



# 8<sup>TH</sup> GRADE GENERAL MUSIC

## Teacher Contact Information

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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 & Roll. Students will also learn music notation, composition, 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. The music classroom will be a safe space for everyone to learn.
- Students are expected to be responsible. Students should arrive in class on time with all of the required materials. Repeated tardiness may result in disciplinary action. Students who are late for legitimate reasons should come to class with a pass signed by the office or another teacher.
- No food or drink other than bottled water (with a lid) are permitted in the music room. All bottled water should be kept on the floor and away from iPads, iMacs, and instruments.

## 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

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**

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Please sign below to acknowledge that you have read and understand the class description and expectations.

**Student Name:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Student Signature:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Please circle your class period:** 2nd 3rd 6th 7th 8th 9th

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/Guardian Signature:** \_\_\_\_\_

Students, please separate the pages of this document. The first page should be placed in your music folder.  
**The signature page should be turned in to Mr. Hammond in class by Friday, August 27th.**

**Welcome back to school!**  
**We are going to have a great semester!**