

Indian Trail students attend IGSMMA contest

Indian Trail Junior High School's music program was well-represented at the Illinois Grade School Music Association (IGSMMA) Solo & Ensemble Contest held on Saturday, Feb. 23 at Glenside Middle School in Glendale Heights. The event was an optional enrichment event for choir and orchestra students. The choir had six soloists and 1 ensemble perform. The orchestra had nine soloists and 14 ensembles perform.

Participation in the contest was mandatory for all Indian Trail Band students, with everyone required to prepare and perform a solo. If students were interested, they also had the option to perform in ensembles.

The ITJHS band had 119 soloists perform and 33 students performing in 10 duets, trios, or quartets. Of the soloists, 88 earned Division I ratings (designated as Excellent -- the highest rating they could earn), 37 earned Division II ratings, and four earned Division III ratings. Of the ensembles, nine of the 10 groups earned Division I ratings and 1 earned a Division II.

"We only have two students in the entire band program currently taking private lessons outside of school," said ITJHS band teacher Lawrence Underwood. "Our kids came in before and after school and put in countless hours of practice to get ready for their performances and their hard work really paid off. I could not be more proud of our kids."

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