

Stafford Middle School

General Music

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GRADE 8 Course Outline

Welcome back to Stafford Middle School and even better, welcome to MUSIC! Below is an outline that will describe the music class you are now in. This outline will tell you what we study, how many tests you have, grading policy, and your course projects.

GRADE 8 MUSIC:

In this class you will study and learn about the following:

Music Notation

Composition

Improvisation

Ear Training

Jazz History Part 3 (of 3)

Musical Performance

Music History

Music Eras (Baroque, Classical, Romantic, Modern)

Composers of the Classical and Romantic period (1600-1750)

TESTS - You will have between 3-5 tests (this includes your final exam at the end of the term). Each test covers the materials we have studied prior to that test. The final exam covers all materials.

PROJECTS - You will have one group research project that will discuss, in detail, a specific composer from the Modern period of jazz. Your second project will be to create your own PowerPoint presentation on your favorite band or musical artist. A separate sheet for both will be handed out today further explaining the project.

GRADING – You are graded on the following:

Participation

Test Grades

Homework Grades

Classroom Grade (showing up on time, being prepared, etc)

If you have any questions, feel free to ask me at any time. My door is always open.

