

Outside Music Studies - All students are expected to earn outside music studies credits (OMS) each quarter. These are activities that further enhance the overall musicianship of the students and the program. Proper documentation is due on the first day of the final week of the grading period.

The following are possible activities that students can complete to earn OMS:

- Take private music lessons. *
- Participate in an addition choral ensemble outside of the school (community choir, church/synagogue choir, youth choir, etc). *
- Participation in a regional honor's chorus (All State, All County, or university festival chorus).
- Audition for the All-State or other honors ensembles.
- Perform at the District or State Solo/Ensemble festival.
- Perform in the school musical.
- Perform in a school talent show (Talent Unplugged, Poetry Live, etc.) *
- Perform in a voluntary music performance, on or off campus (solo at churches/synagogue, community center, etc.). *
- Attend a live concert of music (classical or jazz always approved, all other concerts must be approved before credit is given). Written verification (ticket, signed program, etc.) is required to verify attendance.
- Watch a concert on TV, DVD, internet, etc. (all concerts must be approved *before* credit is given), and the student must write a one-page critique report (giving date and time details).
- Volunteer to help the chorus, specific opportunities available throughout the year.
- Listen to a recording of a famous vocalist and write a report (all artists must be approved before credit is given), and the student must write a one-page critique report (giving date and time details).
- Write a 1 page report on a music topic, such as a composer, vocal performer, style, history, etc. All topics must be approved by the instructor, and include a separate works cited page (minimum 3 sources) at the end to receive any credit. In the event that a paper is plagiarized, the student will receive no credit for the work and must choose a different topic to write on to complete the assignment.

* Students must turn the OMS form signed by the instructor/conductor verifying the lessons.