



General Music

Mrs. Claitt

Course Syllabus 2025 - 2026

Course Description and Objectives

This course enhances previous course through more in-depth exploration of creating, performing, and responding to music, while connecting the world of music to other areas of learning and personal endeavors.

Textbook

No Textbook is required for this course. All books/resources used will be issued and used in class.

Grading Policy

Minor Grades = 60% (Quizzes, labs, classwork)

Major Grades = 40% (Unit tests, essays, research papers, project-based assignments, and assessments)

Academic Grading Scale

A (90-100) B (80-89) C (75-79) D (70-74) F (below 70)

Academic Dishonesty

The Student Code of Conduct, Rule 1(A)(t), states that no student shall cheat, alter records, plagiarize, receive unauthorized assistance, or assist another in any type of academic dishonesty. When the assignment calls for students to produce original work, students will not use Artificial Intelligence (AI) to generate the assignment for them. Students found to have engaged in academic dishonesty will be subject to disciplinary actions as outlined in the Student Code of Conduct. Additionally, the task may be entered as incomplete, and the student is required to redo the assignment or retake the assessment.



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Relearn & Reassess (R&R Procedures)

After any major assessment, students can submit a relearning plan for parent and teacher approval. Students scoring below 70 on a major assessment should be expected to complete a relearning plan unless exempted with parent approval. Teachers have discretion to determine if R&R opportunities will be given for any minor assessment.

Late Work

Students are expected to submit work on time. Students are expected to submit work on time. Any late work received after the specified deadline will lose 5 points per day that it is late up to 5 days from the due date.

Make-up Work

Students are expected to make-up assignments and assessments 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.

Cell phones

The use of cell phones, electronic communication devices and/or accessories is prohibited for all students at all times during the instructional day, which is defined as the time the student arrives on campus until the end of the school day and/or the time the student leaves campus.

- **First Offense:** The first offense will result in the electronic device being confiscated, to be picked up by the student or parent at the end of the same school day.
- **Second Offense:** The second offense will result in the electronic device being confiscated, to be picked up by the parent on the Friday following confiscation, at the specific time.
- **Third Offense:** The third offense will result in the electronic device being confiscated, to be picked up by the parent on the Friday following confiscation, at the specific time.



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- **Fourth Offense:** The fourth offense and thereafter will result in the electronic device being confiscated for ten (10) school days, and the parent must schedule a conference with an administrator to retrieve the electronic device.

- **Further incidents may result in the student losing the privilege of bringing electronic devices on campus, in-school suspension, out of school suspension, and any other forms of discipline deemed appropriate under the circumstances.**

Classroom Expectations

1. We are Safe
2. We are Kind
3. We are Responsible
4. We are Ready to Learn

Course Materials

- 3-ring binder/folder with pockets.
- Loose leaf Paper and pencil.

Wishlist Items:

- Kleenex
- Hand Sanitizer
- Clorox Wipes

Please refer to the Student Code of Conduct for further guidance on Richmond County School System's policies and procedures.

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CONTRACT AND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF SYLLABUS

Please complete sign the form acknowledging that you have read the class syllabus with your child.

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.

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

My signature below indicates that I have thoroughly read the course syllabus provided during the first week of school. This syllabus has important information about course expectations and the grading policy.

Student's Signature _____ Date _____

Parent/Guardian's Signature _____ Date _____

Parent Phone Number: _____ Email: _____