**Music Appreciation Class Syllabus**

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It is my goal to share my love for music with each of my students. Although there is no public performance associated with the class there will be opportunities for students to share the music they know with the class. I know we will have a great year and I am truly looking forward to incredible things from the students as we grow and work together. Thank you in advance for your encouragement, commitment and support. If you have any questions, please give me a call during my planning time (above) or email me anytime.

**Course Description**

In this class, students will learn the basic fundamentals of music. They will learn how music components such as dynamics, melody, rhythm and harmony are combined to create music of all types. We will be introducing concepts that, hopefully, will contribute to their enjoyment of a wide range of musical styles.

**Materials**

1. Laptop
2. Notebook (Combined with another class is fine)
3. Paper
4. Pencil or Pen

**Evaluation (Grading Policy)**

1. **Minor Grades: 60%**
   1. Assignments
   2. Discussion
2. **Major Grades: 40%**
   1. Quizzes
   2. Presentations
3. **Final Exams: 20%**

**Evaluation (Grading Policy)**

**Late Work (Grading Policy- See RCBOE IHA-R Grading Practices**

Students may have their scores reduced by 5% per school day for a 25% maximum reduction (five school days). ***Late work submitted after the fifth school day will only be accepted at the teacher’s discretion.***

**Make-Up Work (Grading Policy)**

Students are expected to make-up assignments and assessments that were missed due to absence from school. Students are responsible for asking teachers for the make-up work upon returning to class. Make-up work should be completed by the student within the time specified by the teacher

**Relearn and Reassess Plan**

For any major assessments, students will have the opportunity to submit a relearning plan for parent and teacher approval. Upon satisfactory completion of the plan, as determined by the teacher, students will be given a minimum of **ONE** opportunity to be reassessed. Only students scoring below 70 on a major assessment can complete a relearning plan unless exempted with parent approval.

Reassessments may be different from the original.

The reassessment score will replace the original score (the scores will not be averaged).

Reassessments should be completed **within 7 school days** of receiving the original grade. Teachers should have discretion to extend the timeline to address extenuating circumstances.

**Classroom Procedures & Expectations**

The overarching expectation in this class is to represent WAR (Wholehearted, Accountable, Respectful)

Below are the expectations for how to W.A.R. in class!

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| **Wholehearted** | * Students will treat each other, the room and all materials with respect at all times. * Students will be on time to class. |
| **Accountable** | * Seating orders will be assigned during the first week of school. Seating will be done according to teacher choice and can be changed at any time. Students must sit in their assigned seat at all times. * Always be prepared for class |
| **Respectful** | * LISTEN to the teacher at all times. Talking while the teacher is speaking or giving instructions is NEVER appropriate. * No food or drinks allowed in the room. You may bring a water bottle. * No horseplay or vulgarity. Be a good example, others are watching you. |

**See Next Page for Student Contract**

**Music Apprication**

**Student Contract**

I understand that all work should be completed on time. I understand that my teacher may deduct five points per day and communicate this in my Infinite Campus gradebook. I also understand that work turned in after the learning has occurred may not be graded (no more than 5 school days from the due date). I understand that using Artificial Intelligence to complete assignments where I am asked to produce original work will be considered Academic Dishonesty.

Student Signature: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_Date: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

**Parent Contract:** I understand that my child is expected to complete assignments on time. I will

remain in communication with my child’s teacher and monitor missing and late work as noted in Infinite Campus Parent Portal. If my child continues to submit work late, I understand that a parent-teacher conference will be needed to co-develop a plan of action. I understand that my child should not use Artificial Intelligence to complete assignments where students are asked to produce original work.

Parent Signature: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_Date: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

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