

SOAR (Student Opportunities for Arts Reinforcement)

Goal of program: The overarching goal is to advance the music student's musicianship beyond their present level.

SOAR music program is created to supplement the instruction Bridgeport Public School students already receive. This after school program will create a culture of musicians in the sixth, seventh and eighth grade classes. The students are chosen by their music teacher, in collaboration with the classroom teacher.

This program is designed to increase the skill level of the existing music students, and offer those students unable to take band during the school day the opportunity to learn how to play an instrument.

We have three sites: Johnson School, Tisdale School, and Barnum/Waltersville School. The music offerings vary from site to site. The offerings currently include basic band skills, beginner advanced skills, Jazz band, orchestra, woodwind class, beginner and intermediate brass class, world drumming, and vocal instruction.

SOAR Summer is a music enrichment camp designed to supplement the music education being offered during the school year. Students will be able to increase their knowledge of music and receive instruction on their primary instrument.

Highlights of the camp

Students will

- ↳ Learn new repertoire
- ↳ Learn how to march with their instruments
- ↳ Increase their rhythmic skills through drumming instruction
 - ↳ Have a culminating performance for the community
- ↳ Receive a foundation of basic theory and music history instruction
 - ↳ Taught by teachers from the district