

ART/MUSIC

Are you interested in learning more about fine arts? RTHS fine arts classes are for students interested in the fine arts area as a future occupation or as a hobby. There is a place for everyone as students have a variety of classes to choose from . Looking for a new interest? Try a fine arts class!

Art courses may interest students who are considering an art connected career or who enjoy drawing or construction for creative satisfaction. Successful completion of 3 years of art will prepare a student for college as an art major or in related fields such as industrial design, architecture, advertising, fashion design, art teaching, or commercial art.

Students may also be interested in a variety of music classes. The music department presents concerts and community performances throughout the year which are required for students enrolled in a music course. Extracurricular opportunities in music are available in the form of smaller, independent ensembles as well.

**Students are responsible to acquire concert attire which is all black (shoes, socks, pants/skirt, and shirt), unless otherwise specified.*

Earned credit in Art/Music/Drama meets the Fine Arts requirement for graduation. RTHS requires a minimum 1 earned credit in the Fine Arts area.

AVAILABLE 2021-2022 COURSES

<u>COURSE</u>	<u>CREDIT</u>	<u>PREREQUISITE</u>	<u>GRADE LEVELS</u>	<u>FEES</u>
Art Foundations	1 unit—two semesters	No	9, 10, 11, 12	Yes
Intro. to Sculpture	1 unit—two semesters	Yes	10, 11, 12	Yes
Advanced Sculpture	1 unit—two semesters	Yes	11, 12	Yes
Drawing & Painting	1 unit—two semesters	Yes	10, 11, 12	Yes
Advanced Drawing/Painting	1 unit—two semesters	Yes	11, 12	Yes
Concert Woodwinds	1 unit—two semesters	No	9, 10, 11, 12	No
Concert Brass	1 unit—two semesters	No	9, 10, 11, 12	No
Eagle Band	1/2 unit—one semester (Fall)	Yes	9, 10, 11, 12	Yes
Jazz Ensemble	1 unit—two semesters	Yes	9, 10, 11, 12	Yes
Percussion Ensemble	1/2 unit—one semester (Spring)	Yes	9, 10, 11, 12	Yes
Wind Ensemble	1/2 unit—one semester (Spring)	Yes	9, 10, 11, 12	Yes
Concert Choir (low voices)	1 unit—two semesters	No	9, 10, 11, 12	No
Eagle Chorale (treble voices)	1 unit—two semesters	Yes	9, 10, 11, 12	Yes
Chamber Choir	1 unit—two semesters	Yes	9, 10, 11, 12	Yes
Modified Music	1 unit—two semesters	No	9, 10, 11, 12	No
Music Appreciation	1 unit—two semesters	No	9, 10, 11, 12	Yes
Music Theory	1 unit—two semesters	Yes	9, 10, 11, 12	No



ART FOUNDATIONS**FEES:** \$10.00**Prerequisite:** None**Grade Levels:** 9, 10, 11, 12**Credit:** 1 unit - two semesters

Students taking this introductory art class will learn about the various forms and styles of art. The elements and principles of art will be emphasized and basic drawing, painting, and sculpting will be presented to the students within a historical context.

INTRODUCTION TO SCULPTURE**FEES:** \$10.00**Prerequisite:** Successful completion of Art Foundations**Grade Levels:** 10, 11, 12**Credit:** 1 unit - two semesters

Students in this class will learn about basic sculptural materials and techniques. Using a variety of materials (paper, wire, plaster, wood, clay), students will create a variety of sculptures while exploring historical and modern trends in the art world.

ADVANCED SCULPTURE**FEES:** \$10.00**Prerequisite:** Successful completion of Introduction to Sculpture**Grade Levels:** 11, 12**Credit:** 1 unit - two semesters

Students in this course will be given more complexity in sculptural processes and techniques. Emphasis will be placed on developing individual style with various media.

DRAWING AND PAINTING**FEES:** \$10.00**Prerequisite:** Successful completion of Art Foundations**Grade Levels:** 10, 11, 12**Credit:** 1 unit - two semesters

Expand your art knowledge and experience with drawing and painting challenges! Focus is on creating quality art objects and mastering basic drawing and painting skills using a variety of materials. Explore the influence of basic historic, critical, and aesthetic issues in art through 2-d experiences.

ADVANCED DRAWING AND PAINTING**FEES:** \$10.00**Prerequisite:** Successful completion of Drawing & Painting**Grade Levels:** 11, 12**Credit:** 1 unit - two semesters

In this class, a serious effort will be put on developing a professional portfolio. Create quality works with more depth in the finished image. Emphasis will also be placed on historical and contemporary art movements through artwork.

CONCERT WOODWINDS**Prerequisite:** None**Grade Levels:** 9, 10, 11, 12**Credit:** 1 unit - two semesters

This course is designed for students who have never played a wind instrument, or students who want to study a new instrument. No previous experience is required. This class will combine with the Concert Brass for four concerts throughout the school year.
*All band students will take a playing assessment prior to the second semester placing them in either Concert Brass, Concert Woodwinds, or Wind Ensemble for the spring. Students may change groups between semesters.

Attendance at all rehearsals and performances is required.

CONCERT BRASS**Prerequisite:** None**Grade Levels:** 9, 10, 11, 12**Credit:** 1 unit - two semesters

This course is designed for students who have never played a wind instrument, or students who want to study a new instrument. No previous experience is required. This class will combine with the Concert Woodwinds for four concerts throughout the school year.

*All band students will take a playing assessment prior to the second semester placing them in either Concert Brass, Concert Woodwinds, or Wind Ensemble for the spring. Students may change groups between semesters.

Attendance at all rehearsals and performances is required.



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EAGLE BAND (1st semester)

FEES: Possible trip payments, marching band polo/t-shirt (payable directly to the band)

Prerequisite: Concert Brass/Concert Woodwinds **OR** membership in band in junior high.

Grade Levels: 9, 10, 11, 12

Credit: 1/2 Unit—one semester (Fall only)

The first part of the semester is dedicated to preparing the halftime show used for football games and competitions. The marching band will rehearse during summer camps, in class during the first quarter, and during weekly evening practices. Eagle Band will rehearse and perform as a large symphonic band during the Veteran's Day and Holiday band concerts.

*All band students will take a playing assessment prior to the second semester placing them in either Concert Brass, Concert Woodwinds, or Wind Ensemble for the spring. Students may change groups between semesters.

During the fall semester, all students taking Eagle Band should enroll in Band PE. **All rehearsals and performances are mandatory. All band students are also members of the marching and athletic bands. All students are expected to practice their instruments at home, before school, or after school. Memorization of music is mandatory. (Marching Band Only).

JAZZ ENSEMBLE

FEES: Possible trip payments, marching band polo/t-shirt (payable directly to the band)

Prerequisite: Audition/Consent of Instructor

Grade Levels: 9, 10, 11, 12

Credit: 1 unit - two semesters

The RTHS Jazz Ensemble uses traditional "big band" instrumentation of saxophones, trumpets, trombones, and rhythm section. This group will perform a diverse selection of traditional and contemporary jazz repertoire, incorporate the study of jazz style and improvisation into performance, represent RTHS at regional and state festivals, and support the Rantoul community in concerts and local performances.

All rehearsals and performances are mandatory.

PERCUSSION ENSEMBLE (2nd semester)

FEES: Possible trip payments

Prerequisite: Percussion experience in junior high band/Consent of Instructor

Grade Levels: 9, 10, 11, 12

Credit: 1/2 unit - one semester (Spring only)

Percussionists who are a part of the RTHS Eagle Band (fall semester) will be enrolled in Percussion Ensemble in the Spring (instead of Wind Ensemble or Concert Brass/Woodwinds). This class will focus on keyboard percussion, snare drum, timpani, accessories, and other concert percussion techniques. The Percussion Ensemble will perform independently and with the Concert Woodwinds, Concert Brass, and Wind Ensemble. **All rehearsals and performances are mandatory.**

WIND ENSEMBLE (2nd semester)

FEES: Possible trip payments

Prerequisite: Placement Audition

Grade Levels: 9, 10, 11, 12

Credit: 1/2 unit - one semester (Spring only)

The RTHS Wind Ensemble is an audition based group for students who play a woodwind, brass, or percussion instrument. This group represents RTHS at school concerts, regional and state festivals, and various community events. Students in this ensemble are encouraged to prepare music for the IHSA Solo & Ensemble Festival in March and to audition for the ILMEA district ensembles in the fall.

CONCERT CHOIR (low voices)

Prerequisite: None

Grade Levels: 9, 10, 11, 12

Credit: 1 unit - two semesters

Concert Choir for Low Voices is made up of beginning singers with lower voices who want to learn more about vocal and choral technique as well as sight reading. Students learn about their own singing ranges, how voices change through adolescence, and how to produce a healthy, supported sound. Singers have the opportunity to audition for IHSA Solo and Ensemble contests. A variety of music styles will be presented.

Students are required to attend three concerts with opportunities to attend others. Come join our choir family!



EAGLE CHORALE (treble voices)

FEES: Possible trip payments
Prerequisite: Audition
Grade Levels: 9, 10, 11, 12
Credit: 1 unit - two semesters

Eagle Chorale for Treble Voices is for beginning treble singers who want to learn more about vocal and choral technique as well as sight reading. Students learn about their own singing ranges, how voices change through adolescence, and how to produce a healthy, supported sound. Singers have the opportunity to audition for IHSA Solo and Ensemble contests. A variety of music styles will be presented.

Students are required to attend three concerts with opportunities to attend others.
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CHAMBER CHOIR

FEES: Possible trip payments
Prerequisite: Audition
Grade Levels: 9, 10, 11, 12
Credit: 1 unit - two semesters

Chamber Choir is the highest level group in the choral program. Students must demonstrate a high level of vocal technique and sight reading skills. This group performs at concerts and contests. Music covers a variety of styles, including acapella, classical, gospel, popular and others. Students have the opportunity to audition for district chorus or ensemble.

Students are required to attend three concerts with opportunities to attend others.
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MODIFIED MUSIC

Prerequisite: None
Grade Levels: 9, 10, 11, 12
Credit: 1 unit—two semesters

Our Modified Music class is for our special learners with differing abilities. This class is designed to recognize students' abilities and develop them to the fullest within a musical setting. Students also have the opportunity to sing with other RTHS choirs in the "High Five Choir" which performs one to two times per year.

MUSIC APPRECIATION

FEES: Possible trip payments, marching band polo/t-shirt (payable directly to the band)
Prerequisite: None
Grade Levels: 9, 10, 11, 12
Credit: 1 unit—two semesters

Students in this course will look at the role music plays in the world around them, the American society and in their own lives. The class will focus on music as a means of telling stories as well as the history of western music and a unit on music from other cultures. Students will also become more musically literate through the study of piano and be able to perform simple songs on the keyboard. There are lots of great musical opportunities in this class!

MUSIC THEORY

Prerequisite: Concurrent or previous enrollment in a music class
Grade Levels: 9, 10, 11, 12
Credit: 1 unit—two semesters

This course is designed for students considering a major or minor in music at the college level. Content includes music theory, harmony, composition, the evolution of Western "art" music, and music literature. Students will learn the skills necessary to pass typical college music entrance exams. Class activities include listening, analyzing scores, composing and performing music, and practicing music dictation. The students must be able to read music.