

# NORTH ALLEGHENY SCHOOLS

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### NA Named Best Community for Music Education

The North Allegheny School District (NASD) is proud to announce that the District has been recognized on the 2009 ‘Best Communities for Music Education’ by the NAMM Foundation, the charitable branch of the association of the international music products industry. This is the second year in a row that the District received this recognition. Only 124 school districts across the U.S. are recognized on the 2009 list. Those included exemplify community commitment to include music education as part of a quality education for all children.

Hundreds of teachers, school and district administrators, school board members, parents and community leaders, representing communities in all 50 states, participated in a web-based survey to apply for consideration for this honor. Districts were measured across a variety of criteria, including programmatic development, curricular offerings, budgetary appropriations, and community involvement. Results were measured proportionally, so that communities of different sizes were compared equally.

Participants in the survey answered detailed questions about funding, enrollment, student/teacher ratios, music class participation, instruction time, facilities, support for the music program, private music lesson participation, and other relevant factors in their communities’ music education programs. The responses were verified with district officials, and the sponsoring organizations reviewed the data.

In conducting the annual survey, the NAMM Foundation is joined by advisory organizations in the fields of music and education: Americans for the Arts, League of American Orchestras, The Mr. Holland’s Opus Foundation, The Metropolitan Opera Guild, Music for All, Music Teachers National Association, National Guild of Community Schools of the Arts, National PTA, Yamaha Corporation of America, and VH1 Save The Music Foundation.

The NAMM Foundation is a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization dedicated to advancing active participation in music-making across the lifespan by supporting scientific research, philanthropic giving and public service programs from the international music products industry. For more information, visit [www.nammfoundation.org](http://www.nammfoundation.org).

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