

# Welcome to 7<sup>th</sup> Grade Music!

September 2011

## Expectations in Music

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- Be Respectful
- Be Responsible
- Be A Learner
- Be Prompt
- Be Prepared
- Be Safe
- No hats/hoodies
- No mp3 players/cell phones – they will be confiscated and given to an administrator
- No food/drink (except water in a bottle)

## General Consequences:

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If I misbehave in class: This class works on a “three strikes and you’re out” basis. If Ms. Dzembo needs to talk to you more than three times in one class period you will be assigned after school detention or lunch detention. In some cases, Ms. Dzembo may opt to write you a school detention since she is often busy after school with other groups or if the severity of the behavior calls for it. **\*Remember, teacher detention is 30 minutes and school detention is 60 minutes.** If you receive detention and still need to be spoken to during the same class, you may be sent to the office and given a referral.

If I am late to class: In some instances, your schedule may cause you to go from one end of the school to the other. This is completely do-able in the time period allotted between periods (2 mins). However, you will not have time to stop at your locker, check in with a teacher, or chat with friends. Being late to class is never acceptable. However, you are given one freebie each week. This means that the first time you are late, you receive a warning. The second time in the same week you will receive a school detention. The cycle restarts at the beginning of each week.

## Materials needed:

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- Folder
- Headphones or Earbuds
- Pencils/Pens (we write music in pencil, we write English in pen)
- Assignment Notebook

**All materials are due by Monday, September 12<sup>th</sup>**

Students have the option of keeping materials in the 7<sup>th</sup> grade box at the back of the room. They are not required to and any items left in the box are not the responsibility of the teacher. I would recommend keeping your headphones in your locker or book bag and keeping a folder/pencil in the box. Regardless, you are responsible for coming to class prepared!

## What will I learn in Music 7?

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- Basic music theory
- Basic piano skills
- Music History
- The science of music
- Folk Songs and Dances

## Grading

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Your grade will be calculated using the following formula:

- 50 % = Participation, Bell Ringers, Exit Slips, Prep-checks
- 10% = Folder Checks (see below for more information)
- 30% = Projects, Quizzes and Homework
- 10% = Dances and Songs

## Folder Checks:

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Every student will keep a folder with **ALL** the papers from class. This folder will be collected every 8 weeks (progress reports **AND** end of the marking periods) for a grade based on organization and completeness. Due dates for these may be announced or unannounced.

## Extra Credit

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Extra Credit is available throughout the school year by doing one of the following assignments:

1. Make a game for the class to play based on the current Unit of Study: limit 1 game per student per semester
2. Complete a concert report of any school concert/performance **OR** any of the events recommended **OR** approved beforehand by Ms. Dzembo. The report forms can be found in the blue folder at the front of the room. In general, a performance experience that is of the art music realm will be accepted (i.e. classical concerts, art galleries, HD Opera presentations at proctors, Crossgates, etc.). Reports must be accompanied with a ticket or program for proof of attendance.
3. Volunteer for the equivalent of 40 minutes to sort/organize the Music Library or Drama Closet before, during, or after school.

## Make-up Work

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**IT IS YOUR RESPONSIBILITY!** Work should be made up within a week of the missed class/classes regardless of the reason for your absence. The instructor is not responsible for getting student's their missed work or notes. Missed work can be made up on Fridays after school if needed. **Any missed work that isn't made up within five school days will result in a zero.**

## Academic Dishonesty

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Academic dishonesty is a serious offense and will not be taken lightly. Students are expected to do their own work, and give credit to any person or group that they take from using MLA format. Assignments will explicitly state when it is necessary to do this. Plagiarism and Cheating will not be tolerated. Plagiarism and Cheating will result in the student failing the assignment, as well as possibly failing the quarter or class.