

Plymouth High School

Music Department Awards System

All students involved in the music program must be a member in “Good Standing” with the program to receive any awards. “Good Standing” means the following:

- the student has no outstanding debt to the music program.
- the student is actively involved for both semesters of the school year.

Patch Awards

- received by anyone who has participated in these activities for the first time.
 - Jazz Band
 - Winter Guard
 - Winter Drumline
 - Pep Band
 - Drum Major
 - Section Leader
 - Uniform Crew
 - Librarian
 - Orchestra
 - Crimson
 - Symphonic Band
 - Wind Ensemble
 - Chorale
 - Counterpoint

Chevron Awards

- received every year that a student participates in 2 semesters of band/choir/orchestra performance classes.
 - band chevron includes: Marching Band, Symphonic Band, Wind Ensemble, and Jazz Ensemble
 - choir chevron includes: Crimson Connection, Chorale, and Counterpoint.
 - orchestra chevron includes: Orchestra

Varsity Letter - “P” Award

- received by anyone who is a **Sophomore or older** who has completed 4 semesters of performance classes. Must have 2 consecutive semesters in 2 different years. Students that miss a semester in a year, must wait until a second full year is completed with 2 consecutive semesters.

BAND:

- Marching Band, Symphonic Band, Wind Ensemble, Jazz Ensemble (any combination of 4 semesters)

CHOIR:

- Crimson Connection, Chorale, Counterpoint (any combination of 4 semesters)

ORCHESTRA:

- Intermediate Orchestra, Advanced Orchestra (any combination of 4 semesters)

Class Numerals Award

- received by anyone who is a **Junior or older** who has completed 6 semesters of performance classes. Must have 2 consecutive semesters in 3 different years.

BAND:

- Marching Band, Symphonic Band, Wind Ensemble, Jazz Ensemble (any combination of 6 semesters)

CHOIR:

- Crimson Connection, Chorale, Counterpoint (any combination of 6 semesters)

ORCHESTRA:

- Intermediate Orchestra, Advanced Orchestra (6 semesters)

Senior Paperweight Awards

- this is a small engraved trophy.
- received by anyone who is a **Senior** who has completed 8 semesters of performance classes. Must be 2 consecutive semesters for all 4 years of high school.

BAND:

- Marching Band, Symphonic Band, Wind Ensemble, Jazz Ensemble (any combination of 8 semesters)

CHOIR:

- Crimson Connection, Chorale, Counterpoint (any combination of 8 semesters)

ORCHESTRA:

- Intermediate Orchestra, Advanced Orchestra (any combination of 8 semesters)

Red Senior Framed Letter

- this is one of the two top awards in the Music Award System. This frame red has a 2nd Varsity "P" Letter Award in the center of the frame. This is engraved with the student's name and graduation year.
- received by anyone who is a Senior who has met the requirements for the Paperweight Award.
- the student must have also met the following guidelines to earn this award:

BAND:

- 4 years of participation in a combination of Pep Band - Variety Show - Musical.
- Participation in two consecutive semesters of Wind Ensemble for one year.
- Participation in ISSMA Solo and Ensemble Contest 2 years.
 - must participate in two separate years (not 2 events in one year).
- Participation in the ISSMA Solo and Ensemble State Finals 1 year.
 - must attend the event - qualification does not count if you do not attend the event.
- Participation in one area of leadership for 2 years from the following list:
 - Section Leader (Marching Band, Fall Guard, Winter Guard)
 - Drum Major
 - Uniform Crew (must have a minimum of 15 hours of service time)
 - Librarian (must have a minimum of 15 hours of service time)
 - Teacher approved leadership position (must have a minimum of 15 hours of service time)

CHOIR:

- 4 years of participation in a combination of Variety Show/Musical.
- Participation in two consecutive semesters of Crimson for one year
- Participation in ISSMA Solo and Ensemble Contest 2 years.
 - must participate in two separate years (not 2 events in one year).
- Participation in the ISSMA Solo and Ensemble State Finals 1 year.
 - must attend the event - qualification does not count if you do not attend the event.
- Participation in the ISSMA Solo and Ensemble State Finals 1 year
 - must attend the event - qualification does not count if you do not attend the event
- Participation in one area of leadership for 2 years from the following list:
 - Librarian (must have a minimum of 15 hours of service time).
 - Section Leader
 - Dance Captain
 - Teacher approved leadership position (must have a minimum of 15 hours of service time)

ORCHESTRA:

- 4 years of participation in Variety Show/Musical.
- Participation in ISSMA Solo and Ensemble Contest 2 years.
 - must participate in two separate years (not 2 events in one year).
- Participation in the ISSMA Solo and Ensemble State Finals 1 year.
 - must attend the event - qualification does not count if you do not attend the event.
- Participation in one area of leadership for 2 years from the following list:
 - Librarian (must have a minimum of 15 hours of service time).
 - Director approved leadership position (must have a minimum of 15 hours of service time).

White Senior Framed Letter

- this is the top award and highest honor in the Music Awards System. This frame has a 2nd Varsity "P" Letter Award in the center of the blanket. This varsity letter is white instead of the traditional red color. This is engraved with the student's name and graduation year.
- received by anyone who is a Senior who has met the requirements for the Paperweight Award.
- the student must have also met the following guidelines to earn this award:

BAND:

- Minimum of 11 semesters of music courses during the 4 years.
 - includes Marching Band, Wind Ensemble, Symphonic Band, Jazz Band, Orchestra, Crimson Connection, Chorale, Counterpoint, Piano Lab, Guitar Lab, Percussion Lab, Music Theory, Music History, Independent Study Music Course.
- Select one of the following (*not a combination*):
 - Participation in Marching Band for all 4 years.
 - 4 years of participation in the Variety Show and Musical.
 - 4 or more years participation in Pep Band
- Participation in two consecutive semesters of Wind Ensemble for two years.
- Participation in ISSMA Solo and Ensemble Contest 4 years.
 - must participate in Group 1 for two years
- Participation in the ISSMA Solo and Ensemble State Finals 2 years.
 - must attend the event - qualification does not count if you do not attend the event
 - must advance to the state level with both a solo and an ensemble
- Participation in one area of leadership for 2 years from the following list:
 - Section Leader (Marching Band, Fall Guard, Winter Guard)
 - Drum Major
 - Uniform Crew (must have a minimum of 15 hours of service time)
 - Librarian (must have a minimum of 15 hours of service time)
 - Director approved leadership position (must have a minimum of 15 hours of service time)

CHOIR:

- Minimum of 11 semesters of music courses during the 4 years.
 - includes Marching Band, Wind Ensemble, Symphonic Band, Jazz Band, Orchestra, Crimson Connection, Chorale, Counterpoint, Piano Lab, Guitar Lab, Percussion Lab, Music Theory, Music History, Independent Study Music Course.
- Participation in two consecutive semesters of Crimson Connection for two years.
- Participation in 4 years of the Variety Show and Musical.
- Participation in ISSMA Solo and Ensemble Contest 4 years.
 - must participate in Group 1 for two years
- Participation in the ISSMA Solo and Ensemble State Finals 2 years.
 - must attend the event - qualification does not count if you do not attend the event
 - must advance to the state level with both a solo and an ensemble
- Participation in one area of leadership for 2 years from the following list:
 - Librarian (must have a minimum of 15 hours of service time)
 - Director approved leadership position (must have a minimum of 15 hours of service time)
 - Section leader (must have a minimum of 15 hours of service time)

ORCHESTRA

- Minimum of 11 semesters of music courses during the 4 years.
 - includes Marching Band, Wind Ensemble, Symphonic Band, Jazz Band, Orchestra, Crimson Connection, Chorale, Beginning Choir, Piano Lab, Guitar Lab, Percussion Lab, Music Theory, Music History, Independent Study Music Course.
- Participation in 4 years of the Variety Show and Musical.
- Participation in ISSMA Solo and Ensemble Contest 4 years.
 - must participate in Group 1 for two years
- Participation in the ISSMA Solo and Ensemble State Finals 2 years.
 - must attend the event - qualification does not count if you do not attend the event
 - must advance to the state level with both a solo and an ensemble
- Participation in one area of leadership for 2 years from the following list:
 - Librarian (must have a minimum of 15 hours of service time)
 - Director approved leadership position (must have a minimum of 15 hours of service time)
 - Section Leader (must have a minimum of 15 hours of service time)

Additional Music Department Awards

Senior Graduation Medals

- These are available to any senior who participated in band, choir, or orchestra during their senior year.
 - Band medals are blue and grey.
 - Choir medals are red and grey.
 - Orchestra medals are burgundy and grey.
- These medals are gifts to the senior class and are to be worn with the cap and gown during the graduation ceremony.

Band Awards

- Richard Benefiel Memorial Award
 - presented to 1 male and 1 female outstanding underclassman students (grades 9-11)
- Woody Herman Award
 - presented to the “runner-up” outstanding senior jazz band member
- Louis Armstrong Award
 - presented to the top outstanding senior jazz band member
- Patrick Gilmore Award
 - presented to the overall “runner-up” outstanding senior band member
- John Philip Sousa Award
 - presented to the overall outstanding senior band member

Choir Awards

- National School Choral Award
 - presented to the top choir member
- Director's Award
 - presented to the “runner-up” outstanding choir member
- Spirit Award
 - presented to the most improved underclassman throughout all choir classes

Orchestra Awards

- Director's Award
 - presented to the overall outstanding senior orchestra member
- Susan Bardwell Memorial Award
 - presented to an outstanding member of the orchestra that has worked towards the advancement of the overall orchestra program.
- Spirit Award
 - presented to the most improved underclassmen