

Course Syllabus  
HS Music Appreciation  
2017-2018

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**Course Description:** The goal of music appreciation is to give the student an appreciation of music in the world around them.

**Attendance and Tardies:** Attendance in class is very important for your grade. If you are not in class, it will be difficult to fully grasp the concepts covered. Absences will be considered unexcused except for a funeral or school activity. A tardy is unexcused without a note from the office or another teacher. An excess of absences will result in a loss of credit as outlined in the handbook.

**General Class Rules**

1. Respect other students, teacher and yourself at all times. NO rude comments toward students or the teacher will be tolerated. This includes arguing as well as the tone with which a comment is made.
2. If it is not yours, don't touch it. Damaged property resulting from a lack of care or consideration will be repaired or replaced at the expense of the student.
3. Participate fully in class. This includes singing when instructed, as well as following along when another group is singing. You are not to have anything other than class materials at your seat (no homework, books, etc.) unless otherwise instructed.
4. No, food, drink, or gum, will be allowed in the music room. Students may, however, bring a bottle of water.
5. Be prepared for class.
6. MP3 players, tablets, cell phones or any other devices are not allowed out in class unless specifically given permission. Cell Phones will be placed in the pocket organizer.

**Grading Procedures:** Grades in music appreciation will be based on a percentage of total points available in the following areas.

**Daily Participation:** 5 points per class

Points are earned for a positive attitude and good work habits.

Points will be deducted for the following:

Tardiness (2-5)

Lack of participation/poor attitude (2-5 pts.)

Disruptive behavior or excessive talking (2-5 pts. per occurrence)

Defiance or disrespect (2-5 pts.)

Unexcused absence (5 pts.)

Discipline problems beyond the loss of points will be dealt with upon teacher discretion. This may include extra assignments, detention or an office referral according the student handbook.

Written work: Written work will be assigned at the discretion of the teacher. Unless otherwise stated, all assignments will be due at the beginning of the following class period. If a student is absent on the day an assignment is given, they are to go see the teacher and receive the assignment the day they return to school. The assignment will be due the following class period.

Late Work Policy

- 1 day (includes later in the day after the assignment was due- Student will receive 80% credit
- 2 days- Student will receive 70% credit
- 3 days- Student will receive 60% credit
- 4 days or later- 50% credit
- Students may not turn any late work after the final day of the current quarter.

Quizzes and Tests: Quizzes will be given at the discretion of the teacher. If a student is absent on the day of the test or quiz, they will make it up the day they return to class.

**Acknowledgement Form**  
**Music Appreciation**

Return this signed form to Mrs. Strong no later than Friday,  
August 18<sup>th</sup> for 15 points.

I have received a copy of this syllabus and agree to abide by  
the expectations set forth in it.

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Parent Signature

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Date