

Ichabod Crane Music Department



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**6-8 Instrumental
Music**



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5th Grade Band

**6-8 Instrumental
Music**

Middle School
General Music

**Music Department
Team & Curriculum
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5th Grade Chorus

6th Grade Chorus

7-8 Chorus

**Middle School
General Music**

**6-8 Instrumental
Music**

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Elementary &
Middle School
General Music



Music Department Members



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6th - 8th
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General Music

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High School Band
Guitar Class

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High School Chorus
High School Music
Theory I, II, III



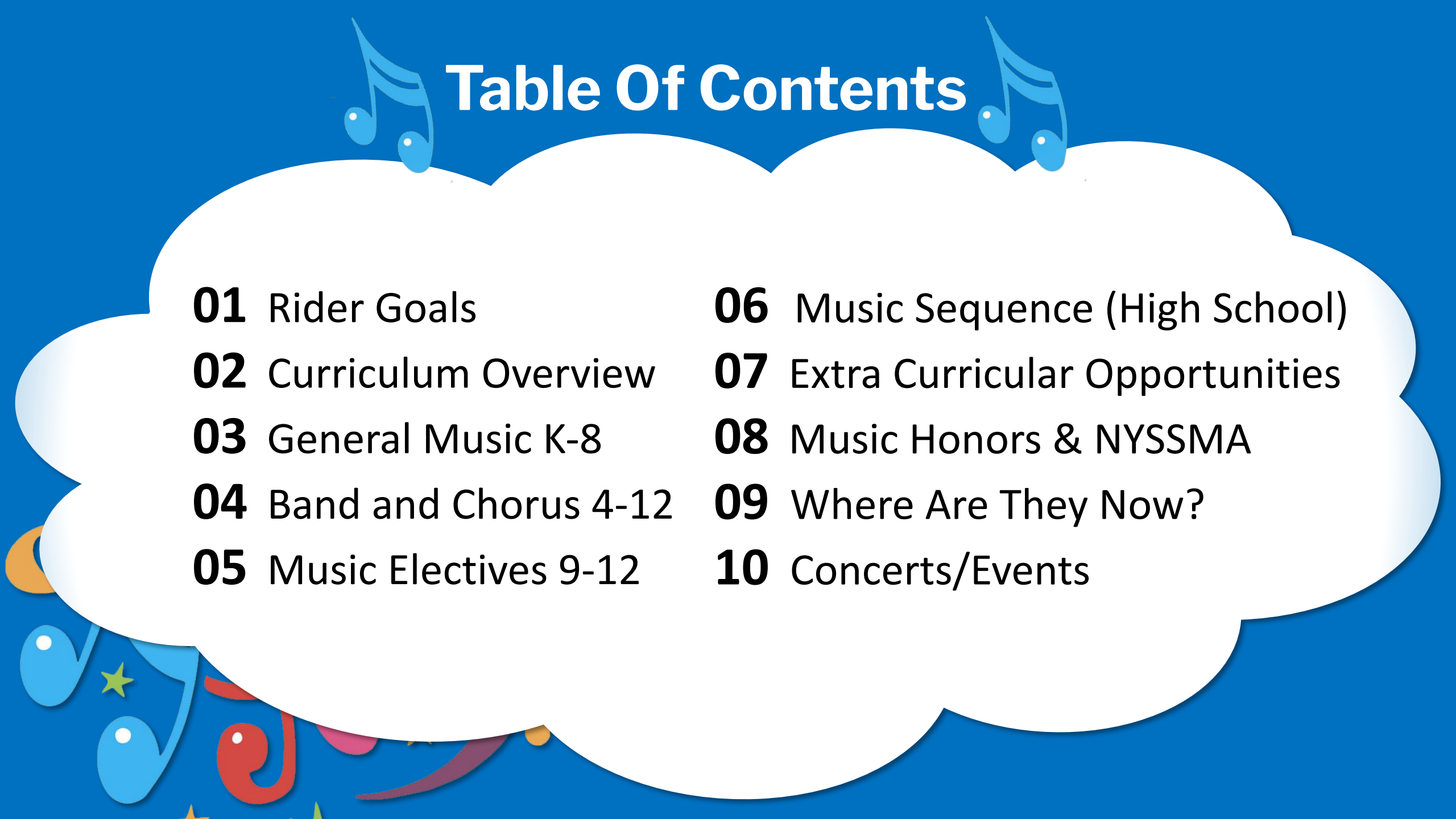
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01 Rider Goals

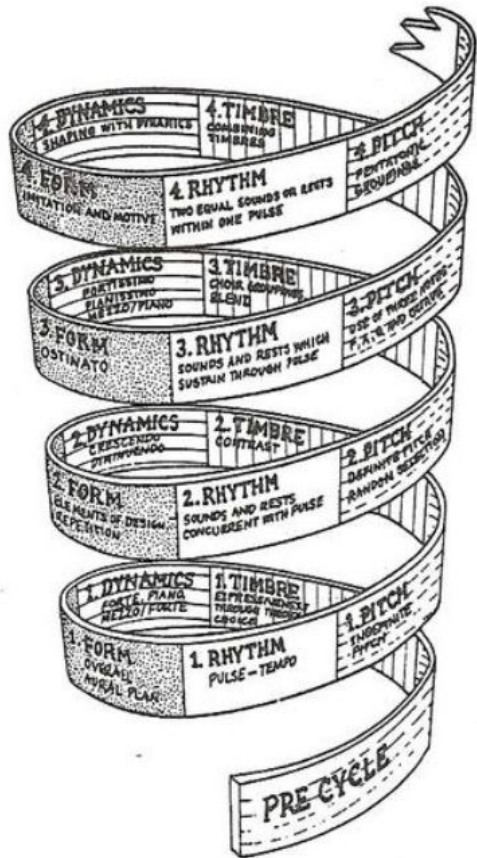


02 Curriculum Overview



Spiral Curriculum Based On:

- National Association For Music Education
- NYSSMA Curriculum Committee Sequential Guide to Music Instruction
- NYS Music Learning Standards for the Arts



Creating

Performing

Responding

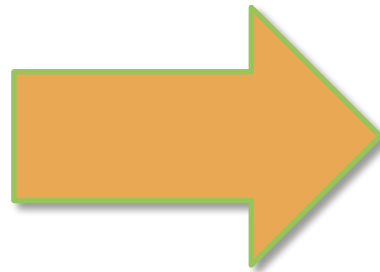
Connecting

03 General Music K-8



Music Teaching Methods/Guidelines:

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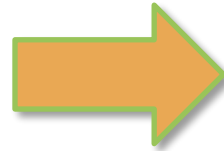
Kinesthetic
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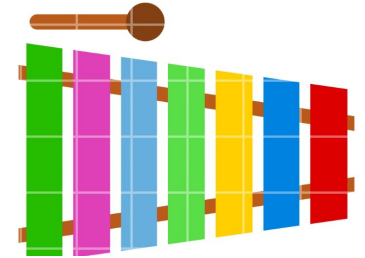
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Concepts:

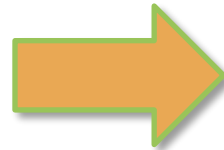
Whispering, Shouting
Speaking, Singing



in-tune singing
voice



Play
Experimentation,
Experience, Imitation



beat, rhythm, pitch, melody,
tempo, dynamics,
form, texture,
harmony, style



03 General Music K-8

K-3



03 General Music K-8

4-5



03 General Music K-8

6-8



04 Band and Chorus 5-12

5th Grade Band and Chorus

6th Grade Band and Chorus

7th and 8th Grade Band and Chorus

High School Band and Chorus

High School Jazz Ensemble



04 Band and Chorus 5-12

Small Group Lessons

5th Grade Trombone Lesson



04 Band and Chorus 5-12



5th Grade Band

5th Grade Band Video



04 Band and Chorus 5-12



6th Grade Band



04 Band and Chorus 5-12

7/8 Band



04 Band and Chorus 5-12



High School Band

Complex Melodies
Advanced Time & Key
Signatures
Varied Repertoire
Homophonic &
Polyphonic



04 Band and Chorus 5-12



High School Jazz Ensemble

Advanced Jazz Charts
Improvisation &
Solo Opportunities



04 Band and Chorus 5-12



5th & 6th Grade Chorus

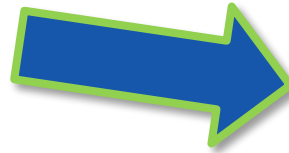
Breath Support
Diction

Proper Posture
Partner Songs

2 Part Harmony

Solfege Major Scale

Counting with Syllables



7/8 Chorus

Phrasing

Vowel Placement

3 & 4 Part Harmony

Head/Mixed/Chest Voices

Sight Reading

Counting with Numbers

Male & Female Changing
Voices



04 Band and Chorus 5-12



5th Grade Chorus



04 Band and Chorus 5-12



6th Grade Chorus



04 Band and Chorus 5-12

7/8 Chorus



04 Band and Chorus 5-12

High School Chorus

Advanced Vocal Pedagogy

Blend/Balance

4-8 Part Harmony

★ Individual Vocal Lessons

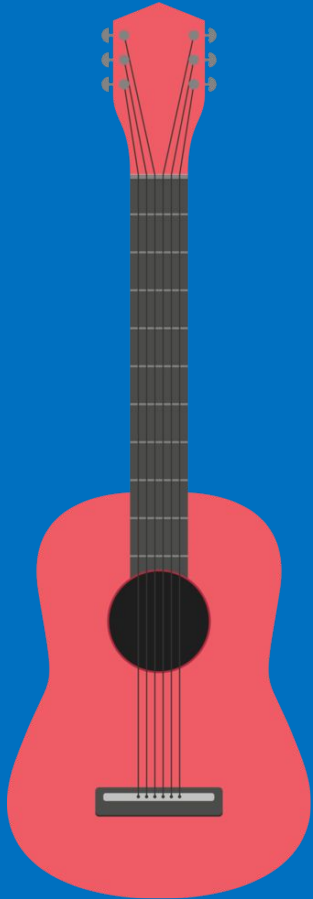
Sight Reading

in Various Tonalities

NYSSMA Solo Adjudication

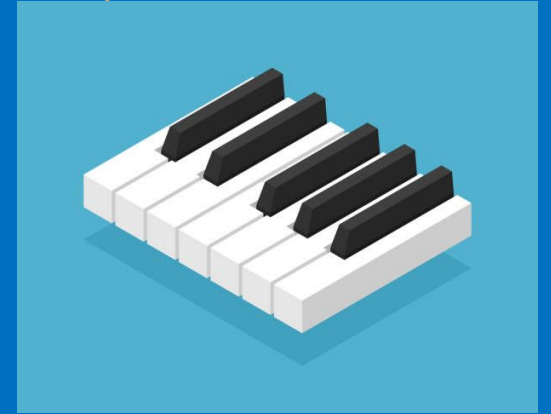


05 Other Music Electives 9-12



Music Theory I, II, III

Guitar I, II



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Music Theory I, II, III

Rhythmic/Melodic Dictation
Composition
Chordal Analysis
Piano Keyboard
Sight Singing



05 Other Music Electives 9-12

College Credit for Music Theory I through SCCC

Students are able to receive college credit for *MU147 - Fundamentals of Music* through Schenectady County Community College.

In addition, Music Theory I is offered as a **distance learning** class to students throughout the capital region.



05 Other Music Electives 9-12

Guitar I

Chords
Strumming Patterns
Note Reading
Tab Reading

Guitar II

Barre & Jazz Chords
Fingerpicking Technique
Note Reading - across
the fretboard
Scales
Tab Reading
Building song repertoire



Guitars provided for in school instruction!

06 Music Sequence (High School)

5 Credit Sequence in the Arts

Music Major Sequence

- 2 Credits of Band &/or Chorus
- 3 Credits of Music Theory

-OR-

- 3 Credits of Band &/or Chorus
- 2 Credits of Music Theory

Fine Arts Sequence

- 1 Credit of Music Theory
- 1 Credit of Studio or Media A
and Studio or Media B
- 3 Credits of **Arts** Classes
(any combo of
music or art classes)

07 Extra Curricular Activities

7/8 Jazz Band

Marching Band/Pep Band (7-12)

4th Grade Chorus

Sing Swing (7-8)

Spectrum (High School)



07 Extra Curricular Activities

Middle School Jazz Band



07 Extra Curricular Activities

Riders Marching Band



07 Extra Curricular Activities

4th Grade Chorus



07 Extra Curricular Activities

4th Grade Chorus



Music in Our Schools Month
4th Grade Chorus Concert
Tuesday, March 31 6:30PM
High School Auditorium



07 Extra Curricular Activities

Sing Swing



07 Extra Curricular Activities

Spectrum



07 Extra Curricular Activities

Theater

Crane Acting Troupe (7-12)

March 26, 27, 28, 2026



08 NYSSMA & Music Honors



Brought to you by The **NAMM** Foundation*

Proud BCME District

Ichabod Crane Central School District





NYSSMA Solo Adjudication Participants:

Middle School Chorus - 18 Students

High School Chorus - 12 Students

Middle School Band - 40 students

High School Band - 10 Students

08 NYSSMA and Music Honors

All County Music Festival 2025 Participants:

Elementary Chorus- 16 Students
Middle School Chorus- 27 Students
High School Chorus - 15 Students
High School Vocal Jazz - 4

Middle School Band- 52 Students
High School Band- 19 Students
High School Jazz Band- 5

08 NYSSMA and Music Honors



NYSBDA

New York State Band Directors' Association **Middle School Honor Band**

March 2025: 1 student
March 2024: 1 student
March 2023: 4 students
March 2022: 1 students



Area All-State Music Festival 2025 Participants:



High School Chorus - 4 Students
High School Band - 2 Students



08 NYSSMA and Music Honors



All State Music Festival- Rochester, NY



1 HS Band Student
chosen as an alternate



09 Where Are They Now?



Colleges and Universities

Bard Conservatory

Berkley School of Music

Cincinnati Conservatory of Music

East Carolina University

Hartt School of Music

Ithaca College School of Music

Manhattan School of Music

Nazareth

NYU

SCCC

Shenandoah Conservatory

SUNY Potsdam

SUNY Fredonia

SUNY New Paltz

Central Connecticut

Wagner



09 Where Are They Now?



Employment

Music Education

Music Performance

Music Composition

Music Therapy

Musical Theater

Opera

Dance

Arts Administration

Music Business/Management

Music Production & Recording



10 Concerts/Events



Past Event:

7/8 Chorus Performed at WMHT Music for the Holidays.

Video



10 Concerts/Events



Upcoming Events:

March is Music in Our Schools Month!

7/8 Band and Chorus Performance

Empire State Plaza

March 19th, 2026, 10:30am



NYSSMA Majors - Hosted by Ichabod Crane

May 27, 2026



10 Concerts/Events



Spring Concerts- High School Auditorium:

Tues, May 12th: 5th Grade @ 6:00 p.m.

Tues, May 12th: 6th Grade @ 7:00 p.m.

Thurs, May 14th: 7th/8th Grade @ 6:30 p.m.

Tues, May 19th: High School @ 6:30 p.m.



Equity in the Music Department

Ichabod Crane provides
musical instruments and concert clothing
with help from the district and community!

Donations!

TEMPO

Ichabod's Closet

**NYS Migrant
Education Program**





THANK YOU

