

Southwestern Middle School

WILDCATS



6th Grade
General Music Handbook
2020 - 2021

Dear Southwestern General Music Students and Parents,

Welcome to General Music Class at Southwestern. Music is all around us and we experience it in all facets of our life. It is vitally important that as a member of society we can critically listen to and have a basic understanding of music.

WHAT IS GENERAL MUSIC?

General Music is a music enrichment course. In this course, students will receive exposure to many different types of music and its relation to culture and history. Some of the music we will study will be quite familiar, while other music will not. Students should approach this course with an open mind and be willing to learn from new experiences. Each student is encouraged to take a positive approach towards all music that we listen to and learn about.

WHAT MATERIALS DO I NEED FOR CLASS?

Students will need the following required class materials for General Music.

- School Issued Chromebook/Computer
- School Issued general music textbook
- 1 inch three-ring binder – provided by the student
- Tabbed notebook dividers - Provided by the teacher

WHAT ARE THE DAILY PROCEDURES?

1. Students must be in their seat with all required materials by the end of the passing period.
 - Tardiness will follow the Southwestern Middle School Tardy Policies
 - Restroom Policy will follow the Grade Level Restroom Policies.
2. Bring the required class materials to class each day
3. Before being seated, get their general music textbook and notebook from the designated area in the classroom.
4. Check the Daily Agenda on the board for assignments and class activities.
5. Sit in their assigned seat.

CLASSROOM EXPECTATIONS

- Raise your hand and wait to be called on before speaking or leaving your seat, unless there is an emergency.
- Keep your hands, feet, and all other objects to yourself – No Bullying
- Do not disrupt the education of other students in any way or manner.
- Gum, candy, food, or drinks are not allowed in the classroom.
- Students should respect each other as individuals

TECHNOLOGY EXPECTATIONS

- Bring your Chromebook charged and ready to use for class.
- Chromebooks are necessary for class assignments, research, music theory homework, and tests.
- When your Chromebook is not being used for class, it should be put away under your seat

EXPECTATION CONSEQUENCES

- 1st time: Verbal Warning (Student will be aware)
- 2nd time: Student conference with the teacher after class
- 3rd time: Parents contacted AND detention before, after, or during school.
- 4th or more times: Discipline Referral to Office + Parents Contacted

Follow these simple rules and we will have a successful school year.

HOW STUDENTS ARE GRADED IN CLASS?

The class grade is comprised of the following components:

- CLASS NOTEBOOK – 10%
- TESTS – 30%
- CLASSWORK AND HOMEWORK– 30%
- PARTICIPATION GRADE -10%
- CLASS PROJECTS – 20%

CLASS NOTEBOOK:

The class notebook is an organizational tool, which students can also use for taking tests and quizzes. The teacher will collect the notebooks each grading period and grade any non-computer based class assignments. The notebook will be **10%** of the class grade.

TESTS and QUIZZES:

We will be covering six different units throughout the school year. Tests and Quizzes over each unit will make up **30%** of the class grade.

CLASSWORK AND HOMEWORK:

Each of the six units from the books will have at least one of the following:

- Chapter Reading Guides
- Chapter Study Guides
- Additional supplemental
- Writing responses to music examples or prompts

CLASS PROJECTS:

To help everyone with the material and put it to good practice, we will have several individual and group projects. Each member of a group will be responsible for their share of the group's grade according to the project rubric. Willingness to get the assignment done and work with others is the key to these projects. Other projects will be for individual students to work on at school or home. The combination of group and individual projects will make up **20%** of the final grade.

CLASS PREPAREDNESS and Participation:

This grade is controlled by many different classroom factors. By participating in class, bringing the required materials each day, and contributing positively to the learning environment; students can easily achieve a high participation grade.

6th Grade General Music Handbook Confirmation Form

All Class Materials Due by Wednesday - September 9, 2020.

You will need to provide the following **required** class materials for 6th Grade General Music.

- 1 inch three-ring binder – Provided by the student

IMPORTANT:

Parents are digitally signing this form via a link to a Google document.

The link will sent to the e-mail address parents used to register their student for school.

Please complete the digital signature by Friday September 11, 2020.

If you have any questions or concerns, please e-mail the classroom teacher using the information below.

Thank you,

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