

The mission of the Canyon Instrumental Performing Arts (CIPA) program at Canyon High School is to provide a comprehensive, pre-college music education while also serving to bring joy, spirit and beauty to the Canyon community and beyond. Without a doubt, science now proves that music education benefits students through increased standardized test scores, higher grades, successful college entrance, improved social-emotional skills, and overall better health. There is something for everyone in our program, and we invite you to explore all that CIPA has to offer!

"Being involved
with such an
inclusive group
has been amazing
for my son."

Michael Whang,

Canyon Instrumental Performing Arts Director



Marching Band

We offer a competitive program that travels throughout Southern California during the fall season. The band also performs at all home football games and serves as a pep band at some away games. Members of the marching band receive PE credit and have great opportunities for leadership. Practices start in the summer and take place during class and after school once the school year begins. Band is a great place to make lifelong friends in the most spirited group on campus.

Drumline

Anyone interested can join drumline. It is a portion of the marching band during the fall season, and then becomes a highly competitive indoor performing ensemble for the winter. Fall semester earns a PE credit and Spring semester earns an A-G Fine Arts credit. The drumline travels throughout Southern California during the months of February-April, competing against other schools. This group practices all summer and after school on certain days for the entire year.

Color Guard

Color Guard is another unit of the marching band in the fall, spinning flags and rifles for the competitive show. In the winter, they compete inside in gyms across Southern California in the Winter Guard Association of Southern California and Winter Guard International circuits. This class meets for two periods each semester with one period meeting an A-G Fine Arts credit and the other period meeting PE credit. This group practices all summer and after school on certain days for the entire year.

Symphonic Band

For those interested in concert music, Symphonic Band can be taken all year for A-G Fine Arts credit. Fall Season requires membership in the marching band for home football games, but no summer or after school practices. Marching Band members become the Symphonic Band once fall season has ended and earn an A-G Fine Arts credit for Spring Semester. From December – June, the band performs concerts at school, attends and performs at festivals, and studies solo and small ensemble literature. The band also combines with the string orchestra to perform symphonic music from classical to movie soundtracks.

Jazz Band

Canyon Jazz Band meets after school one day a week to study and perform a wide variety of jazz literature. The band has played at many community events, including events at the Nixon Library and Relay for Life.

Symphonic Strings

This Orchestra emphasize the mechanics of string instruments, note reading, rhythm, pitch discrimination, expression, and music literacy. This is a performance course chosen by students interested in learning to play or continuing to develop performance skills. This orchestra combines with the winds to play symphonic music from classical to movie soundtracks. This class meets A-G Fine Arts credit and performs in concerts and at festivals.