

# FAQ for Vocal and Instrumental Music and Technical Theatre

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## Vocal and Instrumental Music (VIM)

### What courses count as “VIM”?

- Concert/Marching Band, Jazz Ensembles, Choir, Orchestra, Modern Band, Percussion, Digital Music Ensemble, Ukulele/Guitar\*, Piano\*, Handbells, Voice\*. Asterisk denotes “Individual Instruments” courses.

### What levels do I teach in middle school?

- Please see Example Progressions of Learning #1 and 2 in the VIMplementation Guide for a comprehensive list of possibilities: [go.ncdpi.gov/VIMplementation-Guide](http://go.ncdpi.gov/VIMplementation-Guide)

### Can students start VIM courses in high school?

- Please see Example Progressions of Learning #3 and 4 in the VIMplementation Guide for a comprehensive list of possibilities: [go.ncdpi.gov/VIMplementation-Guide](http://go.ncdpi.gov/VIMplementation-Guide)

### How in the world do I teach composition in band, choir, or orchestra?

- Check out this one-pager on 5 easy ways to incorporate standards-aligned composition into your classrooms! [go.ncdpi.gov/VIM-CR](http://go.ncdpi.gov/VIM-CR)

## Technical Theatre

### Are there new course codes for Technical Theatre?

- Yes! 53212X0 is Technical Theatre Beginning, and 53315X0 is Technical Theatre Accomplished Honors

### What if I want to teach Intermediate and Advanced Technical Theatre?

- You can develop an Intermediate and Advanced curriculum locally, using the following local codes:
  - 53802X0 Technical Theatre Intermediate Local Elective
  - 53805X0 Technical Theatre Advanced Honors Local Elective
  - Local Electives do not “count” toward the Arts Ed Graduation Requirement or Endorsement

## General

### Can students take Arts Ed Courses multiple times for new credit?

- Students have been able to do this since before 2011. Please see the *Course Manual* for more information. [bit.ly/NCArtsEdCourseManual](http://bit.ly/NCArtsEdCourseManual)

### Can students skip levels?

- Students have been able to skip arts education courses since before 2011. Please see the *Course Manual* for more information. [bit.ly/NCArtsEdCourseManual](http://bit.ly/NCArtsEdCourseManual)

### Do these courses count toward the Arts Ed Grad Requirement or the Endorsement?

- All courses which teach the Standard Course of Study in its *entirety* (including composition!) should be coded with a state course code to satisfy the requirement and endorsement. Courses not teaching the entirety of the SCOS **must** be coded as local electives. Please see the *Course Manual* for more information. [bit.ly/NCArtsEdCourseManual](http://bit.ly/NCArtsEdCourseManual)