Music at Matthew Gage Middle School is taken as an elective class every day for a full period, and students receive a regular classroom grade in every class. Four different performing groups are offered, three instrumental and one choral, that are outlined below. **If you want to join, simply choose Band, Orchestra, or Choir as your elective. We hope to see you in the fall!!**

**Intermediate Band**
For most 7th grade students and beginners new to band. Intermediate band performs four to five times a year.

**Advanced Band**
Is for 8th grade students and advanced 7th grade students that are recommended by their elementary band teacher. Advanced band performs 9 - 10 times a year.

**Orchestra**
Is for all string students (violin, viola, cello, string bass). Orchestra performs seven to eight times a year.

**Choir**
7th and 8th grade students can join choir. No singing experience is required. Choir performs 9-10 times a year.

**Music Program Highlights**
- Make new friends! Meet music students from other schools!
- Participate in music department field trips and overnight trips!
- Perform in front of hundreds (or even thousands) of people!
- Develop your **singing voice** and learn vocal technique.
- Learn to **play an instrument** not offered in elementary school (string bass, tuba, euphonium, oboe, bassoon, bass clarinet, etc.)
- Learn to perform some of your favorite songs like Disney Songs, Pop Hits and Broadway Tunes.
- Matthew Gage Middle School has a large inventory of instruments for students to use. Having your own instrument is great, but **YOU DO NOT NEED TO OWN AN INSTRUMENT TO JOIN.**
- Enjoy exciting opportunities for performing, including Theme Parks, Music Festivals, Community Performances, Mission Inn, and trips to cities like San Diego and Los Angeles.
- Special events like playing at a HS football game or going to **hear the symphony!**
- Develop your musical talent and be a part of a fun and successful group.
- ***PARENTS*** - Studies show that music students have better grades and test scores than non-music students and most colleges offer music scholarships.