

DOBBS FERRY MIDDLE SCHOOL Dobbs Ferry, New York 10522

COURSE OUTLINE

SUBJECT: Instrumental Music (Band)

GRADES: 6-8

COURSE DESCRIPTION

Instrumental Music offers 6th-8th Grade students the opportunity to learn about music theory, composition, and world music in a performance setting. In class, supplemented by monthly lessons, students will develop performance skills on their instruments by exploring a diverse and challenging musical program. As an MYP Arts class, all students in Instrumental Music will create and maintain a process journal, demonstrating their growth and achievement as musicians. This class meets every other day, so independent practice is important to help students improve and develop the necessary musical skills. There will be two concerts this year at which all students are expected to perform and showcase their hard work and growth.

ANTICIPATED STUDENT OUTCOMES

- Students will improve individual performance skills, including tone quality, technique, intonation, and sight-reading.
- Students will be able to identify major characteristics of various styles, genres, and cultures of music.
- Students will be able to identify, describe, and apply appropriate musical terminology.
- Students will explore and develop control of musical elements, such as pitch, rhythm, and harmony, with the intention of arranging and creating music.

MATERIALS

Students must have their instrument, a dedicated folder, music, and a pencil for every class and lesson. Students will also need the Standard of Excellence Book for their instrument (Book 1 for Grades 6/7, book 2 for Grade 8)

CRITERIA for ASSESSMENT

Assessments for this class will be both written and performance based. Students will complete most assessments in their Music Process Journals.

Outline developed by:

MUSIC DEPARTMENT

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