

7th Grade Music Course Outline and Classroom Expectations

Welcome to 7th Grade Music. The music curriculum for 7th grade is entitled “Everyday Music”. We will focus our time throughout the year discussing, researching, and debating how music effects our culture, and how our culture is reflected in the ever evolving world of music. Unlike our 6th grade curriculum, this year much of our work will be focused on larger projects, take home assignments, and group work. It may seem easier than studying for tests and quizzes, however the responsibility for your success falls on your shoulders more than ever before.

This year we will focus on two major topics during each trimester. Each topic will consist of graded classwork, homework assignments, and a culminating project or presentation.

Here are some of the things we will be covering:

First Trimester	The Art of the Educated Review
	The Music of Advertisements
Second Trimester	Music and Technology: Evolution
	African American Cultural Music
Third Trimester	Music of the Depression
	Hearing Safety

Now down to business. Throughout the year STUDENTS are responsible for grades. Please carefully read and understand the following policies and expectations.

Homework Policy: Students are responsible for handing in any homework ON TIME and being prepared for all classes. Any late homework will be accepted ONE DAY after the due date with a maximum value of 50%. Any work turned in more than one day after the due date will NOT be accepted without prior approval. Absent students are responsible for either turning in their homework via Google Drive, or as soon as they return to school.

Group Projects: Students are responsible for working together and cooperatively throughout the duration of a group project. ALL students working in the group must actively participate and share the workload. Grades will be given for group work on an individual basis. If you do not work well with your group, and do not share the workload accordingly, your personal grade will be affected negatively.

Quizzes: Any quizzes given on topics discussed in class will be announced at least one full class cycle ahead of time. You will have plenty of time to prepare, it is your responsibility to get yourself ready for a quiz.

Website: gwcsmusic.weebly.com - Any and all important information for class will be posted regularly on my website. Please check the website when you have questions about what we have been doing in class, homework assignments, and possible extra-credit assignments. Throughout the year class discussion topics, polls, surveys, and more will be posted. Students will be required to access the website and complete assignments.
PLEASE NOTE - The website does function well on a mobile device and students can access and complete assignments on a phone or tablet if necessary.

Grading Policy: Admittedly my grading policy is strict. Do the work, get the points. ALL 7th grade music students will be required to keep a tally sheet of their grades throughout the semester. The tally sheet will be an easy way for students and parents to know what their grade is in music class at ANY time throughout the school year.
Students will be instructed in the use of their tally sheets.

GRADING SCALE: 90 -100 = A
80 - 89 = B
70 - 79 = C
60 - 69 = D
0 - 59 = F

Now down to business...Just so Mr. Z knows that parents and students have read and understood the policies of class, please sign below and return this paper on your next music class. **(IT'S WORTH 5 POINTS!)**

Student Name _____ Signature _____

Parent Name _____ Signature _____