

## Menomonee Falls Music Course Programming

### 6<sup>th</sup> Grade Music Elective Options

6<sup>th</sup> Grade Band  
6<sup>th</sup> Grade Orchestra  
6<sup>th</sup> Grade Exploring Music (9 week course) OR 6<sup>th</sup> Grade Choir (9 week course)

### 7<sup>th</sup> Grade Music Elective Options

7<sup>th</sup> Grade Band  
7<sup>th</sup> Grade Choir  
7<sup>th</sup> / 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Orchestra  
7<sup>th</sup> / 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Exploring Music OR Ukelele and Songwriting Workshop  
(semester course offered alternate years)

### 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Music Elective Options

8<sup>th</sup> Grade Band  
8<sup>th</sup> Grade Choir  
7<sup>th</sup> / 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Orchestra  
7<sup>th</sup> / 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Exploring Music OR Ukelele and Songwriting  
Workshop (semester course offered alternate years)

### 9<sup>th</sup> Grade Music Elective Options

Freshman Band  
Freshman Choir  
Symphonic Orchestra (string instruments only)  
Intro to Recording Technology and Audio Engineering  
(Semester course)

### 10<sup>th</sup> Grade Music Elective Options

Symphonic Band or Wind Symphony (by audition)  
Concert Choir  
Master Singers (by audition only)  
Symphonic Orchestra  
AP Music Theory  
Intro to Recording Technology and Audio Engineering (Semester course)

### 11<sup>th</sup> Grade Music Elective Options

Symphonic Band or Wind Symphony (by audition)  
Concert Choir  
Master Singers (by audition only)  
Symphonic Orchestra  
AP Music Theory  
**NEW - Intro to Recording Technology and Audio Engineering (Semester course)**

### 12<sup>th</sup> Grade Music Elective Options

Symphonic Band or Wind Symphony (by audition)  
Concert Choir  
Master Singers (by audition only)  
Symphonic Orchestra  
AP Music Theory  
**NEW - Intro to Recording Technology and Audio Engineering (Semester course)**

**Note: All  
courses are  
year-long unless  
otherwise  
noted.**

## Music

**Mission Statement:**

*The Menomonee Falls Music Department provides a relevant and accessible musical experience so that all students can make informed decisions as participants in music, cultivating a life-long understanding and appreciation.*

**Beliefs:**

- *We believe students can learn in a challenging and nurturing environment.*
- *We believe students must develop individual skills and knowledge, and be provided opportunities for aesthetic expression.*
- *We believe it is necessary to work together with the staff, students and community.*

Course Title	Course Number	Length	Year Taken
Freshman Choir	MU147/ MU148	Year	9
Freshman Choir-Honors	MU155/ MU156	Year	9
Concert Choir	MU131/ MU132	Year	10-12
Master Singers-Honors	MU151/ MU152	Year	10-12
Intro to Recording Technology and Audio Engineering	MU400	Semester	9-12
Freshman Band	MU103/ MU104	Year	9
Freshman Band-Honors	MU105/ MU106	Year	9
Symphonic Band	MU251/ MU252	Year	10-12
Symphonic Band-Honors	MU261/ MU262	Year	10-12
Wind Symphony-Honors	MU301/ MU302	Year	10-12
AP Music Theory-Honors	MU234/ MU235	Year	10-12
Symphonic Orchestra	MU271/ MU272	Year	9-12
Symphonic Orchestra-Honors	MU281/ MU282	Year	9-12

***All Music Department courses require a class fee payable at registration or at the front office.***

**FRESHMAN CHOIR**

One Year Course

**Grade 9**

**This course can be taken as Honors by signing up the first week of school with the teacher.**

Course Numbers:

Semester 1: MU147

Semester 2: MU148

Freshman Choir is for those who enjoy music and wish to learn more about it through singing. Students will learn the basics of sight singing, vowel production, dynamics and expression through a wide variety of musical styles and historical periods. Students may participate in Solo and Ensemble Festival. With department approval, a student may take this course for honors credit. Additional independent work and the performance of a class A solo or ensemble are just a part of the honors credit requirement.

**FRESHMAN CHOIR -HONORS**

One Year Course

**Grade 9**

**Your teacher will register you in the first week of school for Honors if you are interested. For registration purposes, sign up for Freshman Choir.**

Course Numbers:

Semester 1: MU155

Semester 2: MU156

**CONCERT CHOIR**

One year course

**Grades 10-12**

**This course can be taken as Honors by signing up the first week of school with the teacher.**

Course numbers:

Semester. 1 : MU131

Semester. 2: MU132

Concert Choir is a continuation of Freshman Choir with more complicated music. Students will also learn sight singing, vowel production, dynamics and expression by singing a wide variety of musical styles and historical periods. Students may participate in Solo and Ensemble Festival. With department approval, a student may take this course for honors credit. Additional independent work and the performance of a class A solo or ensemble are just a part of the honors credit requirement.

**MASTER SINGERS-HONORS**

One Year Course

**Grades 10-12**

Course Numbers:

Semester 1: MU151

Semester 2: MU152

Master Singers is a Women's (Treble) choir open to 10<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> grade students who pass an audition. The repertoire is considerably more challenging requiring a cappella and small ensemble blend. Master Singers perform a wide variety of musical styles and historical periods. Additional performances are required for this group. Students must prepare a class A solo or ensemble. This class is an honors course requiring additional independent work.

*The above Master Singers Honors course will not be a selection at the time of registration. Auditions will be held and the director will place students into the appropriate course. Interested students should enroll in Concert Choir.*

## **INTRO TO RECORDING TECHNOLOGY AND AUDIO ENGINEERING**

One Semester Course

**Grades 9-12**

Course Number: MU400



While learning how harmony and melody are used in modern songwriting using the guitar; students will understand how to compose and arrange songs. This course will also include an introduction into audio recording technology. Using the software Logic Pro X, students will learn about tracking, gain staging, mixing, effects loops and editing digital audio. Ultimately students will be able to create a background music track or mix for a video, movie or multi-media project.

## **FRESHMAN BAND**

One Year Course

**Grade 9**

**This course can be taken as Honors by signing up the first week of school with the teacher.**

Course Numbers:

Semester 1: MU103

Semester 2: MU104

The Freshman Band is an ensemble for any ninth grade student who has had some prior experience playing a wind or percussion instrument. Lack of skill should not be a deterrent to anyone wishing to play in the band. The Freshman Band performs three concerts per year, including a winter "Pops Concert." Freshman Band members also perform at football and basketball games. Students in Freshman Band may also elect to perform in one of the school's jazz ensembles. With Departmental Approval, a student may take this course for honors credit. Students electing to take Freshman Band for honors credit will be expected to complete additional independent work and perform either a solo or non-conducted ensemble at Solo and Ensemble contest in March.

## **FRESHMAN BAND-HONORS**

One Year Course

**Grade 9**

**Your teacher will register you in the first week of school for Honors if you are interested. For registration purposes, sign up for Freshman Band.**

Course Numbers:

Semester 1: MU105

Semester 2: MU106

***All band students entering grades 10-12 should select **Symphonic Band** at the time of registration. Auditions will be held and the director will place students into Symphonic Band or Wind Symphony.***

#### **SYMPHONIC BAND**

One Year Course

**Grades 10-12**

**After your audition and placement in this band, this course can be taken as Honors by signing up the first week of school with the teacher. For registration purposes, sign up for Symphonic Band.**

Course Numbers:

Semester 1: MU251

Semester 2: MU252

Membership in Symphonic Band is gained through audition. The Symphonic Band performs three concerts per year. Symphonic Band members also perform at football and basketball games, and participate in Band Revue. Students in Symphonic Band may also elect to perform in one of the school's jazz ensembles. With Departmental Approval, a student may take this course for honors credit. Students electing to take Symphonic Band for honors credit will be expected to complete additional independent work and perform either a solo or non-conducted ensemble at Solo and Ensemble contest in March.

#### **SYMPHONIC BAND-HONORS**

One Year Course

**Grades 10-12**

**If you are interested in Honors, your teacher will register you in the first week of school for Honors in this course. For registration purposes, sign up for Symphonic Band.**

Course Numbers:

Semester 1: MU261

Semester 2: MU262

***All band students entering grades 10-12 should select **Symphonic Band** at the time of registration. Auditions will be held and the director will place students into Symphonic Band or Wind Symphony.***

#### **WIND SYMPHONY-HONORS**

One Year Course

**Grades 10-12**

**After your audition and placement in this band, this course is only offered as Honors. For registration purposes, sign up for **Symphonic Band**.**

Course Numbers

Semester 1: MU301

Semester 2: MU302

The Wind Symphony is the most advanced ensemble in the band program, with a focus on the rehearsal and performance of college- and professional-level literature for winds and percussion. Membership in Wind Symphony is gained through audition. The Wind Symphony performs three concerts throughout the year. Wind Symphony members also perform at football and basketball games, and participate in Band Revue. Students in Wind Symphony may also elect to perform in one of the school's jazz ensembles. This course is available exclusively as an honors course. As such, additional independent work and the performance of a solo or non-conducted ensemble are required of each student.

**AP MUSIC THEORY-HONORS**

One Year Course

**Grades 10-12****Course Numbers:**

Semester 1: MU234

Semester 2: MU235

The goal of this course is for students to develop an ability to understand, recognize, and describe various musical concepts presented in a musical score. The musical concepts we will focus on in this class are those most often found in music from the Common Practice Era, the long stretch of music history from approximately 1600-1900, including much of the Baroque, Classical, and Romantic periods. We approach the material in this course with a strong sense of integration between written theory and aural theory, often moving seamlessly between the two several times during the class.

**SYMPHONIC ORCHESTRA**

One Year Course

**Grades 9-12**

**This course can be taken as Honors by signing up the first week of school with the teacher.**

**Course Numbers:**

Semester 1: MU271

Semester 2: MU272

The Symphonic Orchestra is for anyone who has had some prior experience playing a string instrument. The Symphonic Orchestra performs concerts and community programs. Orchestra members may participate in Pops Ensembles, Chamber Ensembles and Solo and Ensemble Festivals. Wind and percussion players from the Band join the Orchestra for concerts. With Departmental Approval, a student may take this course for honors credit. Additional independent work and the performance of an accompanied solo or ensemble are just a part of the honors credit requirement.

**SYMPHONIC ORCHESTRA-HONORS**

One Year Course

**Grades 9-12**

**Your teacher will register you in the first week of school for Honors if you are interested. For registration purposes, sign up for Symphonic Orchestra.**

**Course Numbers:**

Semester 1: MU281

Semester 2: MU282