



WEST CONTRA COSTA UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT

Visual and Performing Arts Department

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WCCUSD All District Music Festival:

Every year, the West Contra Costa Unified School District sponsors an honor music festival showcasing music students from Elementary Band, Middle School Band, Middle School Orchestra, High School Choir, High School Orchestra, and High School Band.

This Festival takes place at the Richmond Auditorium in late February or early March and is open to all with free admission.

Participating students are chosen by their band/orchestra/choir instructors for their achievement in class and their ability to perform music that is challenging at every level (often more difficult than regular music from individual schools).

The ensembles are made up of students from most of the schools in WCCUSD. (6 high schools, 6 middle schools, 36 elementary schools) and are balanced by instrumentation in order to provide the best possible performance. Elementary Band instructors choose an average of 3-4 students per school and do their best to balance their choices among Flute, Trumpet, Clarinet, Trombone, Baritone Horn, Alto Saxophone, and percussion.

Middle and High school instructors collaborate given the same requirements of numbers and instrumentation to produce high quality ensembles.

We seek an outside individual from college or professional ranks to conduct the High School Band and one of the High School Directors conducts the Middle School Band.

Since the Orchestra program is in early stages, our Honor Orchestra currently come from the Hercules Schools though we are starting to add students from El Cerrito and Richmond areas.

Our Choir draws students from De Anza H.S., Pinole Valley H. S., and Hercules H.S.

If you have questions, please contact us at pmartin@wccusd.net