

## ***An E-mail from Stanford University Regarding the Study of Music Throughout School***

Hello Gregory,

Thank you for your email and inquiry about Stanford.

As you may know, our office uses a holistic evaluation where we look at both quantitative and qualitative factors in making offers of admission. While we ask students to take the most demanding curriculum available, there are many issues taken into consideration. Ultimately, students that find success in our process present a well-rounded file with a healthy mix of advanced coursework and extra-curricular activities (like instrumental music).

Unfortunately, as the search for the formula for success in college admission continues, there tends to be altogether too much emphasis places on the quantitative factors. A high school senior would not necessarily be at a disadvantage if they presented one less AP course while displaying a passion for music or the arts. Stanford in particular seeks to enroll a freshman class that brings to campus a diverse range of interests and talents, academic or otherwise. I can therefore wholeheartedly encourage students to pursue their passion for music while remaining competitive in the college admission process.

Please accept my best wishes as you continue your valuable work.

Kind regards,

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