

Eagle Butte High School



General Music 10-20-30

Mrs. Akkerman

Room 103

COURSE DESCRIPTION

Welcome to General Music! This course is a 5 credit course looking at various topics throughout the semester. This is a non-performance based course for students not interested in specializing in choral or instrumental performance.

Topics of this course:

Theory

Ear Training/Listening

Composition

History of Western Music

World Music

Music Making

GRADE BREAKDOWN

Minor assignments (incl. daily work & quizzes).....	20%
Major assignments (projects & assignments).....	35%
Unit Exams	20%
Participation.....	10%
Final Performance	<u>15%</u>
Total:.....	100%

ASSIGNMENTS

- **All due assignments have due dates and times.** It is important that you understand when your assignments are due. Sometimes work is due at the beginning of class. Other times it might be due at the end of class (if it is something you are assigned during class to work on). Google Classroom is where to look for due dates on digital assignments. Please be responsible by writing dates for homework, concept checks, and tests into the calendar of your agenda (especially on Mondays during TAG planning).
- **Late assignments will be treated with teacher discretion on a case-by-case basis.** It is important that you communicate clearly with your teacher ahead of time if you can not

hand in an assignment on time. It will be up to the teacher to decide how to handle a late assignment and this may involve a late-mark adjustment to your assignment grade.

METHODS FOR ASSIGNMENT SUBMISSION

- Not being here is not an excuse for not submitting an assignment. In our cloud-based world, it has become easier to hand things in online. Try one of the following methods for assignment submission to ensure your work is in on time.

Email: kateanneakkerman@prrd8.ca
Google Classroom: d54h4qbl
Share It: Google Drive
In Person: simply hand me a paper copy

ABSENCES

- **Attendance is KEY.**
- Many of this course's lessons and videos will be shared with you through Google Classroom.
- If you are absent, **it is YOUR responsibility to obtain any notes or assignments missed.** It is a good idea to set up a homework buddy - someone you can check in with if you are absent.
- If you are absent on a test day, the test must be rescheduled with your teacher the day you return on YOUR TIME (not class time) unless you have made prior arrangements with me. Feel free to talk to me before school, during TAG or at lunch to make arrangements (Students who are on sports teams, please take note!)

LATES

- **Students are required to be in class on time with Chromebook, appropriate texts, notebook, paper and writing utensils.** Students without necessary materials will be asked to locate them and may be marked late when they return.
- Students are allowed 5 lates/semester with no penalty. Being late more than 5 times may result in detentions, parental contact, and/or a late contract.
- Please note - students coming late or leaving early and missing a substantial amount of class time (30 minutes or more) will be marked **ABSENT**.

EBHS SIGN OUT POLICY

- If you need to leave the room for **any reason** just ask. Once you have clearly obtained permission, **use the sign-out book** by the door - be sure to fill out all columns.
- **Only one person is allowed out of the room at a time.**
- Leaving the classroom is a privilege. Students who abuse this privilege may lose their ability to leave the classroom.
- Be respectful of time as others can't leave until you are back.

BEHAVIOUR

- Behavior that prevents other students from learning will not be tolerated. Behavior that interrupts learning in any way will be addressed at the teacher's discretion. Detentions may be given for disruptive or inappropriate behaviors. If a detention is missed, the student will receive additional detentions. If these are missed, students will be referred to administration.
- Students who are repeatedly disruptive will be referred to the administration.
- **Participation** is essential to your learning. Music is a participatory activity, and requires your input!
- This is a welcoming, and inclusive environment for **ALL**. My classroom is a safe space for everyone, give respect, and respect will be given.

CELL PHONES

- Disruptions by cell phones interrupt learning, therefore, it is expected that you be considerate of your learning and that of others by keeping your phone out of sight at all times. Cell phones are expected to be set to 'silent'. The teacher is expected to follow the EBHS cell phone policy by promoting distraction free learning environments.
- If your cell phone is out, it will be confiscated and put into "Cell Phone Jail."

PLAGIARISM

- This is the act of copying, downloading or borrowing someone else's work and presenting it as your own. Yes, taking something from the Internet is plagiarizing unless it is quoted and then fully and accurately documented. Plagiarism of any kind on an assignment is unacceptable. If this occurs, the work will be assigned a mark of zero and must be re-done from scratch.
- Plagiarism is **NOT TOLERATED**.

ELECTRONIC DEVICES

- You will need a charged Chromebook each day.
- Do not let technology disrupt my teaching or anyone's learning - including **YOURS**.
- Continual inappropriate use of electronic devices may result in them being handed over to the teacher for the duration of the class or the device being turned into the office.
- Under no circumstances will recording (photo and/or video) of the student, classmates, teacher or class in any form occur. This includes Snapchat and TikTok.