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Purpose:

The Music Department Independent Study Program provides students with an opportunity to pursue individualized musical goals beyond the traditional classroom setting, including for students whose schedule does not allow them to participate in an ensemble group during their regularly scheduled day. The program is intended for highly motivated students who demonstrate a strong commitment to musical growth and responsibility.

Eligibility:

Students must have prior experience in music courses or ensembles and obtain approval from the supervising music teacher and school counselor. A proposal outlining the student's goals and plan must be submitted for review before enrollment is approved.

Expectations and Responsibilities:

1. Punctuality and Attendance:

- Students are required to attend all scheduled lessons, rehearsals, or meetings with their supervising teacher or mentor.
- Consistent attendance and punctuality are critical for progress in musical studies. Excessive absences (more than 2 per quarter) may hinder evaluation and impact the student's standing in the program.
- Any absence must be communicated in advance, and students are responsible for making up missed time or assignments.

2. Practice and Preparation:

- Students must maintain a regular practice schedule to ensure they have the same material learned as the group that meets during the 9-period day, and come to meetings or check-ins fully prepared.

3. Accountability and Evaluation:

- Students will be assessed based on their preparation, musical growth and proficiency, and commitment throughout the study period.
- Participation in concerts and performances are mandatory.

4. Credit and Completion:

- Independent study in music may count for .5 credit for a half year course, or 1.0 credit for a full year course, if all expectations are met and evaluated positively by the supervising teacher. Music credit(s) can be used towards the Fine Art credit required for NYS graduation, or as an elective credit.
- Failure to meet attendance, punctuality, or project deadlines may result in removal from the program or withholding of credit.

Note:

The Music Department holds its independent study students to a high standard of artistic discipline. A successful experience requires self-motivation, responsibility, and consistent effort. This is a unique opportunity to deepen your relationship with music, and students are expected to treat it with dedication and professionalism. Schedule

- (a) Band: Monday and Thursday 7:15 am + group lessons
- (b) Chorus: Tuesday and Thursday 7:30 am + group lessons
- (c) Orchestra: Tuesday and Friday 7:15 am + group lessons

Signatures: In order to assure that all participants in the ensemble extension program are **fully aware of and accept the requirements outlined on the back of this document**, it is required that several signatures are gathered.

- (a) **Print** Student Name: _____
- (b) Student's Signature: _____
- (c) Parent/Guardian: _____
- (d) Director (Day/Riss): _____
- (e) Principal: _____
- (f) Guidance: _____
- (g) Intended Ensemble (a): _____

- i. Band: _____
- ii. Chorus: _____
- iii. Orchestra: _____

HHS Music Department
Mr. John Carini, Department Chair
Mr. Eric Day, Band & Orchestra
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