

## Stevenson Instrumental Music Program Schedule Planning to Include Band Throughout High School

Students that attend Utica Community Schools, and specifically Stevenson High School, are fortunate to have many different options and learning pathways to explore their interests and prepare for their lives beyond high school.

### Band can be part of the curriculum all throughout Junior and High School for all students

We believe strongly in giving students that wish to participate in Instrumental Music the opportunity to do so while also working collaboratively to meet every student's other academic interests and needs. Legislation has made it easier for students exploring music to do so in secondary school by utilizing Flex Options as part of their scheduling plan - no matter if they are a traditional student or enrolled in specialty program such as CSI, MST, or Stevenson MADE. Current Flex Options include:

- Substituting two complete seasons of Marching Band in place of the graduation requirement of ½ credit (one semester) of Physical Education
- Taking a second full year of an in-school Band Class (two semesters) in place of the graduation requirement of a second full year of World Language
- Taking foreign language class in 8<sup>th</sup> grade to fulfill the graduation requirement of the first full year of World Language. Your Junior High counselor must be notified in advance

*Important note: Some, but not all, colleges/universities “require” two years of the same World Language for admission. It is advisable to explore the requirements of any college or university you plan on applying to in advance of completing your high school schedules. Many colleges/universities LOVE band students and will work with you during the admission process! Ask!!*

The schedules that follow are simplified for clarity. For example, many students will have flexibility in which years/semesters they take Economics, Government, Science, and Social Studies classes. Always consult with the Stevenson Counseling Department to ensure you are on track to meet graduation requirements.

#### Option for all Band Students to waive high school Physical Education

	<u>9<sup>th</sup> Grade</u>	<u>10<sup>th</sup> Grade</u>	<u>11<sup>th</sup> Grade</u>	<u>12<sup>th</sup> Grade</u>
<b>After School</b>	<b>Marching Band</b>	<b>Marching Band</b>	<b>Marching Band</b>	<b>Marching Band</b>

Two full seasons of Marching Band can be used to substitute the requirement for 1/2 credit (one semester) of physical education (Flex Option).

Students that don't complete the Flex Option requirement through an alternative activity (such as two seasons of Marching Band or organized school sports) must add 1/2 credit (one semester) of Physical Education as one of their electives to the sample schedule outlines that follow.

#### Sample Pathway: Traditional Students

	<u>9<sup>th</sup> Grade</u>	<u>10<sup>th</sup> Grade</u>	<u>11<sup>th</sup> Grade</u>	<u>12<sup>th</sup> Grade</u>
<b>1</b>	<b>Math</b>	<b>Math</b>	<b>Math</b>	<b>Math</b>
<b>2</b>	<b>English</b>	<b>English</b>	<b>English</b>	<b>English</b>
<b>3</b>	<b>World History</b>	<b>US History</b>	<b>World Language<sup>2</sup></b>	<b>Econ / Gov't</b>
<b>4</b>	<b>Science</b>	<b>Science</b>	<b>Science</b>	<b>Health / elective</b>
<b>5</b>	<b>elective</b>	<b>Elective</b>	<b>elective</b>	<b>elective</b>
<b>6</b>	<b>Band<sup>1</sup></b>	<b>Band<sup>2</sup></b>	<b>Band<sup>3</sup></b>	<b>Band<sup>3</sup></b>

**Sample Pathway: CSI Students**

	<u>9<sup>th</sup> Grade</u>	<u>10<sup>th</sup> Grade</u>	<u>11<sup>th</sup> Grade</u>	<u>12<sup>th</sup> Grade</u>
1	CSI Math	CSI Math	CSI Math	CSI Math
2	CSI English	CSI English	CSI English	CSI English
3	CSI Pathway	CSI Pathway	CSI Pathway	CSI Pathway
4	Science	Science	Science	Health / <i>elective</i>
5	World History	US History	World Language <sup>2</sup>	Econ / Gov't
6	Band <sup>1</sup>	Band <sup>2</sup>	Band <sup>3</sup>	Band <sup>3</sup>

**Sample Pathway: MST Students<sup>4</sup>**

	<u>9<sup>th</sup> Grade</u>	<u>10<sup>th</sup> Grade</u>	<u>11<sup>th</sup> Grade</u>	<u>12<sup>th</sup> Grade</u>
1	MST Math	MST Math	MST Math	MST Math
2	MST Science	MST Science	MST Science	MST Science
3	MST Tech	MST 2 <sup>nd</sup> Science	MST 2 <sup>nd</sup> Science	MST Tech
4	English	English	English	English
5	World History	US History	World Language <sup>2</sup>	Econ / Gov't
6	Band <sup>1</sup>	Band <sup>2</sup>	Band <sup>3</sup>	Band <sup>3</sup>

**Sample Pathway: Stevenson MADE<sup>5</sup>**

	<u>9<sup>th</sup> Grade</u>	<u>10<sup>th</sup> Grade</u>	<u>11<sup>th</sup> Grade</u>	<u>12<sup>th</sup> Grade</u>
1	MADE Math	MADE Math	<i>MADE Math</i>	MADE 2 Hour Class
2	MADE English	MADE English	MADE English	-----
3	MADE Science	MADE Science	MADE Science	World Language <sup>2</sup>
4	MADE S-Studies	MADE S-Studies	<i>MADE S-Studies</i>	Health / Economics
5	<i>MADE Elective</i>	<i>MADE Elective</i>	<i>MADE Elective</i>	MADE English
6	Band <sup>1</sup>	Band <sup>2</sup>	Band <sup>3</sup>	Band <sup>3</sup>

**Schedule reference notes:**

1. One full year (two semesters) of band fulfills the Visual, Performance, and Applied Arts requirement.
2. Second full year of band fulfills 2nd Year of World Language requirement (Flex Option).
3. 3rd and 4th years of bands are electives.
4. Due to the requirements of the MST curriculum, students taking four years of band in 9<sup>th</sup> – 12<sup>th</sup> grades must work with the Stevenson Counseling department to establish a Personal Curriculum to fulfill their required 1/2 credit of Health. MST students that do not complete two full seasons of Marching Band must also complete their Physical Education requirement.
5. Similar to students enrolled in CSI or MST, MADE students enrolling in 9th grade will have a pathway to graduation that can include taking a Band class all four years. MADE students first enrolling in 10th grade must make-up their MADE 9 Elective and cannot take band in 10th grade.