

PAAAS Department of Bands Biographical Info:

Mission Statement:

The Plainfield Academy for the Arts and Advanced Studies (PAAAS) Department of Bands is dedicated to excellence in musical performance, quality of character, and achievement in academics. The ultimate goal of the PAAAS Music Department is to not only prepare the student for a post-secondary education but also prepare him/her to be a responsible, productive, and self-sufficient adult. This is facilitated through the student's participation in one or more of the various performance organizations in the PAAAS Music Department. By consistently giving our personal and collective best, we will continually raise the standards of each student, maximizing the total potential of our performing ensembles and achieving a sense of continuous success.

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The PAAAS band program consists of the PAAAS Art Ensemble, the PAAAS Art Project (a jazz combo), the award winning PAAAS Wind Ensemble, the PHS Concert Bands, and several chamber ensembles. The Music Showcase Festival and the Union County Teen Arts Festival have consistently rated PAAAS bands and ensembles superior in performance. The Art Ensemble earned first place and best overall performance in the 2013, 2014, 2015, and 2022 Music in the Park Band Festival. The PAAAS Art Ensemble earned a superior rating at the 2017 NJ Statewide Teen Arts Festival. Further, several students in the jazz ensemble have been recognized as outstanding soloists in the New Jersey Association for Jazz Education Association's Statewide Final Competition.