**Course Description**

This course provides instruction in understanding, analyzing, performing and creating music. Historical, cultural, and theory content will be discussed. Hands on activities/workshops are meant to reinforce student comprehension of classroom content. Eighth grade will focus on the relationship with music in everyday life, both from our individual perspectives and that of other cultures from around the world. Focus will also be placed on identifying/discussing music in appropriate context. Peer-teaching and oral presentations will be expected, along with the utilization of various technology.

**Student Learning Outcomes**

* Students will be exposed to music from various cultural perspectives.
* Students will understand the elements of music (melody, harmony, rhythm, tambre, texture, form).
* Students will discuss/analyze/critique music using the elements and other music vocabulary.
* Students will have a deeper understanding of the role music plays in their lives and in our culture.
* Student will grow as music makers, appreciators, and facilitators.
* Students will grow academically, socially and emotionally as human-beings through music.

**Classroom Rules and Expectations**

* Respect each other, the Instruments and all other equipment.
* Be Prepared and Responsible.
* Listen to Directions and Fully Participate into the Activities.
* Be Professional and Polite
* Keep an Open Mind
* Clean up after yourself

**Consequences**

* 1st Offense: Warning
* 2nd Offense: Contact Parents and Principal
* 3rd Offense: Referral is submitted, Report to the Office.

\*\*\*You are treated as an active pursuer of music. Action is based on the severity of the offense and is at the discretion of the teacher.

**Classroom Procedures**

1. **Journal Entry:** Follow directions on the white board, no talking.
2. **Lecture/Discussions**: students will be expected to take clean/organized notes in a notebook.
3. **Hands-on Workshops/Activities:** Full participation and good attitudes required.
4. **Clean Up:** Put all equipment/materials back where they belong, clean up around personal area.

**Materials Needed**

All students will be required to have a ***notebook*** dedicated to this class. Please come prepared with a ***writing utensil***. In some cases, students may be asked to bring in ***materials from home*** in order to complete projects.

**Grading**

Each class will include the following grades: Attendance, Notebook completion, Participation in Projects/Activities. All projects will be graded on a specific rubric. These evaluation tools are available online on the department website (see below for address)

Note from the Teacher:

Welcome to *Music Topics-8*! I am looking forward to working with, and getting to know each of you. I, for one, truly believe in the power of music and I am confident you will better yourself as a student (and person) through music.

Musically,

Mr. Jones

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