

Gilbert Music Education Success Stories

Brief Summary

- Leading Regional and Allstate Representation
- Arizona Music Educators Conference Performances
- Mesquite High School
 - “These 60 kids have gone through Gilbert schools. The elementary strings teachers start them out, then they go on to junior high. The kids get to do great things if they continue through the music programs here. If GPS didn't promote this fantastic music education program, there'd be no way we'd be going to Carnegie.” -Amber Dudley in GoGilbert Magazine, February 2010, Page 24-25
- Highland High School
 - Highland Marching Band
 - Fiesta Bowl, Rose Bowl and Macy Day's Parade
 - Fall 2006: The marching band was undefeated in AZ and won in CA.
 - Spring 2007: The Wind Ensemble received a Superior w distinction and Symphonic Band received a Superior at the ABODA Concert band Festival. The Jazz Band received a Superior at the Flagstaff Jazz festival (which is the highest score they could receive).
 - Fall 2007: The Marching Band ranked in the top 10 at a BOA regional held in Flagstaff.
 - Spring 2008: The Wind Ensemble received a Superior w distinction and Symphonic Band received a Superior at the ABODA Concert band Festival. The Jazz Band received a Superior at the Flagstaff Jazz festival (which is the highest score they could receive). Later in the spring, the Wind Ensemble received 1st place at a Heritage festival held in San Diego (Top Division) and the Symphonic Band received 3rd place at the same festival (Top Division).
 - Fall 2008: The Marching Band ranked within the top 3 in every competition it was in.
 - Spring 2009: The Wind Ensemble received a Superior w distinction and Symphonic Band received a Superior at the ABODA Concert band Festival. The Wind Ensemble received top marks at a SCSBOA spring festival. The Wind Ensemble also received a Superior w/ Distinction at the ABODA state festival.
 - Fall 2009: The Marching band went undefeated in Arizona and won the first State Marching Championship.
 - Spring 2010: The Wind Ensemble Performed at AMEA convention.
 - Highland High Orchestra
 - Nationally recognized as a leading high school orchestra
 - Midwest and other festival achievements
 - Carnegie Hall
 - Highland Jazz Program
 - March 26-27, 2010, Highland will host one of the largest education based jazz festivals ever seen in Arizona this March 26th and 27th. The festival is attracting National attention.
 - Highland Choir
 - Extensive awards
 - Carnegie Hall

- Gilbert High School Band Program
 - Inaugural Parade for President Bush in the year 2001, Washington DC. This is one of the most elite honors a band can receive in the country.
 - Competed at Bands of America grand nationals 2001
 - Bands of America (BOA) regional finalists 4 times
 - 2007 Second Place at the BOA regional at NAU. That year Gilbert Band was #1 of all Arizona bands competing.
 - Two time Hatler Cup recipient
 - 2009 third place to Highland by 6 tenths of a point.
 - 2006 Marched in the Saint Patrick's Day Parade in Dublin Ireland
 - Multiple appearances at Rose parade and Fiesta Bowl
 - Parade of Roses in Oregon in 1996
 - The wind ensemble has received multiple superior with distinction ratings, the highest rating possible in state competition.
 - The drumline achieved world status in 2004. Drumline won the SPR award 3 times was a pioneer in the activity.
 - Leading winterguard team in the state. Currently the only high school in AZ to achieve the open class level.
 - Marching Band played on stage with the band 'tool' in front of twenty thousand people.
 - Leading jazz band program.
- Highland Junior High 8th Grade Orchestra
 - Superior rating - ABODA Fall Orchestra Festival (11 out of 12 years, since the school opened)
 - Superior Rating - Grand Canyon Junior High Orchestra Festival at NAU (11 out of 12 years, since the school opened)
 - Performed at the AMEA Honor Concert during State Conference - 2000, 2003, 2007
- South Valley Junior High
 - ABODA festivals for 05-09 receiving 3 superiors and 2 excellent
 - Grand Canyon Jr. High Festivals from 05-09 with 4 superiors and 1 excellent.
 - South Valley Orchestra, has 4 students who have boundary exemptions- 3 from Queen Creek and 1 from San Tan
 - 2-Superior with Distinction 2006, 2009
 - 2 Excellent, 2007, 2008
 - Premiered a new Composition for 8th Grade Concert Band 2008 (Caprice by Julian Peterson)
 - Able to "rally the community" for the "Concert in the Park" Tax credit fundraiser.
 - Accompaniment for Drama Skit that was Character Counts related (Jazz Band), Live performance
- Towne Meadows 6th Grade Band
 - Performed at the AMEA Honor Concert at In-Service Conference in January 2007
- Settler's Point Elementary
 - 2006 Gilbert Education Foundation grant for Dr. Max Plank of Eastern Michigan University to come and conduct a clinic for 6th Grade Band and other band/strings teachers.

Extended List

Highland High School Performance and Awards History

This is just a snapshot of just the band program at just one High School over several years. This illustrates the amount activity and success in our music programs.

Group	Year	Type of Award	Name of Festival	Rating/Ranking
Concert Band I	2007	Rated Performance	ABODA Area Concert Festival	Excellent
Concert Band II	2007	Rated Performance	ABODA Area Concert Festival	Excellent
Symphonic Band	2007	Rated Performance	ABODA Area Concert Festival	Superior
Wind Ensemble	2007	Rated Performance	ABODA Area Concert Festival	Superior
Wind Ensemble	2007	Rated Performance	Southern CA School Band & Orchestra Association	Superior w/Dist.
Jazz Band I	2007	Rated Performance	Area Jazz Festival	Excellent
Jazz Band II	2007	Rated Performance	Area Jazz Festival	Superior w/Dist.
Jazz Band II	2007	Rated Performance	NAU Jazz Festival	Superior
Winter Guard	2007	Rated Performance	Casa Grande Winter Invitational	2nd Place
Winter Drumline	2007	Rated Performance	Casa Grande Winter Invitational	1st Place
Winter Drumline	2007	Rated Performance	Mesquite HS Show	1st Place
Symphonic Band	2007	Rated Performance	CGCC Concert Festival	Cert. Of Ach.
Winter Guard	2007	Rated Performance	Mountain Ridge WG Compitition	2nd Place
Winter Guard	2007	Rated Performance	WGAZ Millennium HS WG/WD Show	Cert. Of Ach.
Winter Drumline	2007	Rated Performance	WGAZ Millennium HS WG/WD Show	Cert. Of Ach.
Winter Guard	2007	Rated Performance	WGAZ State Scholastic Open	Runners Up
Winter Drumline	2007	Rated Performance	WGAZ State Scholastic Open	1st Place
Jazz Band II	2006	Rated Performance	Deer Valley Jazz Festival	Superior
Marching Band	2006	Caption: Musical Performance	Gilbert HS Marching Invitational	High
Marching Band	2006	Caption: General Effect	Gilbert HS Marching Invitational	High
Marching Band	2006	Rated Performance	Gilbert Marching Invitational	1st Place
Marching Band	2006	Rated Performance	Gilbert Marching Invitational	Sweepstakes
Marching Band	2006	Caption: Auxiliary	Lester Oaks Memorial Field Tournament	2nd Place
Marching Band	2006	Rated Performance	Lester Oaks Memorial Field Tournament	Sweepstakes
Marching Band	2006	Caption: Percustion	Lester Oaks Memorial Field Tournament	Sweepstakes
Marching Band	2006	Caption: Visual Performance	Lester Oaks Memorial Field Tournament	Sweepstakes
Marching Band	2006	Caption: General Effect	Lester Oaks Memorial Field Tournament	Sweepstakes
Marching Band	2006	Caption: Visual Performance	Marcos de Niza Comp. Marching performance	Outstanding
Marching Band	2006	Caption: Percussion	Marcos de Niza Comp. Marching performance	Outstanding
Marching Band	2006	Caption: Musical Performance	Marcos de Niza Comp. Marching performance	Outstanding
Marching Band	2006	Rated Performance	Marcos de Niza Comp. Marching performance	Superior w/Dist.
Marching Band	2006	Rated Performance	Mission Viejo 5A	1st Place
Winter Drumline	2006	Ranked Performance in Concert Open	Gilbert Regional MHS Percussion Scholastic	1st
Winter Guard	2006	Ranked Performance in ??	8th Annual GHS WG Festival	1st
Winter Guard	2006	Ranked Performance in ??	Corona Del Sol WG Festival	4th
Wind Ensemble	2006	Rated Performance	ABODA Area Concert Festival	Superior w/Dist.
Symphonic Band	2006	Rated Performance	ABODA Area Concert Festival	Superior
Concert Band II	2006	Rated Performance	ABODA Area Concert Festival	Excellent
Concert Band I	2006	Rated Performance	ABODA Area Concert Festival	Superior
Marching Band	2006	Rated Performance	Gilbert HS Marching Invitational	Hatler Cup
Winter Drumline	2006	Rated Performance	WGAZ State Scholastic Open	1st Place
Winter Drumline	2006	Rated Performance	MX Momentum Youth Arts Scholastic Open	1st Place
Marching Band	2006	Rated Performance	Gilbert Days Parade	1st Place
Marching Percussion	2006	Rated Performance	Westwood Warrior Classic	6th Place
Winter Guard	2006	N/A	WGAZ Gilbert Guard/ Drumline Show	Cert. Of Participation
Winter Drumline	2006	N/A	WGAZ Gilbert Guard/ Drumline Show	Cert. Of Participation
Jazz Band II	2006	N/A	Chander-Gilbert Community College Jazz Festival	Cert. Of Ach.
Jazz Band I	2006	N/A	Phoenix College Jazz Celebration	Cert. Of App.
Winter Guard	2006	N/A	Mountain Ridge WG Invitational	Cert. Of Participation
Winter Guard	2006	Rated Performance	Mesqite HS Winter Guard Competition	3rd Place
Jazz Band I	2006	N/A	Chandler-Gilbert Community College Jazz Festival	Cert. Of Ach.
Jazz Band II	2006	N/A	Phoenix College Jazz Celebration	Cert. Of App.
Marching Band	2005	Rated Performance	Etiwanda High School's Annual Invitational 6A	1st Place
Marching Band	2005	Caption: Auxiliary	Etiwanda High School's Annual Invitational 6A	2nd Place
Marching Band	2005	Caption: Percussion	Etiwanda High School's Annual Invitational 6A	2nd Place
Marching Band	2005	Rated Performance	March the Ridge - Ironwood Ridge Invitational Div. 1	1st Place
Marching Band	2005	Caption: Visual Performance	March the Ridge - Ironwood Ridge Invitational Div. 1	Outstanding
Marching Band	2005	Caption: Percussion	March the Ridge - Ironwood Ridge Invitational Div. 1	Outstanding
Marching Band	2005	Caption: Musical Performance	March the Ridge - Ironwood Ridge Invitational Div. 1	Outstanding

Winter Guard	2005	Rated Performance	7th Annual GHS WG Festival-Scholastic Regional	2nd Place
Winter Guard	2005	Rated Performance	Marcos De Niza WG Festival	1st Place
Concert Band I	2005	Rated Performance	ABODA Area Concert Festival	Superior w/Dist.
Symphonic Band	2005	Rated Performance	ABODA Area Concert Festival	Superior
Wind Ensemble	2005	Rated Performance	ABODA Area Concert Festival	Superior w/Dist.
Marching Percussion	2005	Rated Performance	AZPAS Fall Festival of Marching Percussion	Superior
Marching Percussion	2005	Caption: Front Ensemble	AZPAS Fall Festival of Marching Percussion	Outstanding
Marching Percussion	2005	Caption: Snare Line	AZPAS Fall Festival of Marching Percussion	Outstanding
Marching Band	2005	Caption: Musical Performance	ASU Marching Festival	Outstanding
Marching Band	2005	Caption: Percussion Performance	ASU Marching Festival	Outstanding
Marching Band	2005	Caption: Auxiliary	ASU Marching Festival	Outstanding
Marching Band	2005	Caption: Visual Performance	ASU Marching Festival	Outstanding
Marching Band	2004	Caption: Musical Performance	4th Annual Gilbert Invitational	Outstanding
Marching Band	2004	Caption: Auxiliary	4th Annual Gilbert Invitational	Outstanding
Marching Band	2004	Caption: Visual Performance	4th Annual Gilbert Invitational	Outstanding
Marching Band	2004	Caption: Percussion	4th Annual Gilbert Invitational	Outstanding
Marching Band	2004	Rated Performance	4th Annual Gilbert Invitational	Superior w/Dist.
Marching Band	2004	Rated Performance	Las Vegas Invitational	2nd Place
Marching Band	2004	Caption: Musical Performance	Las Vegas Invitational	Outstanding
Marching Band	2004	Rated Performance	Las Vegas Invitational	Superior
Marching Band	2004	N/A	Macy's Thanksgiving Day Parade	Participation
Marching Band	2004	Caption: Auxiliary	Marcos de Niza Comp. Marching performance	Outstanding
Marching Band	2004	Caption: Visual Performance	Marcos de Niza Comp. Marching performance	Outstanding
Marching Band	2004	Caption: Percussion	Marcos de Niza Comp. Marching performance	Outstanding
Marching Band	2004	Caption: Musical Performance	Marcos de Niza Comp. Marching performance	Outstanding
Marching Band	2004	Rated Performance	Marcos de Niza Comp. Marching performance	Superior
Winter Guard	2004	Rated Performance	MHS WG Festival Regional A	2nd Place
Winter Guard	2004	Rated Performance	WG Regional	1st Place
Wind Ensemble	2004	Rated Performance	ABODA Area Concert Festival	Superior w/Dist.
Symphonic Band	2004	Rated Performance	ABODA Area Concert Festival	Superior
Concert Band I	2004	Rated Performance	ABODA Area Concert Festival	Excellent
Marching Band	2004	Rated Performance	Macy's Thanksgiving Day Parade	Rollie Award
Marching Band	2003	Caption: Percussion	3rd Annual Gilbert Invitational	Outstanding
Marching Band	2003	Caption: Visual Performance	3rd Annual Gilbert Invitational	Outstanding
Marching Band	2003	Caption: Musical Performance	3rd Annual Gilbert Invitational	Outstanding
Marching Band	2003	Caption: Color Guard	3rd Annual Gilbert Invitational	Outstanding
Marching Band	2003	Rated Performance	3rd Annual Gilbert Invitational	Superior
Marching Band	2003	N/A	Gilbert Days Parade	Appreciation
Marching Band	2003	Caption: Visual Performance	Marcos de Niza Comp. Marching performance	Outstanding
Marching Band	2003	Caption: Percussion	Marcos de Niza Comp. Marching performance	Outstanding
Marching Band	2003	Caption: Musical Performance	Marcos de Niza Comp. Marching performance	Outstanding
Marching Band	2003	Caption: Auxiliary	Marcos de Niza Comp. Marching performance	Outstanding
Marching Band	2003	Rated Performance	Marcos de Niza Comp. Marching performance	Superior w/Dist.
Marching Band	2003	Caption: Percussion	Savanna HS Field Tournament	1st Place
Marching Band	2003	Caption: Auxiliary	Savanna HS Field Tournament	2nd Place
Marching Band	2003	Caption: Visual Performance	Savanna HS Field Tournament	High
Marching Band	2003	Caption: General Effect	Savanna HS Field Tournament	High
Marching Band	2003	Caption: Musical Performance	Savanna HS Field Tournament	High
Marching Band	2003	Rated Performance	Savanna HS Field Tournament	Sweepstakes
Marching Band	2003	Rated Performance	Southwest Regional Tournament of Bands @ Ramona HS	Sweepstakes
Marching Band	2003	Caption: Color Guard	Southwest Regional Tournament of Bands @ Ramona HS 4A,5A,6A	2nd Place
Marching Band	2003	Caption: Percussion	Southwest Regional Tournament of Bands @ Ramona HS 4A,5A,6A	Sweepstakes
Marching Band	2003	Rated Performance	Southwest Regional Tournament of Bands @ Ramona HS 6A	1st Place
Winter Guard	2003	Rated Performance	GHS WGAZ Championships Regional A	Superior
Winter Guard	2003	Rated Performance	Mesquite Invitational	Excellent
Symphonic Winds	2003	Rated Performance	ABODA Area Concert Festival	Superior w/Dist.
Wind Ensemble	2003	Rated Performance	ABODA Area Concert Festival	Superior w/Dist.
Concert Band I	2003	Rated Performance	ABODA Area Concert Festival	Superior
Drums/Guard???	2002	WGAZ	WGAZ Championships Regional A	
Jazz Band II	2002	Rated Performance	ABODA Jazz Festival	Excellent
Jazz Band II	2002	Rated Performance	NAU Jazz Festival	Superior
Marching Band	2002	Caption: Visual Performance	Chandler Marching Invitational	Outstanding
Marching Band	2002	Caption: Percussion	Chandler Marching Invitational	Outstanding
Marching Band	2002	Caption: Musical Performance	Chandler Marching Invitational	Outstanding
Marching Band	2002	Caption: Auxiliary	Chandler Marching Invitational	Outstanding
Marching Band	2002	Rated Performance	Chandler Marching Invitational	Superior
Marching Band	2002	Rated Performance	Las Vegas Invitational	1st Place
Marching Band	2002	Rated Performance	Las Vegas Invitational	1st Place
Marching Band	2002	Caption: Musical Performance	Las Vegas Invitational	Outstanding
Marching Band	2002	Caption: Visual Performance	Las Vegas Invitational	Outstanding
Marching Band	2002	Rated Performance	Las Vegas Invitational	Superior
Marching Band	2002	Caption: Percussion	Temecula Valley HS "Golden Valley Classic"	1st Place
Marching Band	2002	Caption: Visual Performance	Temecula Valley HS "Golden Valley Classic"	Sweepstakes
Marching Band	2002	Caption: General Effect	Temecula Valley HS "Golden Valley Classic"	Sweepstakes

Marching Band	2002	Caption: Auxiliary	Temecula Valley HS "Golden Valley Classic"	Sweepstakes
Marching Band	2002	Rated Performance	Temecula Valley HS "Golden Valley Classic"	Sweepstakes
Winter Guard	2002	Rated Performance	GHS WG Festival- Regional A Class	Excellent
Winter Guard	2002	Rated Performance	WG Regional A MHS	Good
Wind Ensemble	2002	Rated Performance	ABODA Area Concert Festival	Excellent
Symphonic Winds	2002	Rated Performance	ABODA Area Concert Festival	Superior w/Dist.
Marching Band	2001	Rated Performance	Chandler Marching Invitational	Excellent
Marching Band	2001	Caption: Musical Performance	Chandler Marching Invitational	Outstanding
Marching Band	2001	Caption: Percussion	Chandler Marching Invitational	Outstanding
Marching Band	2001	Rated Performance	Gilbert Marching Invitational	Superior
Marching Band	2001	Caption: Color Guard	Southwest Regional Tournament of Bands	1st Place
Marching Band	2001	Caption: Percussion	Southwest Regional Tournament of Bands	1st Place
Marching Band	2001	Caption: General Effect	Southwest Regional Tournament of Bands	High
Marching Band	2001	Rated Performance	Southwest Regional Tournament of Bands	Sweepstakes
Marching Band	2000	Rated Performance	32nd Annual Los Altos Field Show Tournament - Open Div-	3rd Place
Marching Band	2000	Caption: Visual Performance	Drums under the stars	Outstanding
Marching Band	2000	Caption: Musical Performance	Drums under the stars	Outstanding
Marching Band	2000	Caption: Auxiliary	Drums under the stars	Outstanding
Marching Band	2000	Caption: Percussion	Drums under the stars	Outstanding
Marching Band	2000	Caption: Drum Majors	Drums under the stars	Outstanding
Marching Band	2000	Rated Performance	Drums under the stars	Superior w/Dist.
Marching Band	2000	Rated Performance	Las Vegas Invitational	1st Place
Marching Band	2000	Rated Performance	Las Vegas Invitational	1st Place
Marching Band	2000	Caption: Musical Performance	Las Vegas Invitational	Outstanding
Marching Band	2000	Caption: Visual Performance	Las Vegas Invitational	Outstanding
Marching Band	2000	Caption: Percussion	Las Vegas Invitational	Outstanding
Marching Band	2000	Rated Performance	Las Vegas Invitational	Superior
Marching Band	2000	Rated Performance	San Diego Heritage Festival	Outstanding
Marching Band	2000	Rated Performance	San Diego Heritage Festival	Outstanding
Marching Band	2000	Rated Performance	San Francisco Music Festival	Outstanding
Symphonic Band	2000	Rated Performance	ABODA Concert Festival	Excellent
Symphonic Winds	2000	Rated Performance	ABODA Concert Festival	Superior
Wind Ensemble	2000	Rated Performance	ABODA Concert Festival	Excellent
Winter Guard	2000	Rated Performance	MHS WG Festival Regional A	1st Place
Wind Ensemble	2000	Rated Performance	San Diego Heritage Festival	1st
Concert Band	1999	Rated Performance	Music In the Parks Disneyland AA	1st Place
Concert Band	1999	Rated Performance	Music In the Parks Disneyland AA	2nd Place
Marching Band	1999	Rated Performance	Fiesta Bowl National Band Championship	4th Place
Marching Band	1999	Rated Performance	Gilbert Days Parade	1st Place
Marching Band	1999	Caption: Visual Performance	NAU Festival	Outstanding
Marching Band	1999	Caption: Musical Performance	NAU Festival	Outstanding
Marching Band	1999	Caption: Auxiliary	NAU Festival	Outstanding
Marching Band	1999	Caption: Percussion	NAU Festival	Outstanding
Marching Band	1999	Rated Performance	NAU Festival	Superior
Marching Band	1999	Caption: Drum Majors	Rising Star Invitational Field Tournament -Open Div-	1st Place
Marching Band	1999	Caption: Percussion	Rising Star Invitational Field Tournament -Open Div-	Sweepstakes
Marching Band	1999	Caption: Musical Performance	Rising Star Invitational Field Tournament -Open Div-	Sweepstakes
Symphonic Band	1999	Rated Performance	ABODA Concert Festival	Superior
Symphonic Winds	1999	Rated Performance	ABODA Concert Festival	Excellent
Wind Ensemble	1999	Rated Performance	ABODA Area Concert Festival	Excellent
Marching Band	1998	Rated Performance	Gilbert Days Parade	1st Place
Marching Band	1998	Rated Performance	Palm Springs Field Show Tournament	Sweepstakes
Marching Band	1998	Caption: General Effect	Palm Springs Field Show Tournament	Sweepstakes
Marching Band	1998	Caption: Auxiliary	Rising Star Invitational Field Tournament -Open Div-	4th Place
Marching Band	1998	Caption: Color Guard	Southwest Regional Tournament of Bands	4th Place
Marching Band	1998	Caption: Visual Performance	Southwest Regional Tournament of Bands	High
Marching Band	1998	Caption: General Effect	Southwest Regional Tournament of Bands	High
Marching Band	1998	Caption: Musical Performance	Southwest Regional Tournament of Bands	High
Marching Band	1998	Rated Performance	Southwest Regional Tournament of Bands	Sweepstakes
Marching Band	1998	Caption: Percussion	Southwest Regional Tournament of Bands	Sweepstakes
Marching Band	1998	Rated Performance	U of A Band Day	Superior
Symphonic Band	1998	Rated Performance	ABODA Concert Festival	Excellent
Wind Ensemble	1998	Rated Performance	ABODA Concert Festival	Superior w/Dist.
Wind Ensemble	1998	Rated Performance	ABODA State Concert Festival	Excellent
Marching Band	1997	Caption: Auxiliary	Flowing Wells HS Show of Shows	Outstanding
Marching Band	1997	Caption: Percussion	Flowing Wells HS Show of Shows	Outstanding
Marching Band	1997	Caption: Drum Majors	Flowing Wells HS Show of Shows	Outstanding
Marching Band	1997	Caption: Visual Performance	Flowing Wells HS Show of Shows	Outstanding
Marching Band	1997	Caption: Musical Performance	Flowing Wells HS Show of Shows	Outstanding
Marching Band	1997	Caption: Director's Award	Flowing Wells HS Show of Shows	Outstanding
Marching Band	1997	Rated Performance	Gilbert Days Parade	1st Place
Marching Band	1997	Caption: Drum Majors	Mira Mesa Invitational Field Tournament	1st Place
Marching Band	1997	Caption: Percussion	Mira Mesa Invitational Field Tournament	1st Place
Marching Band	1997	Caption: Color Guard	Mira Mesa Invitational Field Tournament	1st Place

Marching Band	1997	Rated Performance	Mira Mesa Invitational Field Tournament	Sweepstakes
Marching Band	1997	Rated Performance	Mira Mesa Invitational Field Tournament	Sweepstakes
Marching Band	1997	Caption: Auxiliary	Norwest Bank East Valley Marching Invitational	Outstanding
Marching Band	1997	Caption: Drum Majors	Norwest Bank East Valley Marching Invitational	Outstanding
Marching Band	1997	Rated Performance	Norwest Bank East Valley Marching Invitational	Superior
Symphonic Band	1997	Rated Performance	ABODA Concert Festival	Superior
Wind Ensemble	1997	Rated Performance	ABODA Concert Festival	Superior
Symphonic Band	1997	Rated Performance	ABODA State Concert Festival	Excellent
Wind Ensemble	1997	Rated Performance	ABODA State Concert Festival	Excellent
JV Marching Band	1996	Rated Performance	Deer Valley HS Band Invitational	Excellent
Marching Band	1996	Rated Performance	Deer Valley HS Band Invitational	Outstanding
Marching Band	1996	Caption: Musical Performance	Deer Valley HS Band Invitational	Outstanding
Marching Band	1996	Caption: Auxiliary	Deer Valley HS Band Invitational	Outstanding
Marching Band	1996	Caption: Percussion	Deer Valley HS Band Invitational	Outstanding
Marching Band	1996	Rated Performance	Deer Valley HS Band Invitational	Superior
Marching Band	1996	Caption: Percussion	Flowing Wells HS Show of Shows	Outstanding
Marching Band	1996	Caption: Auxiliary	Flowing Wells HS Show of Shows	Outstanding
Marching Band	1996	Caption: Drum Majors	Flowing Wells HS Show of Shows	Outstanding
Marching Band	1996	Caption: Musical Performance	Flowing Wells HS Show of Shows	Outstanding
Marching Band	1996	Caption: Visual Performance	Flowing Wells HS Show of Shows	Outstanding
Marching Band	1996	Caption: Director's Award	Flowing Wells HS Show of Shows	Outstanding
Marching Band	1996	Caption: Performance???	Flowing Wells HS Show of Shows	Superior
Marching Band	1996	Caption: Color Guard	O.H.S. 22nd Annual Field Tournament Class 6A	3rd Place
Marching Band	1996	Rated Performance	O.H.S. 22nd Annual Field Tournament Class 6A	4th Place
Marching Band	1996	Caption: Percussion	O.H.S. 22nd Annual Field Tournament Class 6A	5th Place
Marching Band	1996	Rated Performance	Southwest Regional Preview - Open Class	2nd Place
Marching Band	1996	Caption: Percussion	Temecula Valley HS "Golden Valley Classic"	1st Place
Marching Band	1996	Caption: Musical Performance	Temecula Valley HS "Golden Valley Classic"	Sweepstakes
Marching Band	1996	Rated Performance	Temecula Valley HS "Golden Valley Classic"	Sweepstakes
Marching Band	1996	Rated Performance	Temecula Valley HS "Golden Valley Classic"	Sweepstakes
Wind Ensemble	1996	Rated Performance	ABODA Concert Festival	Superior w/Dist.
Winter Guard	1996	Rated Performance	1st Annual Highland WG Festival	Cert. Of Ach.
Wind Ensemble	1996	Rated Performance	EAC Large Group Festival	Superior
Freshman Band	1996	Rated Performance	Central AZ College Festival	Superior
Symphonic Band	1996	Rated Performance	ABODA Area Concert Festival	Excellent
Wind Ensemble	1996	Rated Performance	ABODA Area Concert Festival	Superior w/Dist.
Marching Band	1995	Caption: Musical Performance	Canyon Del Oro Band Spectacular	Outstanding
Marching Band	1995	N/A	Gilbert Days Parade	Participation
Marching Band	1995	Caption: Color Guard	Magnolia Field Tournament 5A	3rd Place
Marching Band	1995	Rated Performance	Magnolia Field Tournament 5A	3rd Place
Marching Band	1995	Caption: Percussion	Simi Valley HS Band Spectacular	1st Place
Marching Band	1995	Rated Performance	Simi Valley HS Band Spectacular	2nd Place
Marching Band	1995	Caption: Color Guard	Simi Valley HS Band Spectacular	3rd Place
Marching Band	1995	Ranked Performance in 3A	Song of the South March Invitational	3rd Place
Symphonic Band	1995	Rated Performance	ABODA Concert Festival	Superior
Wind Ensemble	1995	Rated Performance	San Diego Heritage Festival	Gold
Wind Ensemble	1995	Rated Performance	San Diego Heritage Festival	Outstanding
Symphonic Band	1995	Rated Performance	ABODA Area Concert Festival	Excellent
Wind Ensemble	1995	Rated Performance	ABODA Area Concert Festival	Superior
Marching Band	1994	Rated Performance	10th Annual Star of Nevada Marching Invitational	Superior
Marching Band	1994	Caption: Color Guard	Etiwanda High School's Annual Invitational 6A	1st Place
Marching Band	1994	Rated Performance	Etiwanda High School's Annual Invitational 6A	1st Place
Marching Band	1994	Caption: General Effect	Etiwanda High School's Annual Invitational 6A	Artistry in Motion
Marching Band	1994	Caption: Auxiliary	Flowing Wells HS	Outstanding
Marching Band	1994	Caption: Percussion	Flowing Wells HS	Outstanding
Marching Band	1994	Rated Performance	Flowing Wells HS	Superior
Marching Band	1994	Caption: Performance???	Flowing Wells HS Show of Shows	Excellent
Marching Band	1994	Caption: Director's Award	Flowing Wells HS Show of Shows	Outstanding
Marching Band	1994	Rated Performance	Rowland Rield Tournament Open Class	3rd Place
Marching Band	1994	Rated Performance	Rowland Rield Tournament Open Class	4th Place
Marching Band	1994	Rated Performance	Star of Nevada Invitational	4th Place
Symphonic Band	1994	Rated Performance	ABODA Concert Festival	Superior w/Dist.
Winter Guard	1994	Caption: Duet Performance	Coronado CG Festival	Outstanding
Winter Guard	1994	Caption: Small Group Performance	Coronado CG Festival	Outstanding
Symphonic Band	1994	Rated Performance	ABODA Area Concert Festival	Excellent
Marching Band	1993	Rated Performance	9th Annual Star of Nevada Marching Invitational	Superior
Marching Band	1993	Caption: Color Guard	Flowing Wells HS	Outstanding
Marching Band	1993	Rated Performance	Flowing Wells HS	Superior
Marching Band	1993	N/A	Gilbert Days Parade	Band Award
Marching Band	1993	Rated Performance	Star of Nevada Invitational	6th Place

Highland High School Orchestra History and Accomplishments

1997

- One of three high school orchestras selected from across the United States to perform at the prestigious Midwest International Band and Orchestra Clinic in Chicago, IL.

2000

- Clinic Orchestra for Arizona Music Educators Association (AMEA) 2000 State Conference with Dr. Sandra Dackow, January, 2000.
- 20 students selected to 2000 Arizona Central Region Orchestra February, 2000
- 2 students selected to 2000 Arizona All State Orchestra, April 2000
- Received "Gold Award" (Div. I), "Outstanding Instrumental Group", and "Outstanding Instrumental Program" at San Diego Heritage Festival, April, 2000.

2001

- Reading Session Orchestra for 2001 AMEA State Conference, January, 2001.
- 29 students selected to 2001 Arizona Central Region Orchestra, February, 2001
- 6 students selected to 2001 Arizona All State Orchestra, April, 2001
- Recorded for Kjos Publishing String Tracks XIV (Mars Hill by Doris Gazda) - April, 2001.

2002

- Featured Performance at 2002 AMEA State Conference, January 2002.
- 20 students selected to 2002 Arizona Central Region Orchestra, February, 2002
- 4 students selected to 2002 Arizona All State Orchestra, April, 2002
- Received "Gold Award" (Div. I), "Adjudicator's Award", "Outstanding Instrumental Group", and "Outstanding Instrumental Program" at Anaheim Heritage Festival, April, 2002.
- In March 2002, the Highland Symphony was rated "Superior with Distinction" at the ABODA Area Concert Festival – an award given to only 18 groups out of 150 statewide.
- The Highland Symphony releases their first CD on November 1, 2002.
- On December 1, 2002, the Highland Symphonic Strings make their debut at the world renowned Carnegie Hall in New York City to a sold out house and enthusiastic response from the audience. They are the first high school orchestra from the State of Arizona, and the first music group from Gilbert to perform on this well known stage.

2003

- Clinic Orchestra for E. Daniel Long at AMEA State Conference, January, 2003
- 23 students selected to 2003 Arizona Central Regional Orchestra, February, 2003
- 9 students selected to 2003 Arizona All State Orchestra, April 2003
- The Highland Symphony releases their second CD, entitled Jubilee, on December 1, 2003.

2004

- 20 members of Symphony string section featured in concert with New York composer Daniel Roumain at Gammage Auditorium in Tempe.
- 20 students selected to 2004 Arizona Central Regional Orchestra, February, 2004
- 7 students selected to 2004 Arizona All State Orchestra, April 2004

- The Highland Orchestras release their third CD, (the first one that features all four orchestras) on December 1, 2004

2005

- 17 students selected to 2005 Arizona Central Regional Orchestra, February, 2005
- 4 students selected to 2005 Arizona All State Orchestra, April 2005
- 2 students selected to perform with the 2005 National High School Honors Orchestra, sponsored by ASTA with NSOA, in Reno NV.
- The Highland Orchestras release their fourth CD, Voyage, featuring all four orchestras on December 1, 2005

2006

- 17 students selected to 2006 Arizona Central Regional Orchestra, February, 2006
- 3 students selected to 2006 Arizona All State Orchestra, April 2006
- Highland Symphony receives the highest score of the festival (97.3) at the San Diego World of Music Festival, April, 2006. Highland HS music department named Sweepstakes winner for the festival.
- The Highland Orchestras release their fifth CD, An Evening at the Symphony, featuring all four orchestras on December 1, 2006.

2007

- Highland Symphonic Strings give featured performance at 2007 AMEA State Conference, January 12, 2007.
- 17 students selected to 2007 Arizona Central Regional Orchestra, February, 2007
- 5 students selected to 2007 Arizona All State Orchestra, March, 2007
- The Highland Orchestras release their sixth CD, Choreography, on September 1, 2007.
- The Highland HS Symphonic Strings become the first performing group ever from Arizona to perform for a second time at the Midwest International Band & Orchestra Clinic in Chicago, IL. (This is the premier performance venue for high school bands and orchestras.) Their Midwest concert includes the world premiere of the work Ghosts of Brandenburg, commissioned specifically for this performance by the nationally known composer Richard Meyer.

2008

- 18 students selected to 2008 Arizona Central Regional Orchestra, February, 2008
- 8 students selected to 2008 Arizona All State Orchestra, March, 2008
- 4 students selected to perform with the 2008 National High School Honors Orchestra, sponsored by ASTA, in Albuquerque, NM.
- The 2008/2009 school year marks the addition of a fifth orchestra, Sinfonia, due to the tremendous growth in the size and scope of the Highland Orchestra Program.
- The Highland Orchestras release their seventh CD, Ghosts of Midwest, on December 1, 2008.

2009

- 22 students selected to 2009 Arizona Central Regional Orchestra, February, 2009
- 5 students selected to 2009 Arizona All State Orchestra, March, 2009
- The internationally known string group Barrage performs to a sold out auditorium in October, 2009. The Highland Symphonic Strings perform with them that evening. The director and cast of Barrage state that they have not performed with a high school group of this talent level in years.

- Due to unprecedented demand, The Highland HS Orchestras perform their December holiday concert, Home for the Holidays, on two consecutive nights, performing to sold out crowds both nights.
- The Highland Orchestras release their eighth CD, Suite Concertante, on December 1, 2009.

2010

- 21 students selected to 2010 Arizona Central Regional Orchestra, February, 2010.

- The Highland Orchestra program has grown from 70 students in three orchestras in the fall of 1993 to over 270 students in five orchestras in the spring of 2010.

- The Highland Symphony has received Superior (Div. I) ratings at all festivals entered since the school opened in 1993 – including Arizona Band & Orchestra Directors Association (ABODA) Fall Orchestra Festivals, Area & State Concert Festivals.

- The Highland Sinfonia, Chamber Orchestra and Concert Orchestra (training ensembles for the Highland Symphony) have consistently received Superior (Div. I) ratings at all festivals entered since their inception.



Mesquite High School Band Program

Ron André & Sean Dennison - Directors

Mesquite High School is the third high school to open in the Gilbert Public School District. The philosophy of the band program at Mesquite High School is to give all band students a wide variety of musical experiences.

The program is comprised of three concert bands that run year-round and a competitive marching band in the fall semester. In the spring semester, students have the opportunity to participate in two sections of jazz band and a full symphony orchestra. Mesquite also has a winterguard and 2 indoor drumlines that compete in the spring. Students are encouraged to participate in multiple ensembles whenever possible. Even in its early history, the Mesquite High School Band Program has established a strong tradition of excellence.

1998-1999 Accomplishments

Marching Band:

ASU Band Day -	Superior Rating
Chandler Festival -	Excellent Rating
State Marching Festival -	Excellent Rating

Concert Bands:

EAC Concert Festival -	Concert Band I, Superior Rating
	Concert Band II, Excellent Rating

Jazz Bands:

Mountainside Jazz Festival -	Jazz Band I, Excellent Rating
	Jazz Band II, Excellent Rating

1999-2000 Accomplishments

Marching Band:

ASU Band Day -	Excellent Rating
Chandler Festival -	Excellent Rating
State Marching Festival -	Excellent Rating

Concert Bands:

Area Concert Festival -	Symphonic Band, Superior w/Distinction Rating
State Concert Festival -	Symphonic Band, Excellent Rating

Jazz Bands:

Mountainside Jazz Festival - Jazz Band I, Excellent Rating
 Jazz Band II, Good Rating

Winterguard:

Gilbert Invitational - Superior Rating

Indoor Drumline:

Gilbert Invitational - Superior Rating

2000-2001 Accomplishments**Marching Band:**

U of A Band Day - Superior Rating
 Marcos De Niza Festival - Superior Rating
 Music, Visual, Drum Majors, Drumline Caption Awards
 Southwest Regional Tournament - Sweepstakes Winner
 2nd Place Percussion, 3rd Place Colorguard
 State Marching Festival - Excellent Rating

Concert Bands:

Area Concert Festival - Wind Ensemble, Superior Rating
 Symphonic Band, Excellent Rating
 Concert Band, Excellent Rating
 State Concert Festival - Wind Ensemble, Excellent Rating
 Symphonic Band, Excellent Rating

Jazz Bands:

Mountainside Jazz Festival - Jazz Band I, Excellent Rating

Winterguard:

Gilbert Invitational - Superior Rating
 WGAZ Championships - Excellent Rating

Indoor Drumline:

Gilbert Invitational - Superior Rating
 WGAZ Championships - Excellent Rating

2001-2002 Accomplishments**Marching Band:**

ASU Band Day - Superior Rating
 Gilbert Festival - Superior Rating
 Drumline Caption Award
 Marcos De Niza Festival - Superior Rating
 Music, Visual, Drum Majors, Caption Awards
 State Marching Festival - Superior w/Distinction Rating
 Music, Visual, Drum Majors, Drumline, Guard Caption Awards

Concert Bands:

Area Concert Festival - Wind Ensemble, Excellent Rating
 Symphonic Band, Excellent Rating
 Concert Band, Good Rating
 World of Music Festival - Wind Ensemble, 2nd Place

Jazz Bands:

Mountainside Jazz Festival - Jazz Band I, Excellent Rating

Winterguards (Blue & Silver):

Gilbert Invitational - Excellent Ratings
 Coronado Invitational - Superior Ratings
 WGAZ Championships - Superior Ratings

Indoor Drumline:

Sabino Invitational - Good Rating
 Gilbert Invitational - Excellent Rating
 Coronado Invitational - Excellent Rating
 WGAZ Championships - Excellent Rating

2002-2003 Accomplishments**Marching Band:**

ASU Band Day - Excellent Rating
 Gilbert Festival - Superior Rating
 Guard Caption Award
 Highland Festival - Superior Rating
 Marcos De Niza Festival - Superior Rating
 Percussion, Drum Majors, Caption Awards
 State Marching Festival - Excellent Rating
 Music, Visual, Drum Majors, Drumline, Guard Caption Awards

Concert Bands:

Area Concert Festival - Wind Ensemble, Superior Rating
 Symphonic Band, Excellent Rating
 State Concert Festival - Wind Ensemble, Excellent Rating

Winterguard:

Deer Valley Invitational - Good Rating
 MX Invitational - Excellent Rating
 WGASC Las Vegas - 2nd Place
 WGAZ Championships - Superior Rating

Indoor Drumline:

Deer Valley Invitational - Good Rating
 MX Invitational - Excellent Rating
 WGI Las Vegas - Finalist
 WGAZ Championships - Excellent Rating

2003-2004 Accomplishments**Marching Band:**

ASU Band Day - Excellent Rating
 U of A Band Day - Excellent Rating
 Highland Festival - Superior Rating
 AZPAS - Superior Rating
 Tenor Caption Award
 Las Vegas Invitational - Finalist
 State Marching Festival - Excellent Rating

Concert Bands:

Area Concert Festival - Wind Ensemble, Excellent Rating

Symphonic Winds, Excellent Rating

Winterguard:

WGAZ Championships - State Runner-Ups

Indoor Drumline:

WGAZ Championships - Superior Rating

2004-2005 Accomplishments

Marching Band:

ASU Band Day - Excellent Rating
Highland Festival - Superior Rating
Goldwater Festival - Excellent Rating
NAU Band Day - Superior Rating
Music, Visual, Drumline, Guard Caption Awards
State Marching Festival - Excellent Rating
Music, Visual, Drumline, Guard Caption Awards

Concert Bands:

Area Concert Festival - Wind Ensemble, Superior Rating
Symphonic Winds, Excellent Rating
State Concert Festival - Wind Ensemble, Excellent Rating
Symphonic Winds, Excellent Rating

Winterguard:

WGAZ Championships - Scholastic A State Champions

Indoor Drumline:

WGAZ Championships - Superior Rating
Recipient: Shawn Patrick Reidy Award

2005-2006 Accomplishments

Marching Band:

ASU Band Day - Superior Rating
AZPAS - Superior Rating
Snare, Tenor and Cymbal Caption Awards
Goldwater Festival - Excellent Rating
Drumline Caption Award
Peoria Festival - Excellent Rating
Music, Marching, Guard, Drumline Caption Awards
State Marching Festival - Superior w/Distinction Rating
Music, Marching, Guard, Drumline Caption Awards

Concert Bands:

AREA Concert Festival - Wind Ensemble, Excellent Rating
Symphonic Winds, Excellent Rating
State Concert Festival - Symphonic Winds, Excellent Rating

Indoor Drumline:

WGAZ State Finals - Scholastic A State Champions
Recipient: Shawn Patrick Reidy Award

2006-2007 Accomplishments

Marching Band:

ASU Band Day -	Superior Rating
AZPAS -	Superior Rating
NAU Band Day -	Excellent Rating
	Music, Drumline Caption Awards
State Marching Festival -	Superior w/Distinction Rating
	Guard, Drumline Caption Awards

Concert Bands:

AREA Concert Festival -	Wind Ensemble, Superior Rating
	Symphonic Winds, Excellent Rating
State Concert Festival -	Wind Ensemble, Superior Rating
	Symphonic Winds, Excellent Rating

2007-2008 Accomplishments**Marching Band:**

ASU Band Day -	Superior Rating
AZPAS -	Superior Rating
	Cymbal and Bass Drum Caption Awards
State Marching Festival -	Superior w/Distinction Rating
	Music, Marching, Guard, Drumline Caption Awards

Concert Bands:

AREA Concert Festival -	Wind Ensemble, Superior w/Distinction Rating
	Symphonic Winds, Excellent Rating
Heritage Festival -	Wind Ensemble, 2 nd Place

Winterguard:

WGAZ Championships -	Scholastic A State Champions
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Indoor Drumline:

WGAZ Championships -	Scholastic A State Champions
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2008-2009 Accomplishments**Marching Band:**

ASU Band Day -	Superior Rating
	Percussion Caption Award
AZPAS -	Superior Rating
	Snare, Cymbal and Bass Drum Caption Awards
State Marching Festival -	Superior w/Distinction Rating
	Music, Marching, Guard, Drumline and GE Caption Awards

Concert Bands:

AMEA State Conference -	Wind Ensemble Special Performance
AREA Concert Festival -	Wind Ensemble, Superior w/Distinction Rating
	Symphonic Winds, Excellent Rating
State Concert Festival -	Wind Ensemble, Superior w/Distinction Rating
	Symphonic Winds, Superior Rating

Winterguard:

WGI Phoenix -	3 rd Place
WGAZ Championships -	Scholastic A State Runner-ups

Indoor Drumline:

WGI Phoenix -

Finalist

2009-2010 Accomplishments

Marching Band:

AZPAS -

Superior Rating

Tenor and Snare Caption Awards

NAU Band Day -

Superior w/Distinction Rating

GE, Marching, Guard Caption Awards

State Marching Festival -

Superior w/Distinction Rating

MESQUITE JUNIOR HIGH SCHOOL:

1993-94:

2 individual ratings of Superior, 1 individual rating of Excellent @ State Solo/Ensemble Festival
2 students selected to Arizona JH All-State Band
8th Grade Band received Superior Rating @ State Contest

GILBERT JUNIOR HIGH SCHOOL:

1994-95:

3 individual ratings of Superior, 4 individual ratings of Excellent @ State Solo/Ensemble Festival
2 students selected to Arizona JH All-State Band
Jazz Band received Unanimous Superior Rating At ABODA Jazz Festival
8th Grade Band received Superior Rating @ ABODA State Contest

1995-96:

1 individual rating of Superior, 2 individual ratings of Excellent @ State Solo/Ensemble Festival
3 students selected to Arizona JH All-State Band
Jazz Band received Unanimous Superior Rating At ABODA Jazz Festival
7th Grade Band received Excellent Rating @ State Contest
8th Grade Band received Unanimous Superior Rating @ State Contest

1996-97:

4 individual ratings of Superior, 4 individual ratings of Excellent @ State Solo/Ensemble Festival
3 students selected to Arizona JH All-State Band
Jazz Band received Unanimous Superior Rating At ABODA Jazz Festival
7th Grade Band received Excellent Rating @ State Contest
8th Grade Band received Unanimous Superior Rating @ State Contest

1997-98:

8 individual ratings of Superior, 11 individual ratings of Excellent @ State Solo/Ensemble Festival
3 students selected to Arizona JH All-State Band
Jazz Band received Unanimous Superior Rating At ABODA Jazz Festival
7th Grade Band received Superior Rating @ State Contest
8th Grade Band received Unanimous Superior Rating @ State Contest

HIGHLAND JUNIOR HIGH SCHOOL:

1998-99:

17 individual ratings of Superior, 14 individual ratings of Excellent @ State Solo/Ensemble Festival
3 students selected to Arizona JH All-State Band
Jazz Band received Unanimous Superior Rating At ABODA Jazz Festival
7th Grade Band received Superior Rating @ State Contest
8th Grade Band received Superior With Distinction Rating @ State Contest

1999-2000:

23 individual ratings of Superior, 19 individual ratings of Excellent @ State Solo/Ensemble Festival
3 students selected to Arizona JH All-State Band
Jazz Band received Unanimous Superior Rating At ABODA Jazz Festival
7th Grade Band received Superior Rating @ State Contest
8th Grade Band received Superior With Distinction Rating @ State Contest

2000-01:

30 individual ratings of Superior, 34 individual ratings of Excellent @ State Solo/Ensemble Festival
3 students selected to Arizona JH All-State Band
HHS Marching Band in Pasadena Tournament of Roses Parade
Jazz Band Invited to Phoenix College Jazz Invitational - Superior Rating

2000-01:

30 individual ratings of Superior, 34 individual ratings of Excellent @ State Solo/Ensemble Festival
3 students selected to Arizona JH All-State Band
HHS Marching Band in Pasadena Tournament of Roses Parade
Jazz Band Invited to Phoenix College Jazz Invitational - Superior Rating
7th Grade Band#1 received Excellent Rating @ State Contest
7th Grade Band #2 received Excellent Rating @ State Contest
8th Grade Band received Unanimous Superior Rating @ State Contest

2001-02:

54 individual ratings of Superior, 33 individual ratings of Excellent @ State Solo/Ensemble Festival
3 students selected to Arizona JH All-State Band
Jazz Band invited to Phoenix College Jazz Invitational - Superior Rating
8th Grade Band received Superior Rating @ State Contest

2002-03:

44 individual ratings of Superior, 22 individual ratings of Excellent @ State Solo/Ensemble Festival
3 students selected to Arizona JH All-State Band
Jazz Band invited to Phoenix College Jazz Invitational
8th Grade Band received Superior With Distinction Rating @ State Contest

2003-04:

3 students selected to Arizona JH All-State Band
Jazz Band invited to Phoenix College Jazz Invitational
8th Grade Band received Superior With Distinction Rating @ State Contest

2004-05:

HHS Marching Band in the Macy's Thanksgiving Day Parade
40 individual ratings of Superior, 21 individual ratings of Excellent @ State Solo/Ensemble Festival
3 students selected to Arizona JH All-State Band
7th Grade Jazz Band Created
7th and 8th Grade Jazz Bands invited to Phx. College Jazz Invitational
8th Grade Band received Superior With Distinction Rating @ State Contest

2005-06:

39 individual ratings of Superior, 7 individual ratings of Excellent, 1 individual rating of Good @ State S/E Festival
3 students selected to Arizona JH All-State Band
7th and 8th Grade Jazz Bands invited to Phx. College Jazz Invitational
8th Grade Band received Superior With Distinction Rating @ State Contest

2006-07:

34 individual ratings of Superior, 16 individual ratings of Excellent, 3 individual ratings of Good @ State S/E Festival

3 students selected to Arizona JH All-State Band
7th and 8th Grade Jazz Bands invited to Phx. College Jazz Invitational
8th Grade Band received Superior With Distinction Rating @ State Contest

2007-08:

41 individual ratings of Superior, 14 individual ratings of Excellent, 4 individual ratings of Good @ State S/E Festival

3 students selected to Arizona JH All-State Band
7th and 8th Grade Jazz Bands invited to Phx. College Jazz Invitational
8th Grade Band received Superior With Distinction Rating @ State Contest

2008-09:

23 individual ratings of Superior, 8 individual ratings of Excellent @ State Solo/Ensemble Festival

3 students selected to Arizona JH All-State Band
7th and 8th Grade Jazz Bands invited to Phx. College Jazz Invitational
8th Grade Band received Superior With Distinction Rating @ State Contest

HIGHLAND HIGH SCHOOL CHOIR

The Highland choir has 210 students currently enrolled

The Highland ADVANCED VOCAL ENSEMBLE has received Superior Ratings (DIVISION 1) at the NAU Jazz/Madrigal Festival every year since 1993

The Highland CONCERT CHOIR has received Superior Ratings (DIVISION 1) at the state festival every year since 1993

1997

8 students in the Central Regional Choir

2 students in the All State Jazz Choir

4 students in the All State Choir

Superior rating at the Festival of Gold

Released "Winter Solstice" CD

Featured on Santa Barbara Music Press Promotional CD

1998

4 students selected to the AZ All State Jazz Choir

13 students selected to the Central Regional Choir

8 students selected to the Az. All State Choir

Concert Choir selected to perform at the prestigious National Music Educators Convention March 2008

Concert Choir selected to perform at the Az. Music Educators state Conference

1999

3 students selected to the All State Jazz Choir

10 students selected to the Central Regional Choir

3 students selected to the All State choir

Superior Rating Heritage Festival

2000

Selected for National recording of acappella choirs

8 students selected to Central Region Choir

3 students selected to All State Jazz Choir

3 students selected to All State Choir

Superior Rating NAU Jazz/ Madrigal Festival

2001

3 Students selected to the All State Jazz Choir

10 students selected to the Central Regional Choir

4 students selected to the All State Choir

Superior Rating NAU Jazz/Madrigal Festival

2002

5 students selected to the All State Jazz Choir

10 students selected to the Central Regional Choir

7 students selected to the All State Choir

Received Gold Award (Division 1) and Choral Adjudicators Award for Outstanding Choral Group
Heritage Festival, Anaheim

Superior Rating NAU Jazz/Madrigal Festival

Advanced Women's Chorale selected to perform at the Az Music Educators Conference

2003

4 students Selected to the All State Jazz Choir

13 students selected to the Central Regional Choir

10 students selected to the AZ All State Choir

Concert Choir selected as in of 6 choir nationally to perform at Orchestra Hall, Chicago Illinois, National Heritage Festival April 2003

Concert Choir selected to perform at the State Music Educators Conference January 2003

Superior Rating NAU Jazz/ Madrigal Festival

2004

5 students selected to the Arizona All Sate Jazz Choir

12 students selected to the Central Region Choir

8 students selected to the AZ All State Choir

Superior Rating NAU Jazz/ Madrigal Festival

2005

2 students selected to the Az All State Jazz Choir

9 students selected to the Central Region Choir

5 students selected to the All State Choir

Superior Rating NAU Jazz/Madrigal Festival

2006

3 students selected to AZ. All State Jazz Choir

16 students selected to the Central Region Choir

6 students selected to the AZ. All State Choir

Superior Rating World of Music Festival San Diego CA. April

HHS Music Department named Sweepstakes winner for the festival

Superior Rating NAU Jazz/Madrigal Festival

2007

4 students selected to Az All State Jazz Choir

17 students selected to Central Region Choir

5 students selected to the Az All State Choir

Concert Choir one of 4 high School nationally selected to perform at Carnegie Hall

Superior Rating NAU Jazz/Madrigal Festival

2008

7 students selected to the AZ All State Jazz Choir

14 students selected to the Central Region Choir

8 students selected to the All State Choir

Concert Choir Selected for demonstration choir for sight-reading clinic for the Az. Music Educators Conference

Superior Rating NAU Jazz/Madrigal Festival

Superior Rating Heritage Festival Of Gold

2009

4 students selected to the Az. All State Jazz Choir

17 students elected to eh Central Region Choir

6 students selected to the All State Choir

Advanced Women's Chorale selected to perform at the AZ Music Educators Conference
Concert Choir and Advanced Vocal Ensemble received Superior Rating at the Fame Festival, LA, CA.
Superior Rating NAU Jazz/Madrigal Festival

2010

3 students selected to the Az All State Jazz Choir

13 students selected to the Central Region Choir

Superior Rating NAU Jazz/Madrigal Festival

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Mesquite High Orchestra

Strolling Strings- featured performance group at Disney festival of honor in Florida, on news channel 3 featured performance group 3 times. Performed for Governor Janet Napolitano Inauguration, performed for Grammy Award Winning Mark O'Connor reception, Performance at Arizona State Federal Courthouse, Performance at Biltmore for Phoenix Symphony Gala Ball Fundraiser. Performance at AMEA state conference as session group performance. Actively performs around community and beyond for parties, receptions, and other special events.

MHS Orchestras- Earned Excellent, Superior, and Superior with Distinction Awards at Fall Orchestra Festival, Area Concert Festival, and State Concert Festivals for last eleven years. 1st place awards at Music in the park and other festivals in California 1999-2007. Symphonic Strings won 2nd place at NAU Blue Sky Orchestra Competition, won Grand Champion Performance group, 1st place Symphony Orchestra, Overall Judges Favorite, and top performance group of festival at Heritage Festival of Gold in 2008. Selected and awarded Arizona Music Educators Association Honor Performance as String Group in 2009. Selected and Awarded as a performance group at the National Band and Orchestra festival in Carnegie Hall, NYC this April. Performance on Good Morning News Channel 3 last month promoting string group and district music programs. One of highest producing number of Regional Honor orchestra participants in region and state, actively involved with ASU, NAU, and UNM school of music faculty as partnering with recruitment, retention, and clinics.

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2008 Scottsdale Concert Band Festival - FFE 6th Grade Band - Superior w/Distinction

2006 (might have been 2005) Phoenix College Jazz Festival - SSE 6th Grade Jazz Band - Non-Graded Festival, one hour performance/clinic with nationally recognized jazz performer/educator, one hour sectional workshops, listened to advanced college and high school groups. We were the only elementary level group at the festival. We composed our own jazz tune in preparation and performed it there, all solos (many) were improvised. The clinician told us that while our technique might not be at the level of the high school and college groups they heard that day, our "concept of jazz and improvisation" was actually ahead of some of the groups. He told us that, because of the things that we were doing and the enthusiasm we had for it, we were his favorite group of the day. It was an extremely positive experience.