

## **Why is our music program at Eureka Public Schools worth having?**

Students who study music tend to have fewer discipline problems.

Students who study music experience higher test scores, particularly in math, reading, and writing and have higher grades overall.

Students who study music are more skilled in creativity and expressiveness.

Students who study music have more refined planning and sequencing skills, and have better time management skills.

Students who study music tend to be more self-confident and open-minded.

Students who study music tend to stay in school and not drop out. (This is a big one....)

Students who study music tend to have success in college.

Students who study music often positively affect the relationships with their families and social circles.

**Donations to the music program:** All donations by check made to the music program should be made out to Eureka Public Schools, PO Box 2000, Eureka MT 59917. Attn: Shelly Clark. If the donor has a specific request for how the funds are used, a letter accompanying the check explaining the request would be most helpful. Contact: Shelly Clark, 406.291.9860.

Band members grades 5-12: approximately 100 students

Choir members grades 6-12: approximately 90 students

About 60% of HS music students prepare and participate in District Solo/Ensemble festival each year.

About 40% of those students advance to State Solo/Ensemble.

Ten or more events produced by the Eureka Public Schools music program use the auditorium each year.

Eureka hosts the Northwest Montana Choral Express Festival every three years, inviting 100+ student vocalists from all high schools in Lincoln and Sanders County.