

For the second consecutive year the [Morton Community Unit School District 709](#) has been selected as a Best Communities for Music Education by the [NAMM Foundation](#).

The award acknowledges our entire music program, kindergarten through 12th grade. Morton CUSD 709 is one of 583 school districts, nationwide, to receive the award. Of the 10 school districts in Illinois to receive the distinction, Morton CUSD 709 is one of only two districts below I-80 to receive the award.

Criteria for this award includes the number of music instructional minutes per week at all grade levels, cross-curricular music integration, district-wide course and performance offerings, levels of advanced degrees held by the music faculty, financial support from the school district, as well as community support and involvement. Morton CUSD 709 is fortunate to have a knowledgeable music faculty serving our dedicated K-12 students backed by a supportive administration and school board.

Morton CUSD 709 is fortunate to have a community that embraces and supports music education in our schools through parent volunteers and booster clubs, the [Morton Fine Arts Association](#), and the [Morton Community Foundation](#). With a focus on developing the whole child, Morton CUSD 709 students benefit artistically, socially, emotionally and academically through their involvement in our music programs.