

GENERAL MUSIC
COURSE OUTLINE – 2018-2019 GRADE 8

Teacher

Mrs. Williams

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Outline of Course Content: General Music in the 8th grade covers units on music theory, careers in music, and music performance using guitars and/or keyboards.

Curriculum Breakdown

Music Theory
<i>Students will learn about scales and chord structure, then apply their knowledge to the guitar.</i>
Careers in Music
<i>Students will do a research project exploring the different career paths a musician can take. Students will also be given nonfiction articles to read, interpret, analyze and summarize.</i>
Listening and Analysis
<i>Through listening exercises students will analyze recordings for key music concepts.</i>
Music Performance
<i>Students will learn chord progressions and simple pop songs on the guitar.</i>
Composition
<i>Students will compose music for a film scene in GarageBand.</i>

Class Requirements: All students are required to have either a ½” 3 ring binder OR a section in a multi-class binder, and 25 sheets of notebook paper. The binder must come to class with the student every day along with a pencil and their tablet. A flash drive and ear-buds/ headphones will also be necessary. Students need to bring their fully charged tablet and ear buds to every class. We will be using the OneNote notebook on a daily basis.

Students are expected to be on time to class. If they are late they must have a pass. They are expected to be prepared and conduct themselves with a strong work ethic. Following the **TUSKER** guidelines, each student must be respectful and responsible.

Assignment Policy: Class work assignments will be given daily. Homework assignments and tests will be posted on the whiteboard and students are expected to copy them down into their assignment pad. Points will be deducted for assignments handed in late. If a student is absent she/he is responsible for talking with me and making up all missed work.

Grading: Grading will be based on the following:
34% class work/ participation
33% tests
33% presentations

Contacting the teacher:

Feel free to email me at any time if you have any questions or concerns.
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RETURN SIGNED OUTLINE TO MRS. WILLIAMS BY _____

I have read and understand the class requirements, assignment policy and grading breakdown:

Printed Student Name

Date

Parent Signature

Date