



Senior Program

For musicians who are finishing grade 9, 10, 11 or 12+

The KISSM Senior Program is designed to challenge and inspire. Whether students have years of experience on their instruments or are trying something new, they will be surrounded by excellent staff and peers that have worked hard to achieve the level they are at. Students have the opportunity to play, to sing, to act, to develop confidence and show their leadership skills. Young musicians will choose either the **Band Program** or the **Choir Program** in the morning, and then choose two electives in the afternoon. The KISSM Senior Program connects talented musicians and performers in a stimulating environment.

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KISSM Senior Programs - Morning

Young musicians will choose either the **Band Program** or the **Choir Program** in the morning, and then choose two electives in the afternoon.

Choir Program

Young musicians in the **Choir** morning program will focus on choral repertoire where students will be singing in three and/or four-part voicing. It is designed to build strong musicianship and develop mastery of the skills and concepts required to sing beautiful choral music including rhythmic and melodic independence of parts. Additionally, musicians will work on the fundamentals of singing and voice technique. Explorations will focus on breathing, intonation, line, and developing healthy singing habits. Students will explore a variety of styles and are sure to gain confidence as singers while having fun with others.

Band Program

Young musicians in the **Band Program** will be placed in one of our fantastic band classes. On the first morning of KISSM, all instrumental students (except for complete beginners) will meet with a KISSM faculty member in order to determine which ensemble will best fit their skill level. **Students will be asked to play during this meeting, but don't need to practice or prepare anything special. Any students who feel anxious or uncomfortable about this placement audition will be given special assistance.**

All students registered for the **Band Program** must bring their own band instrument on the first day of KISSM. Percussionists should bring a "kit bag" with sticks and mallets. If you don't own an instrument one can be rented from Long and McQuade.

Traditional Concert Band instrumentation includes woodwind, brass and percussion instruments ([click here for a comprehensive list of Concert Band instruments](#)). Please note that electric bass guitar can not be supported in



Concert Band. Young musicians who play electric bass should consider upright bass if they wish to be a part of the KISSM Concert Band Program.

3 Levels of Band

Intro-To-Band

This course is for KISSM musicians who want to learn how to play a concert band instrument, but haven't had the opportunity yet. Learn to play an instrument and get a great head start to band next year. Students must bring their own instruments (instruments can be rented from Long and McQuade for the duration of KISSM). Young musicians will benefit from small group sectionals, Concert Band instruction, and the opportunity to play with other KISSM musicians.

Intermediate Band

This course is for KISSM musicians who already play a concert band instrument. Students will refine their technique, experience music in different styles and work to strengthen their overall musicianship. Strengthen their playing muscles, be exposed to music in different styles and get a great head start to band next year. Large group performance is the emphasis in this course, which is great for students wishing to gain experience and become key players in their school ensembles. Young musicians will benefit from small group sectionals, Concert Band instruction, and the opportunity to play in Mass Band with other KISSM musicians.

Senior Band

This course is for KISSM musicians who have performed in a concert band and loved it! KISSM provides approachable but exciting music intended for students who already have a few years of experience on their instruments. Students will strengthen their rhythmic and music literacy skills and have expert guidance to take their playing ability to the next level in a short time.

AFTERNOON ELECTIVES

Elective group A - choose one:

Jazz Band

This course is designed for students with previous ensemble experience. The mix of experienced players and novice jazz players provide a supportive and rewarding class for anyone who wants to explore the world of jazz. We focus on interpretation of jazz rhythms, phrasing, and the history of jazz music as it applies to the pieces being



performed. KISSM students will also be given the opportunity to explore the art of jazz improvisation while soloing. If you really love it you can show it off during our amazing KISSM Showcase Concert.

Prerequisite: 1 year of experience. Instrumentation based on standard jazz ensemble instrumentation.

The Art of Creative Music

This course is designed to introduce music students of all levels to creative music making. Students will explore composition and improvisation techniques that incorporate painting, movement and more! This is a great way to expand your skills in ensemble playing and develop a unique voice on your instrument.

Prerequisite: Everyone is welcome

Ukulele

Whether you are a beginner or already have some skills, this course will take you to the next level in your ukulele playing. Learn to read music, pick and strum while mastering pieces you can play at home alone or with your friends. Ukuleles are provided.

Prerequisite: None, this class is for everyone!

Shrek the Musical: Cast

We are pleased to offer our Senior Program musicians the option to perform in *"Shrek the Musical"*. Join the talented cast of KISSM's Musical Theatre department as they perform the Tony Award-winning fairy tale adventure, based on the Oscar-winning DreamWorks Animation film, Shrek. Shrek brings all the beloved characters you know from the film to life on stage and proves there's more to the story than meets the ears.

Students who register for "Shrek" must register for this class in both Elective A and B.

Teaching Assistant

This course was created with eager, organized, and dedicated young musicians in mind. Depending on the musical history of the student, and their main interests, students will be paired with one of our talented faculty members as their teaching assistant. This is a unique opportunity for the young musician to be able to see things from the teacher's perspective and learn more about what it means to be a music teacher at KISSM. Any students who request to be teaching assistants must be leaders within their music community, be a team player, and be willing to help their teacher in a myriad of different ways.

Elective Group B - Choose One:

Chamber Music

Duets, trios, quartets and quintets! This is an intermediate/senior level course for concert band musicians who are interested in experiencing the intimate, small group musical setting of chamber music. Be prepared to work hard,



take a leading role within the ensemble, play without a conductor, experience new styles of music, and have a lot of fun.

Prerequisite: Minimum of two years' experience on their instrument.

Guitar

Whether you are a beginner guitar player or have some skills already, this course will take you to the next level in your guitar playing. Learn to read music including tab, pick and strum while learning those pieces you love and can play at home, around the campfire or with your friends. Guitars are provided but bring your own if you have one!

Prerequisite: Everyone Welcome

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*Please see the description in Elective A, above.

This is a whole afternoon elective. Students who register for Musical Theater must register for this elective in both Elective A and Elective B.

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