

The Diamond Ranch High School Instrumental Music Department is a well-established and widely respected program in the Southern California area with many awards, accomplishments and accolades accredited to its name.

However, participating in the music department encompasses more than simply playing an instrument or twirling a flag.

Businesses understand that arts education...

- Builds a school climate of high expectation, discipline, and academic rigor that attracts businesses relocating to your community.
- Strengthens student's problem-solving and critical thinking skills, adding to overall academic achievement and school success.
- Helps students develop a sense of craftsmanship, quality task performance, and goal-setting—skills needed to succeed in the classroom and beyond.
- Can help troubled youth, providing an alternative to destructive behavior and another way for students to approach learning.
- Provides another opportunity for parental, community, and business involvement with schools, including arts and humanities organizations.
- Helps students develop a positive work ethic and pride in a job well done.

(Business Circle for Arts Education in Oklahoma, "Arts at the Core of Learning 1999 Initiative")

The facts are that arts education...

- Makes a tremendous impact on the developmental growth of every child and has proven to help level the "learning field" across socio-economic boundaries.

(Involvement in the Arts and Success in Secondary School, James S. Catterall, The UCLA Imagination Project, Graduate School of Education & Information Studies, UCLA, Americans for the Arts Monograph, January 1998)

- Has a measurable impact on youth at risk in deterring delinquent behavior and truancy problems while also increasing overall academic performance among those youth engaged in after school and summer arts programs targeted toward delinquency prevention.

(YouthARTS Development Project, 1996, U.S. Department of Justice, National Endowment for the Arts, and Americans for the Arts)

For more information on how participation in the arts impacts your child please visit:
<http://artsaskformore.artsusa.org/>



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Diamond Ranch High School



Instrumental Music Department

JOIN THE DRHS INSTRUMENTAL MUSIC DEPARTMENT

Home to award winning programs, the instrumental music department is open to all students enrolled at Diamond Ranch High School. Each ensemble performs literature and routines at an advanced high school and early college level.

ORCHESTRA

Considered one of the top orchestras, in the Pomona Valley, the DRHS String Orchestra has earned numerous superior ratings at district and regional festivals. Orchestral repertoire covered in this program offers students a comprehensive performing experience through various period and genres.

The String Orchestra is open to all students who demonstrate a proficiency in a string instrument. Students who took string orchestra at Lorbeer or any other middle school are eligible to enroll in orchestra at Diamond Ranch with a recommendation from their teacher.

PAGEANTRY

Members are selected by auditions to be held in late May. For an audition packet please e-mail band director Mr. Ruiz.

In the Fall, the pageantry performs with the Diamond Ranch marching band at rallies, football games, community events, Disneyland and parade competitions. At the end of the marching season, the pageantry participates in the WGASC winterguard circuit from January through late April. This group is limited to those who make the auditions and are able to take the colorguard class. The winterguard performs at school rallies, WGASC competitions and will typically have between 5-7 shows from February to April.

The *Pageantry* program consistently takes top honors at numerous parades and indoor competitions. Members of the pageantry have been invited to perform in the London New Year's day parade and the Tournament of Roses Honor Band.

THE PANTHER BRIGADE

This is the marching band at Diamond Ranch High School. It is made up of brass, woodwind, percussion, and pageantry students. Practices begin in June and continue throughout the summer and fall (Visit www.DRHSMusic.org for a full rehearsal schedule). The season begins at the start of the school year and concludes with the Pomona Christmas Parade in early December. The Diamond Ranch marching band performs at rallies, community events, Disneyland and parades competitions. In addition to these events, the group performs a half time field show at home football games.

The Diamond Ranch High School Panther Brigade has had much success and continues to be one of the top music programs in the Pomona Valley and greater Los Angeles area. The students have earned numerous sweepstakes awards in parades and superior ratings in district and regional festival. Members of the Panther Brigade have been invited to perform in the London New Year's day parade and the Tournament of Roses Honor Band.

CONCERT BAND

This ensemble is made up of musicians from the *Panther Brigade*. The concert band performs a varied repertoire of literature at the advanced level. In order to be eligible for this group, students must demonstrate proficiency on their instrument by playing major scales, sight reading, and playing with a good sound on their instrument.

JAZZ BAND

The DRHS jazz band is a unique and exciting advanced ensemble that performs all styles of jazz music, such as Big Band, Blues, Funk, Motown, Latin, Pop and Rock.

Because the jazz band performs music at such high levels and reads new charts on a regular basis, participation in the ensemble is contingent on enrollment in either the band or orchestra program.

DRUMLINE

The Drumline consists of the battery and front ensemble section of a marching band. The battery performs with the Diamond Ranch pep band at rallies, football games, community events, Disneyland and parade competitions. At the end of the marching season, the battery and the front ensemble begin their indoor percussion ensemble (a.k.a. winterline) season. During their competitive season, the ensemble travels to competitions in surrounding school districts to perform their indoor show. This group is limited to those who are able to meet for afterschool rehearsals on Mondays and Wednesdays from 6:00 – 9:00 p.m. The indoor percussion ensemble performs at ADLA competitions and will typically have between 5-7 performances from February to May.

The Drumline has competed and placed at distinguished competitions such as the Arcadia High School Festival of Bands, and the ADLA Las Vegas Invitational.

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