

**SCHOOL DISTRICT OF SOUTH ORANGE AND MAPLEWOOD
PUBLIC BOARD MEETING
April 27, 2023**

FOR ACTION

RESOLUTION NUMBER: **4448**

SUBJECT: Approve New Course

BE IT RESOLVED, THAT The Board is being asked to adopt the following new courses:

New Course Name	Department
Music Technology 2	Fine Arts K-12

Background Information

Music Technology 2 (Grades 10-12)

Columbia High School has been offering Music Technology 1 as a semester course for students and the program has grown significantly since the addition of a full-time music technology teacher position in 2020.

Results of “Student Interest Survey” given to Music Tech 1 students (45 students surveyed) revealed that 100% of those students would be interested in enrolling in a Music Tech 2 course if offered at CHS.

Additionally, digital music creation is as important as any other instrument in today’s world, and students need time to develop the skills necessary to succeed in future professional and/or collegiate environments. A creative practice such as music technology and creation has positive mental health and social-emotional benefits on students and can increase overall academic motivation. This course would provide students who don’t play a traditional instrument with access to the arts.

- The skills learned in this class will directly prepare students for careers in the field of music production, sound engineering, and other contemporary music industry jobs.
- Students will have time to learn additional professional-level software not covered in Music Technology 1.
- Music Technology 2 will cover topics that aren’t addressed in Music Technology 1, such as sound design, live sound engineering, mixing and mastering, and long-term collaborative compositions.