

Yorkville CUSD 115's music education program receives national recognition

Yorkville CUSD 115 has been honored with a 2019 Best Communities for Music Education designation for its outstanding commitment to music education. District 115 is joined by only 13 other school districts in Illinois to receive this designation for demonstrating an exceptionally high commitment and access to music education.

The NAMM Foundation's award program distinguishes Yorkville CUSD 115 as a district that is leading the way with learning opportunities that include music and the arts as significant elements of a well-rounded education for all children.

"We are grateful to our Board of Education for its unwavering support of the fine arts in our district and we applaud the outstanding efforts by our teachers, administrators, parents, students, and community supporters for helping us to realize the Board's vision of music education as an important part of a well-rounded education District 115," said Superintendent Dr. Timothy Shimp. "The extensive participation in our music program is affirmation that our families value this aspect of education."

Now in its 20th year, 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. To qualify for the Best Communities designation, a district must meet certain thresholds regarding funding, graduation requirements, music class participation, instruction time, facilities, support for the music program, and community music-making programs. Responses were verified with school officials and reviewed by the music Research Institute at the University of Kansas.

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