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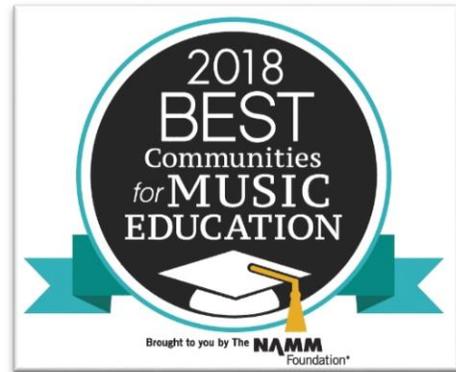


Ephrata Area School District Music Community Recognized Among Best in United States

Ephrata Area School District has been named among the *2018 Best Communities for Music Education* in the United States, according to the National Association of Music Merchants (NAMM) Foundation. Of the more than 13,500 school districts in the United States, 583 districts received this distinction. The District also received this recognition in 2005, 2008, 2010, 2014, 2015, 2016, and 2017.

The *Best Communities for Music Education* designation is awarded to districts that demonstrate outstanding achievement in efforts to provide music access and education to all students.

Ephrata Area School District is one of two Lancaster County districts to receive the distinction via results of an online survey. Survey participants answered detailed questions about the music program, music class participation, instruction time, facilities, funding, graduation requirements, and other relevant factors in school district music education programs.



“It’s a rewarding achievement to be named a *Best Community for Music Education* again in 2018 because it recognizes a collective effort among students and staff. Everyone involved in our music program, at every level District-wide, aspires to provide quality music instruction and demonstrates consistent measures of success through music,” said James Kimmel, District Related Arts Department Supervisor.

“We recognize the value of a strong program for the arts as a key component to inspiring students to be ‘life-ready.’ Any outside acknowledgement like this only confirms that we are on the right track for our students,” commented Dr. Brian Troop, District Superintendent.

Now in its 18th year, the NAMM Foundation recognizes outstanding efforts by teachers, administrators, parents, students, and community leaders who work together to ensure access to music learning for all students as part of the school curriculum.

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