

Michigan High School Initiative

Beginning with the 2007-08 school year, all freshmen are required to pass all aspects of the Michigan High School Initiative curriculum in order to receive a Michigan high school diploma. In Jenison, the music portion of the initiative (for all band, choir, and orchestra students) has three required components: (1) an “end of the year” playing or singing evaluation, (2) a concert evaluation, and (3) a music theory test. Students must receive an overall 70% in order to receive their Fine Arts Credit in Music. The requirements specific to Choir are:

PART 1: End of the Year Solo (50% of the MHSI Music Dept. Fine Arts Requirement): Please see “Year End Solo Guidelines” online at <www.jenisonchoirs.org> for details.

PART 2: Concert Evaluation (20% of the Requirement): There is a debriefing with the various choirs during their respective classes following every major performance. This evaluation may be oral or written, or a combination of the two. For those who wish to “comp out” of the MHSI requirement, a written concert evaluation is required. Please see Mr. Rowsey for details.

PART 3: Music Theory Test (30% of the Requirement): A 50-question multiple choice music theory test that tests basic knowledge of the structure and function of musical concepts will be administered the Thursday after Spring Break in all entry level performance ensembles, as well as those groups that contain Freshmen. Students who double in music will take the test in their first music class of the day.