

NORTH VANCOUVER YOUTH BAND PROGRAM

Beginner Band

Offered to students in grades four or higher and to exceptional grade three students.

Focuses on the development of the basic techniques needed for performance on wind and percussion instruments. After one year, most students are ready to enter the Junior Band.

Junior Band

Members have had at least one year of instruction on their instrument, and are familiar with basic rhythm patterns, basic time signatures and basic key signatures and can play at least a one-octave scale up and down.

They are soon ready to play band repertoire at the grade 1 to 1.5 level.

Most students in this band are in grade five or six, although the band sometimes includes older students with some band experience and those learning a second instrument.

Junior Band members are introduced to the skills of marching during the regular 2010-2011 program.

Senior Band

Members are capable of playing challenging music and are able to play major, minor, and chromatic scales from two to three octaves up and down and can execute different styles of phrasing and articulation. They are familiar with complex time and key signatures and are able to play syncopation.

Most participants in this band are in high school or beyond, or have played at least three to five years.

The band plays traditional band music as well as popular favourites and during the 2010-2011 year will participate in parades and concerts.

Performance Band (2010-2011 Program)

As the official band of the City and District of North Vancouver the band performs at civic ceremonies and parades. It has toured within the Province as well as nationally and internationally. The NVYB was proud to open the North Vancouver Olympic Torch Ceremony in 2010.