
EXTRACURRICULAR: VOCAL

Madrigal Singers / Bella Voce – Grades 9-12

The **Madrigal Singers** and **Bella Voce** are select vocal groups (by audition) that perform at the traditional Lincoln-Way Central Madrigal Dinners in December. Rehearsals begin in August, and the performances are in December. Auditions are open to students in grades 9-12.

Intuition – (By audition from Chorale)

This vocal jazz ensemble is open to men and women in grades 11 & 12. The ensemble rehearses during study hall each day and one evening each week. The ensemble meets during the second semester only.

Singing Knights – Grades 9-12

This ensemble rehearses once a week and is open to all men regardless of current membership in the choral program. A wide range of literature is performed and at least two concert appearances are made each year.

Treblemakers – Grades 9-12

This select female ensemble rehearses once a week and is open to all women in Lincoln-Way Central performance ensembles. The group performs a wide range of lighter and popular music.

Spring Musical – Grades 9-12

Any student at Lincoln-Way Central High School may audition for the spring musical. The musicals of Lincoln-Way Central enjoy a prestigious tradition of quality due to the great commitment of the people involved. Students may be in the cast, pit orchestra, or on the production staff. Auditions are in January, rehearsals begin in February, and the performances are in mid to late April.

EXTRACURRICULAR: BAND & ORCHESTRA

L-W Marching Band / Football Band – Grades 9-12

The **Lincoln-Way Marching Band** is the district-wide marching unit. The **LWMB** performs at various community functions, football games, and competes on Saturdays throughout the fall nationwide until November. Rehearsals begin in June, continue with the two-week competitive band camp in July/August, and proceed in the fall after school and on Saturdays. Students may elect to only participate in the "Football Band," which includes only football games.

LWC Pep Band – Grades 9-12

One of the strongest traditions at LWC! The all-volunteer Lincoln-Way Central Pep Band performs at varsity boys' and girls' varsity basketball home games. The LWC Pep Band travels occasionally to perform at state basketball events. All instruments are welcome.

L-W Symphony Orchestra – Grades 9-12

The **Lincoln-Way Symphony Orchestra** is a district-wide ensemble, consisting of strings, woodwinds, brass, and percussion. Rehearsals begin in September, and take place one evening per week.

Jazz Bands (Jazz 1 & Jazz 2) – Grades 9-12

The LWC jazz bands perform at various concerts, jazz festivals, and community events. The bands perform music in a wide variety of jazz styles. Membership, by audition, is open to all students currently enrolled in a Lincoln-Way Central performance ensemble. Exceptions will be made for special instrumentation.

L-W Winter Color Guard – Grades 9-12

The **L-W Winter Color Guard**, is the district-wide color guard performance ensemble. It is a winter season activity designed to build dance and flag technique. Participating students rehearse after school and on weekends, as well as participate in several competitions nationwide.

L-W Winter Drum Line – Grades 9-12

The **L-W Winter Drum Line** is the district-wide marching percussion performance ensemble. It is a winter season activity designed to build movement and playing technique. Participating students rehearse after school and on weekends, as well as participate in several performances.

ILLINOIS MUSIC HONOR SOCIETY

Illinois Music Honor Society is open to all music performance ensemble students who have been a member for at least one year. Students must complete an application and have an appropriate grade point average to earn membership. Once members, students serve and support the Music Department at a variety of events.

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MUSIC @ LWC

These are performance classes that meet during the school day. Eligible students will earn Honors Credit in Orchestra, Wind Ensemble, and Chorale, selection based on audition. Ensembles are not scheduled during the same period, so enrolling in multiple ensembles is allowed and encouraged!

CONCERT BAND

Wind Ensemble – Grades 9-12

The Wind Ensemble is the flagship concert band at Lincoln-Way Central. This “honors” ensemble has an active performance schedule that includes school concerts, local concerts, various festivals, and SWSC events. Members are eligible to participate in the Marching Band, Pep Band, Jazz Band, and other instrumental ensembles that do not meet during the normal school day. Students have the opportunity to work with world-class conductors and guest artists throughout the year. Private instruction, though not required, is highly recommended. Students in this group are placed by audition in the spring.

Symphonic Band – Grades 9-12

The Symphonic Band functions as developing level concert band at Lincoln-Way Central. This ensemble performs throughout the year at Lincoln-Way Central. Members are also eligible to participate in the Marching Band, Pep Band, Jazz Band, and other instrumental ensembles that do not meet during the normal school day. Students have the opportunity to work with world-class conductors throughout the year. Private instruction, though not required is highly recommended. Students in this group are placed by audition in the spring.

Percussion Class – Grades 9-12

Lincoln-Way Central offers two percussion classes that focus on technique and ensemble literature. Students in percussion classes are combined with the two concert bands for performances. Private instruction, though not required is highly recommended. Placement in one of the two percussion classes is by audition in the spring.

ORCHESTRA

String Orchestra / Honors Orchestra – Grades 9-12

The LWC Orchestra performs both string and symphony orchestra repertoire over the course of the school year. This ensemble performs four concerts a year and annually travels to the University of Illinois String & Orchestra clinic. Orchestra students have the opportunity to work with world-class conductors and guest artists during the year, and traditionally travel as a group every two years. Private instruction, though not required is highly recommended.

GUITAR

Beginning Guitar – Grades 9-12 **no experience necessary!*

Beginning Guitar is designed to offer basic, but intensive, training in the playing of the standard six-string acoustic guitar. The student will learn to read music notation, perform basic chord progressions, and play exercises and short pieces alone and in ensembles. Students will discover that the universal musical concepts they learn apply to all styles of music. This class is not for the student that has studied guitar previously.

Guitar 2 – Grades 9-12

Guitar 2 is a continuation of Beginning Guitar. Successful completion of **Beginning Guitar** with a grade of “C” is required.

Guitar Studio – Grades 9-12

Students will participate in class ensembles that study and perform musical literature from the Renaissance to present day. Students will study classical, jazz, and contemporary guitar styles in solo and small group settings. Students are placed by audition. Students must own a nylon string classical guitar.

VOCAL MUSIC

Chorale – Grades 10-12 (men and women)

The Chorale dedicates itself to performing the finest literature for mixed voices selected by audition. The curriculum is designed to increase musical skills and abilities to an advanced level. The difficulty of music, fundamentals of music theory, and concepts of good voice production that are covered challenge beginning and advanced students alike. Membership in the Chorale entitles students to audition for the Madrigal Singers, Vocal Jazz Ensemble, and to participate in Singing Knights (men) and Treblemakers (women) ensembles. They have traveled outside of Illinois to music festivals including performances throughout Europe, and participate annually in local festivals.

Chamber Singers – Grades 10-12 (men and women)

The Chamber Singers is an ensemble of up to 30 voices selected by audition. Students will learn all basics of vocal and choral performance, as well as advanced music theory and music reading skills. Literature performed will be of the highest quality for mixed voices and may include classical, modern, ethnic, and jazz styles. Chamber Singers performs regularly in Lincoln-Way Central Music Department concerts. The Chamber Singers may participate in the SWSC Choral Festival and other local festivals. Members are encouraged to join extracurricular ensembles.

Mixed Choir – Grades 9-12 (men and women)

No experience necessary! The Mixed Choir performs high quality literature for men and women’s voices. The curriculum is designed to lay the basic foundations of music reading and theory knowledge for beginning musicians, to extend the abilities of more advanced students, and to increase singing confidence and aptitude. The Mixed Choir performs four school concerts each year. In addition, they perform at the annual graduation ceremony and have appeared at the SWSC Choral Festival and the IHSA Ensemble Competition. Members may join the after-school groups Treblemakers and Singing Knights.

MUSIC APPRECIATION

Beginning Piano – Grades 9-12 **no experience necessary!*

This course is an introduction to piano keyboard skills, music notation, theory, and the basics of music performance. *This class is for the student with no previous piano/keyboard experience.* Students with previous keyboard experience should arrange an audition for placement in **Music Production 1**.

Music Production 1 & 2 – Grades 9-12

Music Production is a course designed for students interested in all aspects of music creation and music production. Student projects will include producing music to accompany music videos, video games, and film. In addition to composition and basic music theory, students will discover live sound mixing techniques, studio-recording techniques, modern D.J. techniques, and methods for producing promotional materials for their creations.

AP Music Theory – Grades 10-12

This “AP” course is a two semester study into the details and history of music theory and construction. Students in this course are eligible to take the “AP Music Theory” test in the Spring.

American Music – Grades 9-12

An engaging and exciting historical survey of music originating in the United States dating from the colonial era to the present day.



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