Burke’s Performing Arts program cultivates opportunities for students to grow as artists and individuals. With a firm belief that everyone can, and should, express themselves creatively, we encourage self expression and artistic risk in a supportive environment. With classes and extracurricular experiences that serve all grade and experience levels, students enhance existing skills, while discovering new interests and passions.

We pride ourselves on choosing performance material that encourages young people to think critically about themselves and their place in the world. Band, chorus, and theater often serve as jumping off points for deeper examinations of social change and justice.

Vocal & Introductory Instrumental Music

Vocal music offers options for emerging and experienced singers to perform a variety of works while learning the fundamentals of music; high school students further their vocal development by joining Advanced Chorus or learning about solo performance. Our vocal groups perform around the community, including at Kings Dominion and Capital One Arena.

In middle school, instrumentalists can begin with Music Explorations, in which they explore a variety of music genres while learning to play keyboard and guitar. High schoolers also can learn those same fundamentals of music through Introduction to Instrumental Music.

- 6th Grade - Diving In: Drama and Vocal Music
- 7th and 8th Grade - Chorus
- 7th Grade - Music Explorations
- High School - Chorus
- High School - Advanced Chorus
- High School - Singing in the Spotlight
**Band & Instrumental Music**

Instrumental music offers numerous options for emerging and experienced instrumentalists and singers. In both middle and high school, students learn and perform a range of work while learning the fundamentals of music. Our groups perform in school and in the community several times a year. Our advanced bands perform at the annual GDS Jazz Festival and at Blues Alley Club in Georgetown.

- 6th Grade: Diving In: Intro. to Instrumental Music
- 7th and 8th Grade: Instrumental Music/Band
- 9/10th Grade: Intro. to Instrumental Music
- 9/10th Grade: Instrumental Music/Band
- 11/12th Grade: Instrumental Music/Band
- 9/10th Grade: Intermediate Instrumental Music/Band
- 11/12th Grade: Advanced Instrumental Music/Band

**Theater: Coursework**

Students in 6th through 12th Grade can choose from a diverse range of theatre courses, as well as earn academic credit (in high school) as actors, tech crew members or assistant directors in our productions. The school’s “no cut” policy ensures that everyone who wishes to act, join the tech crew, or serve as an assistant director has the opportunity to do so.

- 6th Grade: Diving In: Drama
- 7th Grade: Drama
- 8th Grade: Comedy
- 8th Grade: Play Production
- 8th Grade: Stagecraft
- 9th-12th Grade: Introduction to Drama and Advanced Drama
- 11th-12th Grade: Improvisation

**Theater: Performance Season**

- 9th-12th Grade: Fall Repertory (two plays)
- 8th-12th Grade: Winter Musical
- 6th-8th Grade: Spring Play
- 9th-12th Grade: Student One-Act Play Festival

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