

Creative Music Foundations

Course Syllabus

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Class Objectives:

Students will be able to:

- Read music in treble and bass clefs
- Sing basic major/minor key melodies using solfege syllables
- Identify different historical periods in music
- Identify and explain different genres and styles of music
- Compose a melody

Class Content:

- Basic Music Theory - notation, treble/bass clefs, musical alphabet, chords, physics of sound, composition project
- Music History - historical periods in music/society, instruments used in those time periods, composers, cultural influences on music

Class Guidelines:

- **Arrive on time** and have all necessary materials with you. (If you are late you **MUST** have a pass.)
- Throw away gum if you're chewing it.
- **ASK QUESTIONS!** I can't help unless I know what the problem or question is!
- **Please take care of restroom needs before class.** Students will only be permitted to use the bathroom during class under emergency circumstances.
- *Leave your egos at the door - be encouraging to your classmates.*

Homework Policy:

Any homework assignments are due at the beginning of class on the due date. Half credit will be given for assignments turned in after class on the due date until the end of the next day. After that you will receive a 0. *It is better to turn in an assignment for half credit than not at all.*

Students will not be permitted to go to their locker to get an assignment. Be prepared when you come to class.

Assignments missed due to absence will have 2 days to be made up. If you are going to be absent due to a music lesson, sporting activity, or field trip, the assignment must be turned in prior to leaving.

Pencil is strongly recommended for any homework related to music theory - it's easier to erase something than cross it out multiple times!

Grading:

Each marking period grade is based on a point system. Every assignment and test/quiz has its own point value. At the end of the marking period, the total points a student receives is divided by the points possible and the resulting percent is the marking period grade. If you are unsure of a grade, please ask!

- Daily Participation: 5 pts/day
 - 1 pt. – On time to class and in correct seat when bell rings
 - 2 pts. – Have all necessary materials (pencil, music, homework)
 - 2 pts. – Proper behavior during class, completes in-class assignments, participates appropriately in activities
- Tests: 25-40 points
- Quizzes: 5-25 points
- Projects: 15-25 points
- Homework: 10-25 points

Mid Term Examination and Final Examination

The mid-term examination will count for 10% of the student's overall grade for the semester. The final examination will count as 10% of the student's overall grade for the year.

All students will take both the mid-term examination and the final examination.

Cell Phone/Electronic Devices

These devices will only be allowed during times announced by the teacher. There will be times when these devices are used in class for educational purposes. Please do not abuse this policy. If a cell phone or other device is seen and/or heard during a time not directed for use by the teacher, your daily participation grade will be affected.