



6TH GRADE GENERAL MUSIC Course Syllabus



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7:45 a.m. – 8:00 a.m.

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2:55 p.m. – 3:30 p.m.

** Meeting/tutor times before or after school can be scheduled upon request.*

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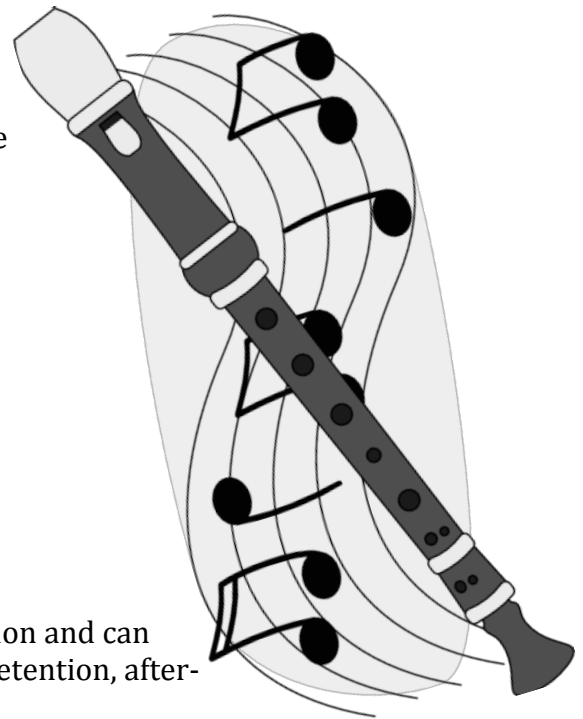
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Course Summary

6th Grade General Music meets daily for 12 weeks during the school year. The course is based on Silver Burdett’s “Making Music” textbook series and covers three units. The students will learn how to play recorders by ear and from standard music notation, will investigate the elements of musical expression, and will analyze the forms of simple songs. Additional material and assignments will also be used to supplement the curriculum as appropriate.

Activities include singing, playing instruments, body percussion, reading and writing music notation, and listening. Aside from recorders, the students will have the opportunity to play percussion instruments from various cultures around the world.



Classroom Management Policy

Expectations:

- Be **READY** to learn
- Be **RESPECTFUL**
- Be **“RESPONSE-ABLE”**

Consequences:

- These will be determined based on the infraction and can include verbal warnings, seats moved, lunch detention, after-school detention, and TLC.

NOTE: Inappropriate student behavior will be recorded on a Disciplinary Action Form.

Assessments and Grading

- **Quiz Series** – 5 pts. each
Reading and writing music quizzes will be given in a series based on sequential learning. Students must completely pass one set of quizzes before they may move on to the next set. Failed quizzes (3 or fewer earned points) must be retaken until passed. Progress will be kept in the students' music workbook.
- **Listening Journals** – 5 pts. each
About once a week, students will be asked to listen critically to a piece of music. They will record their thoughts and answers to specific questions in a "journal" that will be accumulated throughout the course. Each journal entry will be graded on completeness and effort.
- **Compositions** – 10 pts. each
As part of a complete music education experience, students will be asked to write their own musical compositions using improvisation and standard music notation. Points earned will be based on a rubric for meeting specified criteria, not the creativity of their work.
- **Recorder Playing Tests** – 10 pts. each
Throughout the course, students will be graded on three recorder playing tests that will require the students to read and play music using standard notation. The test is given in a Pass/Fail manner based on a predetermined rubric, so students will receive a full 10 points for a given test once they have passed it. Failed tests will be retaken until the student passes it.

Extra Credit

Extra credit and bonus questions will be offered sparingly throughout the course. These extra points will be used to challenge students beyond the required curriculum and will only have a minor effect on grades. They might also be used to demonstrate competence in a course objective in lieu of traditional methods.

Extra credit will NOT be given for good behavior or for compliance with tasks expected of every student. Students should utilize extra credit opportunities whenever they present themselves, as each one will have a deadline for completion.

Missed Assignments

When students are absent for class, they are responsible for approaching the teacher to discuss making up assignments or tests. They will be allotted the same amount of time to complete the make-up work as they would normally have. Late penalties beyond that time will apply.

** Please sign and return to Mr. Toporski in Room 140 by _____ . **

I have read and understand the information regarding 6th Grade General Music.

Student's Printed Name

Student Signature

Parent/Guardian Signature

Date

Phone Number

E-mail Address

