

STRINGS OF SUCCESS

Marshall County Schools







BEHIND THE PROGRAM

The strings program presents five concerts annually, each with its own uniqueness. The year begins with a fall concert in October that features all middle and high school students performing a variety of music spanning many genres. The students really enjoy performing in a festive fall costume of their choice. Winter concerts are presented in December and showcase the talents of elementary, middle, and high school students. A special concert by high school students is presented in February at which all donations collected benefit a local organization. The last performance of the school year boasts a special theme and culminates with a final piece featuring all students in grades 4-12. Once school is out for the summer, the strings program offers a week-long summer camp free of charge to students who wish to continue to craft their musical skills and strengthen bonds with other students throughout the summer. During camp, high school students serve as mentors to elementary and middle school students as well as perform alongside them during the final camp concert.

Beyond concerts, students from the strings program perform in small ensembles throughout the community. Students are also members of Honor Orchestra, WV String Day, All State Orchestra, and the Wheeling Symphony Youth Orchestra.

HISTORY

The John Marshall High School String Orchestra is part of the Marshall County Strings program which was established in 2008. The program services seven elementary schools, three middle schools, and two high schools. There are currently 250 students (grades 4-12) in the program under the direction of Shelby Genberg, Justin Jones, and Alex Talkowski.



