



Syllabus: General Music 6-8

Instructor: Mr. Todd Mulder

Room:

Mission Statement: The study of music works to provide a well-rounded, global education for all students, rich in cultural inclusion and collaborative skills needed for academic and personal success. Students in General Music will explore the various genres of music and their significant contributors; study instruments and musical traditions of the Non-Western world; develop music theory and composition skills; and engage in a variety of vocal and instrumental performance opportunities.

Student Expectations

- Be on time to class and prepared with necessary materials
- Use “I” statements to resolve conflicts with peers
- Respect self, others and all music room equipment
- Raise a quiet hand to ask and answer questions
- Complete all homework assignments by the due date
- Ask for clarification when you don’t understand something
- Ask permission to use music room supplies and equipment
- Stay in your assigned seat
- Conduct yourself with integrity and adhere to the academic honesty clause
- Strive to learn something new each day by participating in class activities
- HAVE FUN!!!!!!!

What To Expect From The Teacher

- Always treat students fairly and with respect
- Always prepared with daily lessons and materials
- Provide timely feedback on assignments and other work
- Regular communication about student progress with parents and appropriate staff
- Provide a safe and student-friendly class environment
- Always adhere to and enforce school/classroom “learning preservation” procedure
- Provide students with choices for class projects and assignments
- Encourage student participation

Grading

Grading/Homework Policy: Students’ cumulative grade for music will be calculated using a standard A-F lettering system based on the following categories:

Attendance/Participation- 10%

Daily (in-class) Work- 10%

Homework- 25%

Quizzes- 25%

Exams/Projects- 30%

Late Work Policy: All assigned homework will be due the following day unless otherwise denoted. Late assignments will result in a 10% reduction of the total points earned. Assignments will not be accepted after one week and will be given a grade of zero.

Learning Preservation Policy

Students are expected to maintain appropriate behavior at all times during music in order to preserve a safe, least-restrictive academic environment. Students not following appropriate behavior guidelines will face disciplinary action according to the following:

- 1st Offense- Verbal Warning (this will never be given in front of the class or any other student)
- 2nd Offense- FYI Written Warning (FYI's are reported to the detention supervisor; 3 FYI's will result in an after-school detention).
- 3rd Offense- Detention and parent notification

Academic Honesty Clause

All students are required to adhere to high standards of academic honesty while in music class at Seven Hills Preparatory Academy. Students are required to cite all sources and give proper credits when conducting academic research and writing. All other writing must be the student's original work. Any student caught plagiarizing or cheating on ANY exam, project, or assignment will receive an automatic grade of zero and will be required to have a conference with the teacher, principal, and parent.

Other Policies

Enter/Exit Procedure: Students should enter and exit the music room quickly and quietly. When entering, students should go immediately to their assigned seat and begin work on their daily review exercise. Approximately 3 minutes prior to class dismissal, students will be asked to return all supplies/equipment and begin preparing to leave. Students should remain in their seat until the bell rings.

Food/Beverage: No food, candy or beverages (other than water) will be permitted in the music room. These things are damaging to equipment and supplies and are not conducive to singing or playing instruments. FYI's and or detention will be issued to students not following this rule.

Phone- No cell phones or other personal technology devices will be permitted during music class. FYIs and or detention will be issued for violations.

Bathroom Use: Students are expected to use the bathroom during passing time between classes. Students should expect not to use the bathroom during instructional time except in cases of emergency

Classroom Technology: All technology equipment must be treated carefully and respectfully. Students are expected to only engage in music-related research and activities while using technology during class. All technology must be returned and stored appropriately when finished. Inappropriate use of technology will result in a detention and possibly revocation of technology privileges.