



Glades Middle School Exploring Music / Band 1 Syllabus

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Student & Family Letter of Understanding:

Students and Family Syllabus/Handbook Receipt Form

Fill Out & Return the Form to Mr. ILLA

Due by Friday, September 10, 2021

Course Objectives

To develop the understanding and appreciation of music, composition, instruments, performance, and how music relates to other life skills. These objectives will be achieved through the following course objectives:

Music Theory:	Develop an understanding of notation and song writing concepts.
Music History:	Learn about origins, key people, periods, and cultural impacts of music.
Music Literacy:	Discover and perform the skills of how to read, write, edit, and mix music.
Music Application:	Perform, compose, and critique music alone and with others in various styles.
Music Technology:	Learn to use music software and instruments to read, write, edit, and mix music.

Course Requirements & Expectations

- Attendance to Class Sessions (Online or Physical).
- Be on time to class with materials and assigned work.
- Complete assignments on time.
- Take Pride in your work.
- Support other music students.
- Take musical and creative risks.
- Have Fun with projects and performances.
- Physical Instrument Performance Guidelines (more details as we begin to play)

Life Rule

- #1 and Only Rule: **R E S P E C T**.
 - Respect and you will do well in life!
 - Respect All People
 - Respect Time
 - Respect the School
 - Respect Equipment
 - Respect Everything (Online & Physical)

Grading/Attendance

- The student is responsible for all materials presented during class.
- If the student misses a class, he/she must ask for make-up work or materials missed.
- Grades will be given for a student's preparation, performance, improvement, and completion of assignments.
- Attendance and tardiness will be tracked and may impact grade. *Can't learn and participate if you are not present.*

Assignments Have Equal Weight

- Class Preparation and Participation
- Projects & Performances
- Tests/Exams: Playing and Written
- Assignments (e.g. Worksheets, reports, critiques, surveys, etc.)

Grading Scale

A = 90-100%
B = 80-89%
C = 70-79%
D = 60-69%
F = 59% or lower

Extra Credit

Extra credit will be available for students who feel the need. Contact your teacher directly for more details.



Software & Sheet Music

- Video Conferencing through ZOOM, must be logged in with full first and last name on roster to enter.
- Microsoft Teams will be our Starting Platform, but we will change into Schoology. Training will be provided.
- Music software and sheet music will be provided.
 - Students are responsible for these materials; any damaged or lost materials will be replaced at the expense of the student's family.
- Supplemental music and other books may be recommended for personal practice and further development.

Required Materials

- Essential Elements for Band, Book 1.
 - These will be sold in school starting in September and cost between \$9.00 and \$15.00.
- Sheet Music provided by your director or instructor.
- Music Folder will be provided by your music director for sheet music, class notes and paper assignments.
- Pencil with eraser is required at every class/rehearsal.
- Musical Instrument: Students will be matched to an instrument. (*See section below about instrument rentals.*)
- Instrument Supplies and Accessories: Each instrument requires additional supplies as assigned. You will learn more as we pick and assign instruments.
- Online & Digital Work or Classes:
 - Computer, Tablet, Smartphone. (MDCPS/Glades can help with getting a device.)
 - Headphones, Ear Buds/pods.
 - Microphone (for your device).
 - Software programs given by your music director.

Instrument Rental

Instruments may be rented from the school and there is a school instrument rental fee. These instruments are limited in quantity and are not the best option for most students because they have had a lot of use and range from 5 – 40 years old. Private rentals and purchases are encouraged when possible and info will be provided for stores and companies to consider locally and nationally.

Recommended Materials (Optional)

There are many things that can help us play music and become better. Here are some recommendations:

- Rubank Method Book (for your instrument)
- Private Lessons
- Private Instrument (*Rent or Purchase*)
- Metronome & Tuner
- Metronome/Tuner App
 - Tonal Energy App (*not free*)

Performance Dates

- As of the start of this year live performances have not been scheduled due to COVID-19.
- As schools reopen and guidelines change this will be planned with a safety-first approach.
- In class performance projects using traditional and digital instruments and Apps will be part of assignments.

Band Class Fees

Our band classes have two fees.

1. Music Fee: All Students pay this fee. This helps up buy a few pieces of music each year.
2. Instrument Rental Fee: Only for students that rent a school instrument, helps us maintain the instrument.

Band Handbook

- The handbook provides much more detail about music class procedures we will go over it in class.
- The band handbook which is available on our band website at: <http://www.gladesbandmiami.com/forms.html>

Be flexible, be courageous and do your best.

Good Luck & Have a Great Year!!!