

MUSIC IS THE KEY TO ACADEMIC AND PROFESSIONAL SUCCESS

Elementary School and MBMS music education lays the foundation for success at MCHS

2014 GRAMMY® Signature School GOLD Award Music Program

1st place and “Unanimous Superior” Ratings for Top Ensembles

3rd and 4th place at the 2013 and 2014 Southern California Marching Band Championships

LINK BETWEEN MUSIC AND INTELLIGENCE

- For Primary/Secondary students, music training is far superior to computer instruction in dramatically enhancing abstract reasoning skills, the skills necessary for learning math and science.

ACADEMIC ACHIEVEMENTS

- Students in music appreciation score **102** points higher on the SAT and receive more honors and awards.

PROFESSIONAL SUCCESS

- The very BEST Silicon Valley engineers and designers are practicing musicians.
- The Nations top executives agree that arts education better prepares workers for the 21st century.

POSITIVE

- 98% of marching band members say their experience in band has been positive.
- 93% of ensemble band members say band has a positive impact on their overall Mira Costa experience.

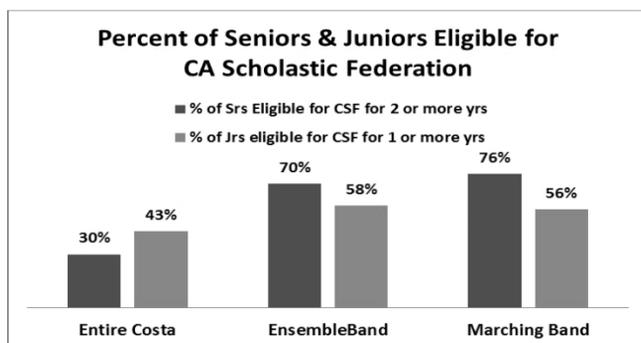
LEADERS

44% of band members have leadership role(s) in band and/or other extracurricular activities outside Mira Costa.

ACCEPTED INTO MANY PRESTIGIOUS UNIVERSITIES:

Harvard, Princeton, Yale, Stanford, MIT, UCLA, USC, UC Berkeley, Pomona, Duke, Northwestern, UVA, Michigan, NYU, Tufts University, Dartmouth, UCSD and many more!

ACADEMICALLY STRONG



- 26% of band juniors & seniors are National Honors Society (NHS) members vs. 14% of junior & senior student body at Mira Costa. ¹
- 66% of band members are on Honor Roll (3.5+ GPA) ²
- 80% of band members are scholar athletes ³
- 70% of band seniors are eligible for California Scholastic Federation (CSF) for two or more years vs. 30% of the senior student body at Costa. ¹

INVOLVED

- Band Members Top 3 extracurricular activities
- 52% in various clubs
 - 37% in sports other than marching band ⁴
 - 18% in Model United Nations (MUN)

Band members are also involved in choir, drama, La Vista, yearbook, and other activities such as scouts and robotics.

Supportive **fun** **Diverse** **creative** **COMMUNITY** **Focused** **Good Friends** **Like a Family**

Data based on a survey conducted on 163 band members unless otherwise noted

¹ based on NHS and CSF membership info

² excludes freshman class

³ reported for 2013-2014 school year

⁴ excludes those in marching band which is a designated sport at Costa

Band is, without a doubt, the closest group of friends I have at Costa. Every year, freshmen join and seniors graduate, and although the dynamics of band is ever-changing, there's a constant feeling of family that binds us all together, and I wouldn't give that up for anything.

I felt welcome as a freshman.

(Marching band) helped me make so many friends before school even started.

(Band) taught me discipline and leadership; music is my outlet in my stressful life at Costa. It provides me with peace, joy and a home within this crazy hectic life.

(Band) teaches hard work, dedication and excellence that can apply to any situation, plus it's just straight up fun environment... hard work but at the same time, creates a feeling of accomplishment.

Band puts you in a family you never knew you would become a part of.

Band is a creative outlet and provides strong peer support.

Here is what some current & past band members and parents are saying...

"Being in band helps you find who you are. Being in band gave me the confidence and made me feel welcome enough to become who I really wanted to be."

Nick DiNiro ('13) – UCLA

Marching band has taught me time management and commitment, as well as given me a great group of friends to spend four years with.

Music teaches the importance of working and listening to others to create a final product. It also teaches people to appreciate and understand the importance of other people's input.

Band creates a family; experiences that will last a lifetime; and a niche to grow as an individual.

Marching band is like having a second family.

Marching band really helps with a difficult transition.

"Nowhere else will you find a better program that fosters discipline. Mr. Carlson and the band program will teach your child how to be responsible and excellent all at once. The best part? They'll have a blast doing it too."

Kris Phillips ('13) – UC Riverside

"The band program helped pave the road to acceptances at top colleges and universities." Tracey Thomasson, alumni band parent to Riley Thomasson ('11) – Princeton (and) Zachary Thomasson ('13) – Whitman College