



Performing Arts

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From the Students



MUSIC IN OUR SCHOOLS MONTH

What better way to end Music In Our Schools Month than to hear what music means to our students, from our students! Fargo Public Schools' students were asked to respond to the prompt, *"When I'm in music class I feel ..."*

Here are some of their responses:

- "...happy. I am filled with joy when I enter the room."
- "...respected and calm."
- "...excited. It is super fun hearing how we improve."
- "...joyful!"
- "...happy. I feel happy that I get to do something that I love."
- "...at peace. I feel creative in choir as well because I get to use my abilities in a different way than any other classroom."
- "...like I am contributing to something more than myself."
- "...energized."
- "...like it's worth the hard work and will open larger windows of opportunity later in life."
- "...impassioned."
- "...like I am part of a group, and we work hard together to achieve our goals."
- "...inspired and welcomed."
- "...like I am part of a large group all working towards our goal."
- "...mindful."
- "...calmed and relaxed."
- "...welcome. And feel like I belong."
- "...proud and joyful. I'm happy that my friends and I are contributing to this big, beautiful sound that we call music. There are many times when I play a piece in band, or sing a song for our musical, that I just get chills because of how the music we make can have such



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emotion and beauty. I love music because it makes me feel like I'm on a team that is very proud of what we do!"

- "...like I'm in a close environment with people I can trust."
- "...eager to perform and ready to work."
- "...like I'm in a really safe space."
- "...capable."
- "...calm and music helps me feel passionate and strong."
- "...like I am able to be me and let my emotions out."
- "...normal, like myself."
- "...safe and comfortable."
- "...free and I am able to express my feelings when I sing and dance."
- "...relaxed."
- "...calm and happy to compose music myself."
- "...creative. My mind starts creating this world based on the piece and every time I go there by listening to the work, I feel like I add more to it. It feels like I'm creating a music video in my head and it helps me put more emotion into my music. Whether I'm playing my oboe with my band in the streets of Louisiana, running through the rolling landscape of Oz, or simply creating a Jackson Pollock piece with complex harmonies and bright colors, music makes me feel alive, empowered, strong, and elated."
- "...like my ears are happy and I get to make noise."
- "...like it helps me with other subjects."
- "...free. I absolutely love the magic of classical music. It is so amazing!"
- "... like I am able to concentrate and it helps me feel calm."
- "... like I can let go of my emotions."
- "...calm. It helps me solve some problems and see my future."
- "...a love for singing and playing instruments. I'm able to have fun and it helps me study."
- "...creative."
- "...like it's fun to learn."
- "...like I'm in control of the music I'm making."
- "...like I am learning more about myself and music."
- "...proud. I am able to recreate something and I'm able to say I did that."
- "...accomplished."
- "...that feeling when you play through a piece and get it all correct."



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- “...free to be my true self. Expressing myself through music and collaborating with my peers brings light into my day and helps distract me from the daily stresses being a student brings. Without my music classes, I wouldn’t have the friends, bonds, memories, or life lessons and skills I have today. Music class is truly a blessing and a vital part of the education and lives of many students like myself. While playing my instrument, I feel limitless and connected with my peers in a different way.”
- “...creative. I have the opportunity to create something beautiful with my classmates.”
- “...a sense of community within the band and pride that we are all making excellent music.”
- “...like I can be in this room full of amazing people and make music, knowing I will not be judged.”
- “...everything.”

