

Plainedge Public Schools 2026 - 2027 Budget Presentation *Fine & Performing Arts*



Presentation to the Board of Education

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6 Consecutive Years!!!



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2025

CONGRATULATIONS

for Outstanding Support of Music Education!



Total Budget

- ❖ 2025-2026 \$364,932
- ❖ 2026-2027 \$226,050
 - Reduced \$138,882 (-38%)



- **2025-2026** Does not include \$2,559,827 of budgeted salaries, Total Fine & Performing Arts Budget \$2,924,759
- **2026-2027** Does not include \$2,569,258 of budgeted salaries, Total Fine & Performing Arts Budget \$2,795,308



Music and Art Breakdown



Budget	2025-2026	2026-2027	Change
Regular Equipment/Repairs Furnish New Build	\$238,212	\$89,100	-149,112
Regular Materials/Supplies/New Supplies	\$69,900	\$69,900	0
Music Dues/Rentals/Memberships Periodicals/Travel/BOCES AIE	\$53,970	\$64,200	+10,230
Marching Band Uniforms/Reconditioning	\$2,850	\$2,850	0
Total	\$364,932	\$226,050	-138,882



NYS Learning Standards for Fine and Performing Arts

Full Implementation of new NYS P-12 Learning Standards for the Arts

- ❖ **Standard 1: Creating** – Conceiving and developing new artistic ideas and work.
- ❖ **Standard 2: Performing** – Realizing artistic ideas and work through interpretation and presentation.
- ❖ **Standard 3: Responding** – Understanding and evaluating how the arts convey meaning.
- ❖ **Standard 4: Connecting** – Relating artistic ideas and work with personal meaning and external context.



Elementary Course Offerings



General Music – K – 5

Band – 4th and 5th Grade

Orchestra – 4th and 5th Grade

Primary Chorus – 2nd and 3rd Grade

Senior Chorus – 4th and 5th Grade



Middle School Course Offerings



Band - 6th, 7th and 8th Grade

Chorus - 6th, 7th and 8th Grade

Orchestra - 6th, 7th and 8th Grade

General Music - 6th and 7th Grade



High School Course Offerings



- ❖ **Concert/Marching Band**
- ❖ **Mixed Choir**
- ❖ **Concert Choir**
- ❖ **Orchestra**
- ❖ **Music Theory**
- ❖ **AP Music Theory**





Opportunities Beyond the Classroom

- ❖ **Chamber Orchestra (MS & HS)**
- ❖ **Jazz Band (MS & HS)**
- ❖ **Jazz Choir (HS)**
- ❖ **Tri-M Music Honor Society (MS & HS)**
- ❖ **Drama/Musicals (Elementary, MS & HS)**





Achievement Beyond the Music Classroom



Event	2025-2026 Participants
NYSSMA Solo Festival	288
All-County Festivals Divisions I-V	50
Long Island String Festival	7
New York State Band Directors Association	5
All-State Festival	2



District Participation



Music	Participants
Band Grades 4-12	413
Orchestra Grades 4-12	349
Chorus Grades 2-12	667
General Music Grades K-7	1,341
Music Theory	16
Total	2,786



Achievements Beyond the Music Classroom

- ❖ **NYSSMA All-State** (Grades 11&12)
- ❖ **NMEA All-County Music Festival** (Grades 5-12)
- ❖ **NYSSMA Solo and Ensemble Festival** (Grades 4-12)
- ❖ **NYSSMA Majors Festival** (Group Performance 6-12)
- ❖ **NYSBDA Honors Ensemble** (Grades 7-12)
- ❖ **Long Island String Festival** (Grades 5-12)



Elementary Art Instruction



Students in Kindergarten through Grade 5 attend Art on a weekly basis.

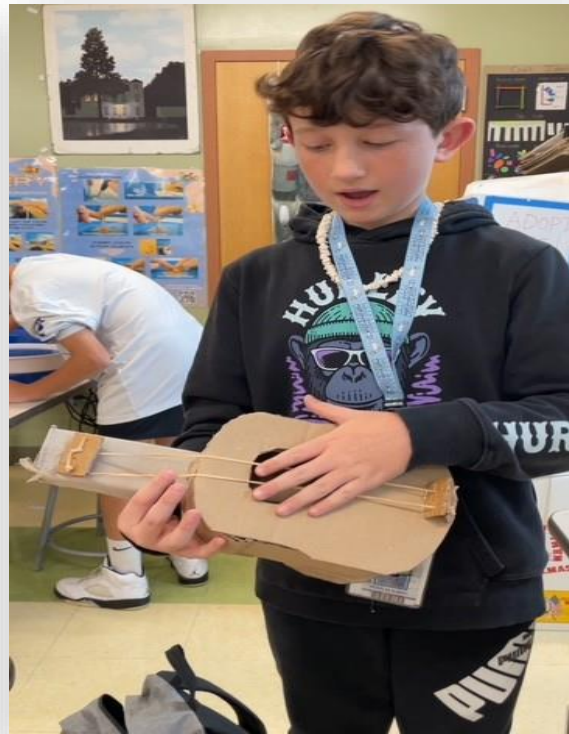
The Fine Art Curriculum is based upon the New York State Learning Standards and the seven Elements of Art.





Middle School Art Instruction

- ❖ Art - 6th & 7th Grade
- ❖ Studio Art - 8th Grade students have the opportunity to receive ½ High School credit and complete the other ½ credit during grades 9-12.





High School Art Course Offerings



Studio Art

Studio Art Semester

Drawing

Drawing and Painting

Advanced Painting and Drawing

Advanced Placement Portfolio

Graphics

Ceramics

Sculpture

Architectural and Interior Design

Digital Photography I

Digital Photography II

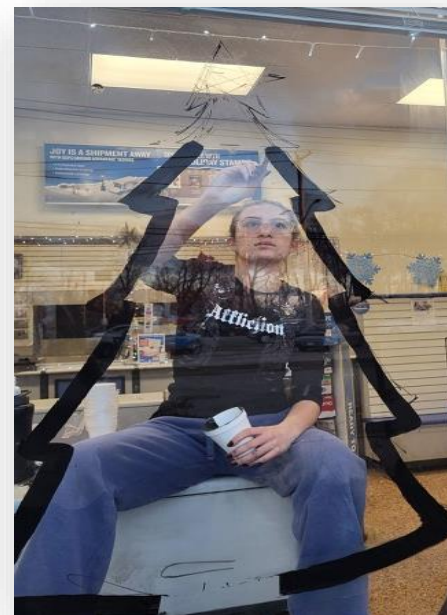
Fashion I

Jewelry



Opportunities Beyond the Art Classroom

Art Clubs have been giving back and interacting with the community in many ways.





Achievements Beyond the Classroom

Event	2025-2026 Participants
Art Supervisors Association All-County Exhibition	24
Art club at the middle school and high school	100
ASA Scholarship winners	2
Three District-Wide Seasonal Art Shows	300
District Calendar	12





Fine Art Virtual Community

The art teachers here in Plainedge have created a very large community. Our social media presence has over **7,000** followers. It is here where we are able to share with the community the unique and interesting projects the students are creating.





District Participation in Fine Art

Art	Participants
Pre-K	155
Elementary	1,353
Middle School	559
High School	489
Total	2,556





Points of Pride



- ❖ **All-State Recognition: Orchestra, Band, and Chorus**
- ❖ **Community performances by TRI-M Honor Society (MS & HS)**
- ❖ **Support STREAM initiatives through Fine and Performing Arts**
- ❖ **District-wide involvement with the Art Supervisors Associations**
- ❖ **Professional development through workshops provided by ASA, NAEA, NYSATA, NafME, NYSSMA and NYSCAME**
- ❖ **Continued district wide participation and recognition of students through All County, LISFA, NafME, NYSBDA, and All State Music Festivals**
- ❖ **Volunteering efforts are planned from the art department and both art clubs at Special Olympics**





Points of Pride



- ❖ **Elementary, Middle School and High School Concerts**
- ❖ **District Seasonal Art Shows**
- ❖ **String, Band & Choral Festivals**
- ❖ **Staff participation in leadership positions in NMEA Division I, LISFA, ASA & Tri-M Honor Society**
- ❖ **Drama/Musical Performances (Elementary, MS & HS)**
- ❖ **Participation in ASA All County Art show**
- ❖ **HS Seniors Art Scholarships**
- ❖ **After major core areas, more students participate in Music & Art, than any other subject area/athletics/activities.**



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Questions?

