

The Music Department provides many opportunities for student to excel in and develop their musical abilities. Fall Choir, Traveling Choir, Choraliers, Band, and Private Music Lessons are offered at HLA.

The Fall Choir includes an unlimited number of students regardless of experience. This “mass” choir sings during Homecoming & Parents Weekends, occasional morning services at Bethel Lutheran Church, and at our Annual Christmas Concert, held at the beginning of December.

Tryouts for the thirty-eight member Traveling Choir are held at the end of the first semester of school. This choir will primarily prepare for a Spring tour. The traveling choir tours over the Easter break every other year (for 2 1/2 weeks) and for a shorter trip on opposite years.

The Choraliers is a small, select ensemble that is chosen not only for musical talent, but for their desire to be a part of ministry to God’s people. They minister at area churches, special events, the Annual Christmas Concert and at other special school programs. In addition, this group travels on an extended tour following Graduation Weekend.

Hillcrest also has several types of Bands. The Concert Band plays at special events including the Annual Christmas Concert and at Graduation. In addition, they alternate on an extended tour with the Traveling Choir. The length of the tour depends on which group is scheduled. The Jazz Ensemble takes the best of the interested instrumentalists and develops their ability to play a more improvisational style of music. The Pep Band plays at home games and contributes to the great school spirit at HLA.

Students may also receive Private Music Lessons for academic credit. They may choose from piano, voice or instrumental lessons.

In addition, many of our students compete in and win awards at Regional and State Competitions and are selected to be part of All-State choirs and bands.

