

Philosophy

Music education is a primary means by which an educational institution can transmit to students the cultural heritage of society. Music transcends barriers of ethnic background, economic status, language, and even literacy in its power to reach the depths of the human soul. Experiences with music develop a student's ability to make value judgments, to function logically as well as intuitively, and to utilize one's innate creativity. Participation in performance organizations encourages initiative and leadership in the students, stimulates goal-oriented thought processes, creates an appreciation and respect for the efforts of others, and assists students in developing a sense of responsibility to themselves, the organization, and in a broad sense, society.

We recognize that only a select few high school musicians will choose to pursue careers in music. However, the mental discipline and thought processes required in the study of music are applicable in all fields of endeavor.

General Objectives

- To make participation in instrumental music available to all students at Riverton H.S.
- To develop musical experiences that enhance students' overall educational experiences.
- To provide a suitable background in music instruction for those students who elect to continue the study of music after graduation.
- To develop a life-long appreciation for music and continuation of musical activities.
- To develop performing organizations that are a source of pride for the individual, the school, and the community.

Five Goals for Every Musical Activity

In Time

Count every rhythm, right with the conductor!

In Tone

Always play with your very best sound!

In Tune

Train your ears to hear mistakes and fix them quickly!

In Touch

Always play the music with emotion, exaggerating all melodic elements!

With Technique

Work towards "mastering" the technical aspects of musical performance!