

Aptitud Community Academy at Goss

Music Class Handbook (Syllabus)

2020-2021

Letter to Parents & Students

Dear Parents and Students,

Welcome to the 2020-2021 Aptitud Music Program! I am extremely excited to be starting another year of music and excellence as the Music Teacher for Aptitud. We will continue the traditions that music students have established in previous years of academic and musical excellence. The Aptitud Music Program will also be a fun and enlightening learning environment for aspiring music fans.

Please read through this handbook thoroughly. This document provides important information regarding standards and policies of the Aptitud music program. I also strongly encourage parent involvement and participation. In order for our program to grow, we will need everyone's help and support.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me.

“Go Gators!”

Mr. Magsino

Music Teacher

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Rules & Expectations

- A. NO NOISE!
- B. BE RESPONSIBLE
- C. Keep your areas clean at all times.
 - a. No Food or Drinks allowed in the Band Room (except water).
- D. Treat each other with RESPECT.
 - a. Do not touch other people's instruments unless instructed to do so by Mr. Magsino.
 - b. Show respect for the music and the ensemble.
- E. Comply with the rules of Aptitud Community Academy.

Consequences

STEP 1: Verbal Warning

STEP 2: Parent Involvement

STEP 3: Administrator Involvement

Responsibilities

Materials

- Instrument (care & maintenance materials) Woodwinds need to have 3 reeds.
- Music Folder
- Pencil

Grading Policy

Each student will receive a letter grade (A, B, C, D, or F) based on three areas: Participation, Practice, and Performance.

Participation Grade

- Students will participate in all exercises and activities conducted during rehearsals.
- This may include individual playing, sectionals, written assignments, and singing.
- Forgetting an instrument will lower grades.

Practice Grade

- This is determined by the student's PREPAREDNESS for class.
- Instruments must be taken home regularly.
- Performance tests and practice journals will be assigned

Performance Grade

- ~~Any excused or unexcused absence from a performance will lower the student's grade ONE LETTER.~~

Written Assignments and Reflections

- Reflection papers will be assigned after performances and events.
- Research Papers and Reports on Music Lessons may also be assigned.