

Middle School Course Syllabus 2020-2021



*Music Technology Syllabus
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Class time & Google Meets Link*



Why am I taking [course]?

This course is designed to teach you how technology is used in music. The activities in this course are designed to help you develop knowledge of the history of music technology, rhythm, notation, form, melody, and harmony.



What am I going to learn?

- You will learn about the history of music technology, rhythm, notation, form, melody, and harmony. You will learn a range of skills that allow you to critique someone else's performance. You will learn how to use a variety of tools to observe, measure, and analyze individual musical performances.



How is the teacher going to teach?

Learning in this course is performance based. This means that you will perform either clapping and counting rhythms, or by creating music on your chromebook via several programs that will be used during the class. Your contribution is important and valued. You will engage in conversations, analysis and reflection. You are expected to ask questions, critique assumptions, conduct research, and justify your reasoning.



What materials do I need?

- Textbook Title: NA
- Student Issued Chromebook
- Other materials they need at home: pencil and paper.



What does success look like in this class?

Passing this class will require you to complete a weekly assignment. This may be a written assignment or a performance based assignment. You will need to get at least a 70 or above on all assessments.) Major and recurring assignments are briefly described below:

- There will be many formative assessments that are check-ins on projects that are being worked on.
- There will be a major project approximately every three weeks.

Grade Calculation

Category	Weight
Practice Work	40%
Assessments	40%
Final Exam	20%

Grading Scale

Numerical Grade	Letter Grade	What This Means
0-69	F	You have not provided evidence that you've learned the required material. You may not be turning in many assignments.
70-73	D	You have demonstrated very limited understanding of the required material. Work with your teacher to find strategies that will allow you to show more understanding.
74-79	C	You have demonstrated some understanding of the required material. Work with your teacher to find strategies that will allow you to show more understanding.
80-89	B	You have demonstrated proficiency of the required material.
90-100	A	You could teach this material to a peer.



Course Calendar
(Some items May Change)

Week	Topics Covered	Assessments & Due Dates
1	• Introduction to Music Technology	•
2	• History of Music Technology	•
3	• History of Music Technology	•
4	• Rhythm	•
5	• Form	•
6	• Melody	•
7	• Rhythm, Form, and Melody Project.	• Final rhythm project due October 8th



How do I get help outside of class?

I am available Monday thru Friday from 8:15 until 8:55 and from 3:35 until 4:10. If you need assistance please make sure to email me to let me know so I do not schedule someone else at that time.