16****Workbook****Grade:****10-12****Prerequisites:** Guitar II**Graduation Req:** Fine Arts

Guitar III is the 3rd semester of our Guitar pathway in Performing Arts; Students will explore advanced techniques in guitar and may be provided opportunities to demonstrate their skills in the community and through concert performances.

**Mass Media Video
Production I**

70740

Credit:**0.5****\$35/Semester****Grade:****9-12****Prerequisites:** None**Graduation Req:** Fine Arts

This course is designed to acquaint students with key aspects of video and film production. The emphasis is on storytelling, production techniques, and editing with authentic media projects.

Men's Select Choir

70565S1 & 70565S2

Credit:**1****Performance Attire****Grade:****9-12****Prerequisites:** None**Graduation Req:** Fine Arts

This men's choir, which accepts all male singers of any age with an enthusiasm for singing, will perform at school and for community groups. Music of all styles will be performed. Rehearsals and performance schedules require some extracurricular commitment.

Music Theory

70660

Credit:**0.5****\$35 Workbook****Grade:****9-12****Prerequisites:** None**Graduation Req:** Fine Arts

This class is meant for anyone wishing to develop a deeper understanding of the mechanics of music. Through the exploration of song-writing and simple composition, the students will study the fundamentals of music such as rhythm, melody, harmony, form, structure, and instrumentation.

Jazz Choir
70615S1 & 70615S2

Credit:
1

Grade:
10-12

Prerequisites: Audition and teacher approval. Must be concurrently enrolled in another large performing choir.

Graduation Req: Fine Arts

This course is for 12-18 singers and rhythm section. The emphasis of the course is to expose these students to the professional standards of vocal jazz in the area of literature, basic musical knowledge, and proper stylization for performing for public audiences. There will be extra sectional rehearsals required. **Concurrent membership in another large choir is required.** Participation in all performances is required.

Piano II
70486

Credit: **\$25 workbook**
0.5

Grade:
9-12

Prerequisites: Successful completion of Piano I and/or permission of instructor

Graduation Req: Fine Arts

This course is intended for students already capable of note playing and chord playing. Students will build upon basic knowledge learned in Piano I or private lessons by exploring specific keyboard styles and techniques, more advanced structures, and small group playing. Admittance into this class is dependent on instructor approval.

Tech Theatre I
70780

Credit: **\$30/Semester**
0.5

Grade:
9-12

Prerequisites: None

Graduation Req: Fine Arts or Practical Arts

This semester-long course offers students the opportunity to participate in phases of stagecraft activities. Course work may include the following: scenery construction, stage lighting, make-up, sound, publicity, design, theatre organization management, and maintenance.

Tech Theatre II - Fall
70795

Credit: **\$30/Semester**
0.5

Grade:
10-12

Prerequisites: Successful completion of Tech Theatre I

Graduation Req: Fine Arts or Practical Arts

This is a course designed for the serious technical theatre student to practically implement skills learned in Tech I. Advanced scene design, lighting, sound, stagecraft, make-up, and costume techniques will be explored. Students will create and carryout theatrical elements and designs.

Tech Theatre II - Spring **Credit:** **\$30/Semester** **Grade:**
70810 **0.5** **10-12**

Prerequisites: Successful completion of Tech Theatre I

Graduation Req: Fine Arts or Practical Arts

This is a course designed for the serious technical theatre student to practically implement skills learned in Tech I. Advanced scene design, lighting, sound, stagecraft, make-up, and costume techniques will be explored. Students will create and carryout theatrical elements and designs.

Tech Theatre III **Credit:** **\$30/Semester** **Grade:**
70792s1 & 70792s2 **1** **11-12**

Prerequisites: Successful completion of Tech Theatre II and permission by instructor

Graduation Req: Fine Arts or Practical Arts

This year-long course will allow students to learn and apply leadership and management skills related to the technical theatre field. This class focuses on self-motivation and inspiration to take previously attained technical knowledge of the crew and designer to the next level of professionalism. Students will implement previous knowledge from Ponderosa productions as well as explore ways to connect with other opportunities within the school and community. Upon completion of this course, students should have the knowledge, skills and materials (such as portfolios) to apply for jobs within a technical theatre career. This course requires participation/leadership within after-school productions, rentals, activities, as well as other community and facility projects.

Theatre I **Credit:** **\$30/Semester** **Grade:**
70700 **0.5** **9-12**

Prerequisites: None

Graduation Req: Fine Arts

This semester-length course offers the opportunity for a variety of performance experiences, which include but are not limited to ensemble building, acting fundamentals, character development, monologues, scene work, and improvisation. Major emphases of the class are on developing beginning acting skills and self-esteem in theatre.

Theatre II **Credit:** **\$30/Semester** **Grade:**
70710 **0.5** **9-12**

Prerequisites: Theatre I

Graduation Req: Fine Arts

This course extends development of acting skills and self esteem. Coursework may include but is not limited to the following: scene work, monologues, playwriting, play and character analysis, auditioning, musical theatre, and Shakespeare.

Theatre III **Credit:** **\$30/Semester** **Grade:**
70720S1 & 70720S2 **1** **10-12**

Prerequisites: Successful completion of Theatre II & Audition

Graduation Req: Fine Arts

This course emphasizes the development of higher level acting skills. Coursework includes, but is not limited to: advanced improvisation, directing, theatre history and styles, musical theatre, stage combat, and advanced acting techniques. Participation in the after-school productions is encouraged, but not required.

Theatre Production Ensemble

Credit: 1 **\$30/Semester** **Grade:** 11-12

70755S1 & 70755S2

Prerequisites: Successful completion of Theatre III (or permission of instructor) and audition

Graduation Req: Fine Arts

This audition-only course is for the advanced theatre student. Students will develop advanced production techniques. Play production is the core of this class. Students may be required to participate in the productions and attend the Colorado Thespian Conference in Denver in December

Wind Ensemble

Credit: 1 **Performance Attire, \$100 Instrument Rental (if needed)** **Grade:** 9-12

70300S1 & 70300S2

Prerequisites: Audition and permission of the instructor

Graduation Req: Fine Arts

The Wind Ensemble is dedicated to the study and performance of advanced wind ensemble literature. Participation in all performances is required.

Women's Select Choir

Credit: 1 **Performance Attire** **Grade:** 9-12

70560S1 & 70560S2

Prerequisites: None

Graduation Req: Fine Arts

This women's choir, which accepts all female singers of any age with an enthusiasm for singing, will perform at school and for community groups. Music of all styles will be performed. Rehearsals and performance schedules require some extracurricular commitment.