

## **Bridgeport Public Schools Performing Arts Department-Executive Summary**

**Goal:** To standardize the core music curriculum for continuity of learning and provide the students with balanced arts instruction. The ultimate goal is to enrich the lives of children-aesthetically, socially, academically, and personally.

### **Performing Arts Department Staff**

- ✚ 24 General Music Teachers
- ✚ 9 Instrumental Teachers
- ✚ 2 Orchestra Teachers
- ✚ 1 Theatre Teacher
- ✚ 2 Dance Volunteers
- ✚ 1 Director of Performing Arts

### **Extended Education Program for Students:**

- ✚ **After School Student Opportunities for Arts Reinforcement (SOAR)**-Students are provided with small group instruction on their applied instruments. These services are provided by certified music staff and are used to supplement the instruction students receive during the school day.
- ✚ **SOAR Summer Enrichment Camp**- Students attend four weeks of music instruction on their applied instruments, coupled with music electives (world drumming, piano, guitar, chorus) to expand the students' knowledge of other music offerings.

**Curriculum Development:** A supplemental document has been created to support the online curriculum. This document has been developed to support the continuous delivery of instruction using *Understanding by Design*<sup>1</sup>. The premise of using enduring understandings as our focus will help students to apply what they have learned to other areas of their lives. Additionally, a scope and sequence has been included as a valuable instructional tool. A timeline of standardized assessments have been developed by the curriculum committee to assist us with baseline data. The data from these assessments will be used to gauge the musical knowledge of all students and to use data-driven decision making to support continuous improvement and the achievement of educational goals.

**Accomplishments:** Award winning Central High School Marching Band  
Award winning Central High School Choirs  
Successful Winter Guard season  
Successful Drum Competition  
Successful pilot of Dance Education  
Increased Instrumental Participation throughout the district  
Touring African Drum Circle-Wilbur Cross School

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<sup>1</sup> Wiggins and McTighe