

Music Appreciation (8th Grade)

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Overview

Welcome to Mr. Wie's Music Appreciation class. This course is intended to present an introduction to the foundations of western classical music, and their impact on music genres and styles to the present day.

Learning about and listening to music other than what you are comfortable or familiar with is an important part of your education in the arts. Music across the world is representative of cultural standards, social conditions, and political events. You will learn techniques to recognize, analyze, and interpret various elements of music in order to understand their significance in a historical context.

Required Materials

Text: Willoughby, David. *The World of Music, 5th ed.* McGraw-Hill, New York, 2003.
Notebook: 100 pages lined paper (3-ring binder, spiral bound, etc.)

Citizenship

School-wide behavioral expectations will be enforced. Please bring all your required materials to class with you, attend regularly and on time, stay focused during the class period, and be respectful of yourself and others.

As this course will include significant amounts of in-class discussion, observing the following guidelines will make learning easier for everyone:

1. Do not speak when the instructor is speaking.
2. If you wish to speak on the current discussion subject, raise your hand to be called on.
3. Keep your contributions to in-class discussions focused on the current subject.

If for some reason your own self motivation does not assist you in following these guidelines, the following progressive steps will take place:

1. Student Conference
2. Parent Phone Call
3. Behavioral Referral
4. Office Referral
5. Suspension from class pending formal parent conference

Grading Policy

Your grades in this course indicate your level of participation in class discussions on music topics, and accumulation of points through homework, quizzes, and a final exam. Please remember that I do not give you a grade, you earn your own grade!

Your grade will be determined on the following scale:

- A: 90-100% of total points
- B: 80-89% of total points
- C: 70-79% of total points
- D: 60-69% of total points
- F: below 69% of total points

Makeup Policy

In order to receive credit for all work, please observe the following guidelines:

1. Students are expected to complete and submit all assignments on or before the due date.
2. Late work will be accepted for half credit at the beginning of or before the next class meeting.
3. Assignments missed due to excused absences must be made up and turned in at the beginning of or before the next class meeting.
4. No credit will be given for assignments missed due to unexcused absences or truancy.

To the Parent

I am committed to helping your son/daughter learn, and I look forward to working with your family. If you have any questions, I can be reached at (949) 510-2592. Please read and discuss this syllabus and return the acknowledgement below.

We have read and understand the policies and procedures of Mr. Wie’s Music Appreciation class, and we have maintained a copy for our records.

Print Student Name	Student Signature	Date

Parent Signature	Date