

GREENBUSH-MIDDLE RIVER PERFORMING ARTS

K-6 General Music

9-12 Choir

7-12 Band

7-8 Theatre and Choir

Minnesota students are required to be literate in the arts by the time they graduate from High School. A student is considered literate when they possess a combination of 1) foundational knowledge (knowing and understanding) and applied skills (doing) in an art form. The *Minnesota K-12 Academic Standards in the Arts* list five arts disciplines for students: dance, music, theater, visual, and media arts.

At Greenbush-Middle River School, we teach Music and Theater. We do this in a supportive, nurturing, and challenging environment that provides students with opportunities for growth, skills development, knowledge, and encouragement for personal and creative expression at age-appropriate levels. This study of Music and Theatre prepares confident life-long learners who are equipped with tools for success in a complex and rapidly changing world. Our challenging performing arts programs foster meaningful creative, intellectual, social, and personal growth for all students, regardless of ability.

How do we do it? Our teaching and learning are based upon a set of core beliefs which support and influence our class time with purpose and direction. These are:

- The arts are essential to a well-rounded education and a well-informed mind.
- The Performing Arts are academic disciplines requiring effort, scholarship, skill development, and assessment. They also take time to learn, practice, and master.
- An effective and challenging arts curriculum provides students with opportunities for personal and academic growth.
- Through Music and Theatre studies, students learn alternative forms of personal expression; they use imagination to communicate and share ideas, they use their physical bodies as a vessel for making art, they learn to perceive the world around them in ways unique to the arts, they expand their creative awareness, they sharpen problem-solving skills, they practice teamwork, they improve relationship skills, and they grow in confidence.
- The arts teach and students learn the common language that is shared across cultures, nations, beliefs, and ethnicities.
- All modalities and ages for learning can be implemented in teaching performing arts.
- All modalities of teaching (in-person, hybrid, online) can be successfully implemented studying performing arts.

Our GMR learning environment is safe, supportive, and respectful, every day. As our students learn to become adults, to live as good citizens, and contribute to their communities, the arts continue to play a vital role in creating cultures, building civilizations, and connecting one group of people to another. They remain a necessary catalyst for human expression and provide balance in an increasingly technological society.

We look forward to having your student join us!