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Music

What It Is: A \$250,000 grant to fund three certificated music teachers to provide music programming in grades K-8. The music teachers provide weekly music to all K-5 classes in the school district, as well as sixth, seventh and eighth grade students participating in the band, orchestra and choral classes.



Why It Matters: Music plays a fundamental role in the development of a child's creativity and self-expression and helps in the development of language and reasoning. Persuasive evidence has shown that children's exposure to music enhances the process of learning and improves overall academic performance, engaging areas of the brain that promote problem-solving and critical thinking skills.

How It Benefits Your Child(ren): Every child in kindergarten through eighth grade derives benefit from this program. The performing arts instill a sense of accomplishment, teamwork and cooperation, all essential ingredients to leading happy, productive lives.

“The music program provides an ongoing enrichment experience and also supports learning in other content areas,” says music instructor Jenny Anderson. “It is such a joy to provide music to all of our elementary school students. The program also provides a strong foundation for students to become accomplished musicians in middle school.”

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