

6th Grade General Music

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Description

In this class we will explore the variety of ways we can interact with music. We will practice composition, performance, critical listening, and analysis as it relates to music from a variety of cultures and eras. We will continuously reflect on our experiences in an effort to find our musical identities and engage with music in a personalized way. This class is based on the belief that **everyone is musical** and part of the goal will be to find the part of music that you can personally thrive in.

Class Rules & Guidelines

- No food or drink is allowed in the classroom.
- Show everyone the same respect that they show you.
- Be mindful and present in class.
- Take risks
- Follow “can’t” statements with “yet”
- Don’t be afraid to challenge the teacher! Just make sure you can explain your reasoning, and be willing to discuss it.

Google Classroom

We will use Google classroom for a variety of things, so get in the habit of checking it frequently. There you will find class materials, assignments when there is a substitute, and announcements relating to our class.

Units

- Drums & Percussion
- History of Pop Music
- Ukulele/Guitar/Piano Technique
- Forming An Ensemble
- Folk Music
- The Science of Sound

Grading

Projects - 20%

We will do the occasional project, either in groups or individually. For performance-based projects, your grade will not be based on how well you can sing or play your instrument. Instead

those projects will be graded on effort and cooperation. I trust that if you put in time and effort, you will make musical progress.

Citizenship - 40%

Your citizenship grade will be based on how well you support your classmates and help create an environment that is safe and easy to work in. Our aim in this class is to act as a community. A lot of the work we do will be as one big group, and our success can be helped or hindered greatly by your individual choices in class.

Participation - 40%

Because so much of our work is group work, it is SUPER MEGA IMPORTANT that you participate. Do your best to sing when you are asked to sing, and do your fair share of work in group projects.

Discussion Questions

- Why do we engage with music?
- What is the value of making music ourselves?
- Why is it important to explore music from other cultures?