



## Rochester City School District/ Eastman Pathways Student Give-Back Options

Students who participate in Eastman Pathways have traditionally been required to give-back to the Rochester City School District by participating in the Annual Citywide Concert. Since the Citywide Concert format has changed, it has become increasingly difficult to provide a meaningful opportunity for all Eastman Pathways students to participate. It has been agreed upon that Eastman Pathways students will be given the choice to participate in at least one ensemble from a list provided by the RCSD's Director of Arts. In order to ensure that student participation in an approved ensemble is properly documented, students are asked to make a decision by November 17, 2017 and email [jangus@esm.rochester.edu](mailto:jangus@esm.rochester.edu), [dominic.pickard@rcsdk12.org](mailto:dominic.pickard@rcsdk12.org), and [kelly.follman@rcsdk12.org](mailto:kelly.follman@rcsdk12.org) their selection. Because the level of commitment in each ensemble varies, attendance requirements will also vary based on the time commitment.

**Please read the choices below to select a Rochester City School District/ Eastman Pathways Student Give- Back Option.**

**Citywide Concert:** 2017-2018's Citywide Concert will feature Strings. Students who choose this option will perform in a full orchestra, which includes woodwinds, brass, percussion and piano. Rehearsals are May 9, 11 & 14 from 3:30 – 6:00. The Concert is May 14 from 6:00 – 8:30. Attendance at all rehearsals and the concert is mandatory.

Dr. John Fetter, Professor at Eastman School of Music, will be conducting. Eastman Pathways String students are required to participate in the Citywide Concert. Because it is a full orchestra, other instrumentalists are welcome to participate and fill out the full orchestra instrumentation.

**RCSD Districtwide Marching Band:** The Marching Band practices throughout the school year on Saturdays at East High School from 9:00 -12:00. Performances are scheduled primarily on weekends. Students may participate on their primary instrument or a secondary. Students may also choose to participate as a member of the Color Guard. It is encouraged to attend all rehearsals, however absences are excused when notice is provided to the Marching Band Director (Ms. Fox). If special attendance accommodations are required, please contact [dominic.pickard@rcsdk12.org](mailto:dominic.pickard@rcsdk12.org) and [rebecca.fox@rcsdk12.org](mailto:rebecca.fox@rcsdk12.org) to discuss.

**RCSD Districtwide Theatre Program:** The Districtwide Theatre Program will be performing Disney's Beauty and the Beast. Rehearsals will begin February 28 and run through April 18. Rehearsals will be from 5:00 – 7:00. Rehearsal Dates (Feb 28; March 2, 7, 9, 14, 16, 21, 23, 28, 28; April 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 16, 17, 18). Performances are scheduled for April 19 (9:00 am & 11:30 pm), April 20 (6:30 pm) and April 21 (6:30 pm). Students may participate in any of the acting roles (all require singing), as a member of the set and stage crew, or support with the piano (piano students only). Participation in this ensemble will require full participation in all rehearsals, except for absences that are discussed and agreed upon between students and the Theatre Program Director (Ms. Harding). If special attendance accommodations are required, please contact [dominic.pickard@rcsdk12.org](mailto:dominic.pickard@rcsdk12.org) and [taylor.harding@rcsdk12.org](mailto:taylor.harding@rcsdk12.org) to discuss.

**Arts Education Open House:** April 26 from 5:00 – 7:00. Students will perform solo at a yet to be determined location at Central Office to support district students while their families view their artwork.

**District Celebrations and Ceremonies:** Throughout the 2017-2018 school year, the RCSD will host a variety of Celebrations and Ceremonies (Winter Graduation, Transfer of Flags, Various Family Events, etc.). Students who choose this option will need to be able to perform the Star Spangled Banner and Lift Every Voice solo or with a small ensemble (vocal or instrumental). Some opportunities may arise for students to perform music of their choice solo or with a small ensemble. Dates will be provided as soon as they are made available. Students who play brass instruments may perform processional music (Pomp and Circumstance and a march) with the faculty brass ensemble. Rehearsals are scheduled on member availability.