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Dutchtown Middle School

Chorus/Music Appreciation Syllabus

Greetings DMS students and parents,

This school year is going to be an awesome experience for you! Students will be participating in exciting activities and events that will need all of your support and effort as we strive to make the Dutchtown Middle School Music Department the best it can be!

Thank you,

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Dutchtown Middle School Chorus

**DMS MISSION:**

Dutchtown Middle School seeks to foster a safe and positive school community where all stakeholders are both actively and consistently engaged. We will commit ourselves daily towards sustaining high expectations for teaching and learning, nurturing positive relationships, and celebrating the collective success of our school and community.

**DMS VISION:**

In truth, honor, and integrity, Dutchtown Middle School will create an environment of excellence in all that we do.

**COURSE DESCRIBTION:**

Students will explore music's various functionalities in order to gain a deeper understanding and appreciation for all types of music. In this course students will examine basic music literacy and core musical elements such as melody, rhythm, harmony, form, and texture.

**Daily Operations:**

Everyday scholars are required to have a charged Chromebook, paper, and writing utensils. Daily completion of all assignments are the key to success. Scholars are encouraged to submit all assignments on time. Failure to submit assignments in a timely manner can negatively affect students’ grades. Scholars are responsible for requesting makeup work for absences.

* Scholars will have up to 5 school days to submit **missed** or **late work**
  + An M or missing will be placed as grade placeholder to reflect missing work; please note missing work will equate to a **0**  in the Infinite Campus (IC) gradebook until the work is made up
    - Students will receive a -***10pt. deduction*** from the grade earned on missed/late work
    - If the work is not made up within the two week period the grade will be changed to a **0** with commentary indicating the missed work deadline
* If a scholar **misses work** due to an **absence** the scholar will be allowed to make up work commensurate with his/her number of absence/s.  It is the scholar’s responsibility to inquire about missed work and or assessments from his/her teacher.

Generally, homework is not assigned, however throughout the duration of the semester, projects will be assigned, which may require some extra time outside of class. **Occasionally, some materials will need to be purchased for the projects.** Information concerning these supplies will be sent home at a later date. If there are any problems obtaining these supplies please let Mrs. Butler know well before the assignment due date.

**Calculation of Grades:**

PREPARATION/ PARTICIPATION

Classroom Participation Includes participating in class activities, singing assigned music, sight singing, etc. Preparation Includes having a school issued laptop, paper, a pencil, assigned music, good posture and a positive attitude everyday. Students will be assessed daily to show knowledge of content currently being taught in the classroom.

PERFORMANCE/ASSESMENTS- All concerts and performances are **MANDATORY**. Students must sign their name on the roster to show proof of attendance.

WRITTEN WORK

This includes, but is not limited to:

1. Warm-ups to be turned in daily

2. Worksheets

3. Classwork

a. The following grading format should be used by teachers in Henry County secondary schools.

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| **Practice Work** | **Assessment Tasks** | **Semester Summative**  **Assessment Tasks** |
| Classwork, homework, formative assessments, diagnostic assessments, written reflections. May be graded for accuracy or completion. | Such as constructed response assessments, selected response assessments, reflective assessments, summative unit assessments, culminating performance tasks, projects. | Assesses the totality of standards for the course. In the case of a high school course with an End of Course (EOC) Test, the semester summative |
| Counts **40%** of the grade | Counts **40%** of the grade | Counts **20%** of the grade |

**Grading Scales**

a. Students will be evaluated using the following scale:

90-100=A

80-89=B

74-79=C

70-73=D

Below 70=F

Non-Academic Grades

Students will be evaluated on non-academic factors as follows through the conduct grade:

S- Satisfactory N- Needs Improvement U- Unsatisfactory

**Participation Policy**

Students are assessed daily on their proficiency of various performance standards through the observance of their participation. All participation grades will be given on an individual basis. Students that choose not to participate in our daily performance tasks and choose to engage in behaviors that prohibit effective teaching and learning will have their participation grade lowered and parents/guardians notified. Once a student has received three parent contacts, unfortunately they will not be able to participate in the next upcoming performance as adequate proficiency of the performance standards have not been demonstrated. The student will receive a zero for that performance as a placeholder and will be presented with an alternative assignment to demonstrate proficiency in the performance standards taught in class. The assignment must be completed and turned in within 5 school days in order for the zero to be replaced with an improved grade.

**Performance Policy**

Due to the performance nature of this class, attendance at rehearsals and concerts is mandatory. Dates will be announced well in advance of rehearsals and performance times. It is the responsibility of each student to inform parents of all rehearsals and performances.

**Excused Absences**

Only absences due to illness or an extreme emergency will be considered an excused absence for mandatory rehearsals and performances. If a student is going to be absent a parent/guardian must send an email notifying the teacher at [jasmine.icebutler@henry.k12.ga.us](mailto:jasmine.icebutler@henry.k12.ga.us). Lack of transportation does not constitute an excused absence. If transportation to a performance is a concern, please contact the teacher at least 2 weeks prior to the performance. Any performance missed without teacher notification will result in a zero.

**Classroom Rules**

1. Talk at appropriate times.

2. No cellphones or other electronic devices allowed.

3. No food or drinks allowed.

4. Follow directions quickly and the first time they are given.

5. Be respectful of others and your surroundings.

**Distance Learning Rules**

1. Log in to Class on time.

2. Mic must remain muted and cameras must be on.

3. Students must be dressed appropriately.

4. Students must treat others respectfully online.

5. Students must participate.

**Consequences of Misbehaviors**

1. Warning

2. Parent phone call

3. Call home/ Spikes

4. Referral

**Communication**

Please make sure that your email is updated in Infinite Campus as class Updates are sent via Infinite Campus to parent/guardian email addresses regularly. If you need to contact me directly please email me at [jasmine.icebutler@henry.k12.ga.us](mailto:jasmine.icebutler@henry.k12.ga.us).

Please plan to receive correspondence via Google Classroom, Henry County email and Infinite Campus. Direct concerns can always be emailed.