

8th Grade General Music

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Classroom Information

Room 141
 8th Period: 1:58 - 2:38 PM
 9th Period: 2:40 - 3:20 PM

Course Description

8th Grade General Music is an Allied Arts course at Marie Murphy School that meets daily during either 8th or 9th period. In this course, students will focus on learning about the history of Rock and Roll. Students will also learn about music notation, composition, world drumming, and guitar.

Class Expectations

- Students are expected to be respectful—to each other, to the teacher, and to the materials and technology that we use in the music classroom.
- Students are expected to be responsible. Students should arrive in class with all of the required materials. Tardiness disrupts learning for the entire class. Repeated tardiness may result in disciplinary action. Students who are late for legitimate reasons should come to class with a signed pass.
- No food or drink other than bottled water (with a lid) are permitted in the music room. Furthermore, all bottled water should be kept on the floor and away from laptops and iMacs.

Required Materials

Students are expected to bring the following materials to class every day:

- School iPad (charged)
- Allied Arts folder
- Pen/Pencil
- Ear Buds/Headphones
- DEAR book (Mondays)

Grading

Just as in any class, students earn their grade in general music. Students' grades are broken down into the following categories and weights:

1.) Participation (20%): Students will earn a weekly participation grade based on the rubric below.

Excellent (10 pts)	Above Average (9 pts)	Average (7-8 pts)	Substandard (5-6 pts)	Unsatisfactory (1-4 pts)
Always on time and well-prepared. Excellent attitude and participation in class. Makes excellent use of work time.	Mostly on time and well-prepared. Excellent attitude and participation in class. Makes good use of work time.	Occasionally late or unprepared. Attitude and/or participation in class is adequate.	Consistent problems which may include: tardy to class, lack of substantial positive participation, and/or little effort put into class activities.	Late, not prepared. Did not participate. Attitude and participation problems are serious and negatively affect self or others.

2.) Class Work (30%): Students will earn points on a variety of assignments/tasks completed in class and at home.

3.) Projects/Assessments (50%): Projects will be scored using rubrics which are unique to each task. Quizzes/performance assessments will be scored based on the nature of the assessment.

Signature Page

Please sign below demonstrating your acknowledgement of the class description and expectations.

Student Name: _____ **Student Signature:** _____

Please circle your class period: 8A 8B

Please bring this sheet home to a parent or guardian. Parents/Guardians, please sign below to acknowledge that you are aware of the guidelines and expectations for General Music.

Parent Signature: _____

Students, please separate the pages of this document. The first page should be placed in your music folder.

The signature page must be returned to Mr. Hammond in class by Friday, September 6th.