



Matilija Middle School

Music Department 7th/8th

2020-2021



The Matilija Middle School Music Department offers a well-rounded music education with classes in both the choral and instrumental disciplines. As part of a complete experience, each ensemble will perform in several concerts outside of the school day over the course of the school year. Dates of these events will be set well in advance, and participation is a required assignment for all students in the class. Proper concert attire is required for performances (see reverse). Instrumental students new to the OUSD music program will be placed in the beginning ensembles. New students may schedule an audition for placement in intermediate or advanced ensembles by emailing tfredrickson@ojaiusd.org

Choir:

The Choir is open to all Matilija students who desire to learn to sing. Students will learn vocal technique, part-singing, sight-singing, solfège, audition preparation, and basic music theory. Choir students will also learn to accompany themselves on ukulele.

Beginning String Orchestra:

The Beginning String Orchestra is open to all Matilija students who desire to learn to play violin, viola, cello, or double bass. Students will learn technique and basic musicianship, including note and rhythm reading.

Intermediate String Orchestra:

The Intermediate String Orchestra is open to Matilija students who possess basic skills on violin, viola, cello, or double bass. Students will continue to build on their foundation of technique and musicianship skills while studying more challenging literature.

Advanced String Orchestra:

The Advanced String Orchestra is open to Matilija students who possess a solid foundation of skills on violin, viola, cello, or double bass. Students will continue to build on their foundation of technique and musicianship skills while studying more challenging literature.

Beginning Band:

The Beginning Band is open to all Matilija students who desire to learn to play flute, clarinet, saxophone, trumpet, euphonium (baritone), or mallet percussion. Students will learn technique and basic musicianship, including note and rhythm reading.

Intermediate Band:

The Intermediate Band is open to Matilija students who possess basic skills on a woodwind, brass, or percussion instrument. Students will continue to build on their foundation of technique and musicianship skills while studying more challenging literature.

Advanced Band:

The Advanced Band is open to Matilija students who possess a solid foundation of skills on a woodwind, brass, or percussion instrument. Students will continue to build on their foundation of technique and musicianship skills while studying more challenging literature.

Concert Attire

Choir: Students in the Matilija Choir wear all black for formal concerts. Students should wear a black long-sleeve dress shirt, black dress pants, black socks, and black dress shoes. A black tie is a nice optional touch. The official dress for the choir is the Oratorio dress from Southeastern Apparel. These will be provided for students to borrow for the school year. Students may also purchase a new dress to keep for \$65. The Oratorio dresses are machine washable, and they are the same dresses used by the Nordhoff Music Department.

Instrumental: Students in the Matilija String Orchestras and Bands wear white on top and black on bottom for formal concerts. Students should wear a white long-sleeve dress shirt or blouse, black dress pants or full-length skirt, black socks, and black dress shoes. A red tie is a nice optional touch.